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Summer camp provides practice for future educators

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

A group of children ages eight to 14 will learn to fly the space shuttle Horizon in Elkhorn Hall this summer. They will be part of a summer program held at Dana every year called Space TREK Institute.

The children will learn about the latest technologies while interacting with their peers. There are still a few openings available to Dana education majors who are interested in being counselors at this program from July 11-16.

Junior Walter Willman was a counselor last summer. "This camp gives education majors really good contact with students, especially gifted children. I got some ideas about how I could change plans in my own classroom to meet the needs of gifted chil-

dren. Plus I got to learn about science and technology," said Willman.

Dr. Kay Ferguson, professor of teacher education and psychology, and director of the Space TREK program, said, "Space TREK is a great way for Dana education majors to interact with children of a variety of ages.

"They also get to work with master teachers who know cutting-edge technology. We want Dana teachers exposed to this level of technology," she said.

A two-day training session is required to be a counselor at the camp. The session is the weekend before Space TREK begins. During the week room and board are provided. Counselors also receive \$300 for the week's work.

Each counselor will be responsible for about 12 students. The counselors lead their groups in various team-building activities. They are respon-

sible for getting "their" kids up and off to breakfast. They spend the day with them going to all eight workshops that the kids participate in. They also teach an e-mail/Internet class every day to their group.

In the evenings they accompany their group to arranged evening activities and then get them off to bed for the night. "The counselors really work harder than anybody," said Ferguson.

Ferguson said some of the benefits of the program for the students are "learning the new technologies that they would never see in a classroom setting. They also make lasting friendships by exchanging addresses and e-mail addresses."

While at the camp, the children attend eight workshops each day, learning how to design homepages on the World Wide Web, assemble multimedia packages on Hyperstudio, use NASA CDs, use remote sensing im-



Dana students Darold Foster and Pat Morris work on the computers in the shuttle. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

agery, investigate NASA 3-D flybys, participate in the Jet Propulsion Lab new program Data Slate, use Vista Pro to make mini virtual reality disks and make solid fuel rockets.

"The highlight of the week is learning to fly the space shuttle Horizon," said Ferguson.

The evening activities for the students include science olympiad,

razzle dazzle chemistry, environmental projects, art, building solid fuel rockets and making mini hot air balloons. Other activities include swimming, tennis, volleyball and basketball.

Participants' applications are due by April 30. To be placed on the mailing list, parents should contact Ferguson at ext. 7279.

Tuition rises for next fall

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

The price of attending Dana College just got a little higher as the Board of Regents approved the budget for the 1999-2000 school year.

During meetings on Feb. 18-19, the board passed a 4-percent increase in the average costs for Dana students next year. Next year's tuition will increase by 4.92 percent or \$574 dollars for a total of \$12,250.

"We are attempting to hold costs down as much as we can, but it's not always easy," said Bob Schmoll, vice president for business affairs.

In the last five years, Dana has averaged an increase in tuition of 6.06 percent, so next year's rise falls below average. As recently as 1996-97, tuition increased as much as 7.91 percent or \$770.

One noticeable increase in charges for next year is the general fee, which will change from \$300 to \$400. The general fee has not been raised in seven years. Schmoll said this fee is used mostly for technology, but also for pool use, recreational facilities and other items that come back to the students. The \$100 increase was needed because of the rising expenses of technology.

"Budgets in that area have really sky-rocketed in last years," said Schmoll. He said, for example, the amount of money spent in the computer services area in 1992 was around \$70,000. Today the amount

spent in that same area is in excess of \$200,000.

"We have to take a portion to cover our past and also target enhancement," said Schmoll. The goal for the future is to put new computers in several areas, he said.

Two areas that will not be increased for next year are student dues and the cost of a double occupancy room. Student dues are currently \$150 and a double room is \$1,600. The rate for a single room will increase by \$100 to total \$2,800 for the year.

The increase in the meal plans is 3.5 percent and, according to Schmoll, is a reflection of the direct food service costs. The price of a gold meal plan will be \$2,474, an increase of \$84 dollars, and the silver meal plan will be \$2,186, an increase of \$74.

Next year a full-time student on the silver meal plan in a double room will pay a total of \$8,243 per semester, compared to last year's \$7,919.

Schmoll said that at this time Dana is not able to compare its increases in charges with the increases of other schools because of anti-trust laws. He said Dana tends to be a little higher in room and board, but that is a direct result of Dana's smaller size. Next year's budget was based on an enrollment of 515 full-time students.

Schmoll said the target for total increase was to be as close to 4 percent as possible and next year's total increase will be 4.09 percent.

"We keep it as low as we possibly can," he said.

Search for orientation leaders begins

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-chief

Starting today, applications for next fall's New Student Orientation leaders will be available in the Student Life Office.

According to Kevin Schaudt, dean of students, current students are needed to lead and assist nine orientation teams in August. He said next fall's orientation will be similar to this year's program except for a few minor adjustments. His goal is that orientation helps new students become acclimated to campus, gives them an opportunity to meet new people and allows them to become comfortable

in their new environment. Orientation leaders help in this process by leading teams through various activities and events.

To qualify for an orientation leader position, a student must have a minimum 2.50 grade point average, two completed semesters at Dana College, knowledge of college policies and resources, a great deal of physical and mental energy with the willingness to work long days, a positive attitude, good character and the ability to be a role model for other students. In addition, the applicant cannot be on college probation and cannot have time conflicts with the orientation program. All leaders must participate in the training sessions and pre-orientation workshop.

The role of orientation leader begins from time of appointment this spring and continues through the second week of September.

What are the benefits of being an orientation leader? According to Schaudt, leaders get to come back to campus early, receive an awesome shirt, eat really good food, have lots of fun, improve leadership skills, meet cool new friends and have the opportunity to welcome new students into the Dana family.

All applications must be submitted to the Student Life Office by March 22. Written applications will be the only basis for selection, since no personal interviews will be held. Applicants will be notified of their status by March 25.

Borup changes becoming a probability

JENNY LEMMERMAN
Reporter

Renovation and addition of a few major areas on Dana campus are no longer possibilities; they are probabilities.

President Myrvin Christopherson said he was very excited to share his ideas and hopes for making positive changes for Dana.

The area he has chosen to immediately give his attention to is that of the athletic facilities. "Both of the outdoor as well as indoor recreation and athletic areas are in need of attention," Christopherson stated.

He is hoping to begin completion

of the upper soccer fields above the Viking stands this summer. He also wants to upgrade the track by resurfacing it and possibly re-configuring it in the future.

Another long term outdoor project involves the tennis courts. Christopherson's hope is to relocate and build new courts closer to campus. "The old ones are in bad shape and can hardly be used for tennis anymore. I'd like to see us get back into playing competitive tennis in the near future," he said.

The largest project he is taking on is the renovation and possible addition to Borup Coliseum. Christopherson said, "As the money comes in we're looking to work on this project in phases."

Dana needs to raise \$5 million to renovate present portions of Borup such as classrooms, offices, the wrestling room and locker rooms, and to add on a new facility to the eastern edge of Borup consisting of an exercise/fitness center and new gymnasium.

"At this point we have too many early morning and late night practices. We're hoping for expansion so the athletic facility offers more space in general. The addition would certainly take care of athletes, but it would also cater to everyone who is interested in personal wellness."

Christopherson said that Dana already has secured pledges for ap-

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To the Dana community:

What is KDCV?

Well, KDCV is the campus radio station. It's 91.1 on the FM dial. Programming for "The JAM" is Sunday through Friday from 3 p.m. until midnight...except Thursdays when there is a show from midnight until 2 a.m. There is also a new morning show from about 7 to 9 on Monday-Wednesday-Friday and 7:45 to 10 on Tuesday-Thursday.

Who's on the air?

There are many different people on the air. From the "Radio Renegades" in the morning to "1 1/2 White Guys, 2 Dumb J's and a Smart J" Thursday nights from 10-12.

What is played?

All DJ's have their favorite types of music but most are open to playing requests. You can call in at ext. 7398 and let them know what you

want to hear. There are all types of music in the vault with the exception of New Country and Classical.

What kind of shows are there?

All shows are different. Everyone has their own ideas about what radio should be. Some shows play more music, others talk more, some are 50-50. It all depends on who is on the air.

How can I find out who is on and when?

There is a posted schedule of times and shows on the window of the radio station. The radio station is located in DCC 224.

Dana College has more to offer than just a good education. Tune in to 91.1 FM "The JAM" and have some fun.

--Adolfo Morales

Renovations

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proximately half of the amount of the total cost for the Borup renovation and addition. Christopherson feels strongly that there will be additional people who will give their support.

At this juncture, the project is still in its planning stages and no final

commitments have been made concerning facility blue prints.

Christopherson concluded, "I'm excited about these projects. I'd like to get going within the next year. But if at all possible, I'd like to get started this summer."

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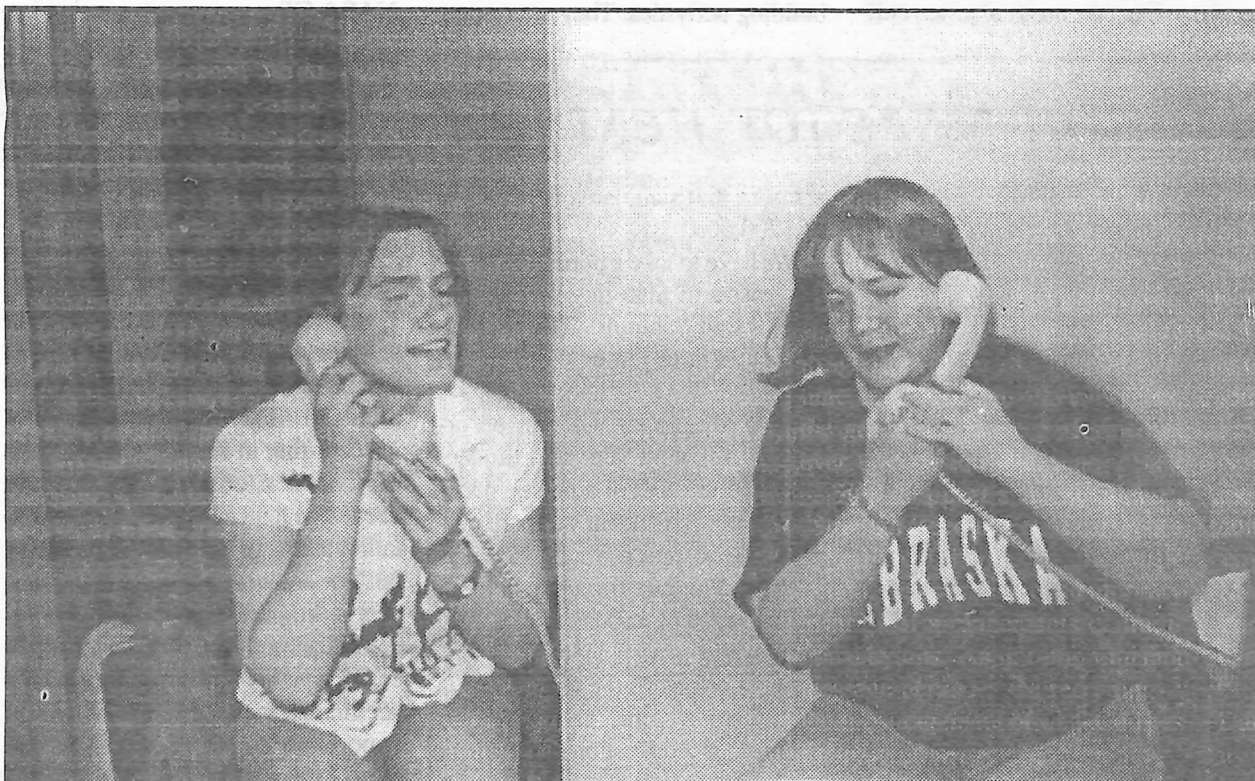
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Local radio personality talks about successful broadcasting career

REINHARDT OCHS
Reporter

Doing what you like and what you are good at" is the way Cathy Fife describes success. Talking from her gift shop as she leans backward in a soft brown chair is Fife, a radio talk show host at the local radio station Country 101.5 in Blair.

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, 53 years ago, Fife is one who can claim success and happiness. She is a mother of six children who are already grown up and a grandmother of six grandchildren who she describes as "sweet little bubbles."

Fife went to the Notre Dame Academy Girls High School in Council Bluffs and graduated in 1964. Her interests and involvement in speech, theater and journalism earned her a scholarship to go to Northwestern College at Evanstone, Ill., which she turned down to ring the wedding bells.

"I wanted to get married and raise my kids," she said as she laughed that well-known laugh that listeners hear on the radio during the morning drive.

After accomplishing her dream of getting married and having children, Fife was looking for another challenge. This time it was radio broadcasting. One day she walked into a radio station known at that time as KSO in Des Moines, Iowa, and told the production manager, "I want to broadcast." She had no broadcasting experience, no journalism experience, nothing whatsoever but her will.

Since she didn't have any credentials, the production manager didn't waste any time to say no. Fife didn't ask why and went home. But she didn't give up, even though it would

be hard for anybody to hire her without any credentials.

Later that night the telephone rang and an unfamiliar voice was on the other end. The production manager of the radio station called her and said, "I really admired your courage, and I love your voice. Can you come in tomorrow?"

Since she wanted the job, she agreed and showed up the next day. She was hired at that moment with no experience. The radio station was a country music station, and Fife was given the night shift. Fife jokingly said that the reason for getting the night shift was so that nobody would hear her mistakes on the air.

Because it was something that she was interested in, it didn't take too long for Fife to catch the interest of one of the major radio markets. After being with KSO for six months, Fife received an offer from one of the major radio markets in Omaha.

At the beginning of 1981, she resigned at the Des Moines station and moved to Omaha to work for a big band music radio station. She accepted the Omaha offer because it was a full-time job compared to the part-time position in Des Moines. It was also a morning shift, and it paid more.

Unfortunately, Fife joined the unemployment force after a year because the radio station was bought out by a different owner. She spent the rest of 1982 without a job and spent most of her time as a mother with her children.

The breakthrough of Fife's career came in 1984 when she got an offer from WOW country radio station in Omaha to work part-time as a morning talk show host. Because of her charisma, Fife won the hearts of a lot of listeners and within the same year she was offered a full-time contract.

She teamed up with George Wood for the morning show. The program that was known as the George and Cathy show became one of the highest rated talk shows in the metropolitan area. She worked at that radio station for six years before she left the job because of a conflict with the management.

Not only did she have the radio talk show, she also had an Oprah Winfrey-like TV show on Cox. She continued with that show even after she left the radio station after six years of successful broadcasting.

Doll collecting and reading are two of Fife's favorite hobbies. She said she is very selective in her readings and doesn't necessarily read everything. She likes to read books on decorating because that is also what she likes to do.

About her long term plans, she said that she would like to retire in a Victorian style house in Cape May Point, N.J. Why? Because it is at the tip of the ocean and filled with antique houses, she said. She added that there is also a radio station where she could work on a part-time basis.

Fife has never lived in a big city except for the six months that she was working in Des Moines. She loves small towns like Blair, but doesn't live in the city limits. She lives eight miles west on Highway 91 in the country.

Fife currently works as a morning talk show host from 7 to 9 a.m. at Country 101.5, also known as KISP.

When she finishes her morning shift at the radio station, she goes to her gift shop that is located on 1640 Washington Street in Blair.

Why does she live in Nebraska when she is from Iowa? Fife responded laughing and saying, "Although I am an Iowa lady, I am married to a Nebraskan."

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Wednesday

7 p.m. Credit Management Presentation, CC
6:15 p.m. Bingo at Good Shepherd, meet in CC
10 p.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Thursday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bloodmobile, Argo Hall
10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Soul Support concert to bring a capella music to campus

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Copy Editor

Soul Support, a Christian a cappella group, is coming to campus next week.

The Nebraska-based group consists of five male singers, ranging in age from 24 to 28. Touring full-time, a change from previous years, the group will have performed at over 17 occasions this year.

Soul Support's latest release, "Strength Beyond Your Fears," is a collection of their a cappella music ranging from stylish contemporary to original arrangements of traditional hymns. An uncompromising message pervades the recording—the encouragement of what God has for everyone.

Todd Boesiger from Cortland is possibly the best known personality of the group. He sings lead, plays keys and is the general spokesman of the group. He often shares en-

couragement and insights at concerts, connecting the songs with real life.

Wayne Boesiger, Todd's brother, is also from Cortland. He is the founding member and creative force of the group, writing and arranging music, as well as singing tenor and playing keys.

Kris Drent of Lincoln is the newest member of the group, having joined in April 1997. He sings first tenor and plays guitar. Nathan Nelson, an Aurora-native, provides the audience with entertainment at concerts with his thundering bass voice and comic relief. Jon Matthews, a self-proclaimed Air Force brat, sings baritone and takes care of the group's business aspects.

Soul Support is performing at Dana on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel. The concert is sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes and funded by Student Senate.

Additional information about Soul Support is available on their web site at www.soulsupport.com.

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Senior Becca Plowman presents her sermon to the people gathered at the 10:30 a.m. chapel service on Tuesday as part of the Senior Sermons series. Other seniors speak during morning chapel services on March 9, March 11 and March 23. (Photo by Hitomi Yoda)

Mental toughness is baseball team's goal

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

This is the season that we need to get back on track," said baseball coach Paul Davis of the 1999 season. "We won the conference in '96 and we got second in '97. 1998 was just a disappointing year."

According to Davis, the team is looking forward to a better season than what it experienced last year.

"Because we had a mediocre season last year, I think we're motivated," said Davis. "We weren't really mentally tough last year. However, many of the players who weren't mentally tough are no longer with us."

In addition to mental toughness, Davis cited experience and overall positive attitudes among the players as two of the team's strengths.

"We have a lot of guys who have been here for a few years and we have several seniors," said Davis. "We also have some junior college transfers who have had quite a bit of experience."

Davis mentioned lack of depth as

one of the team's challenges. According to Davis, the team has fewer players than what it has previously.

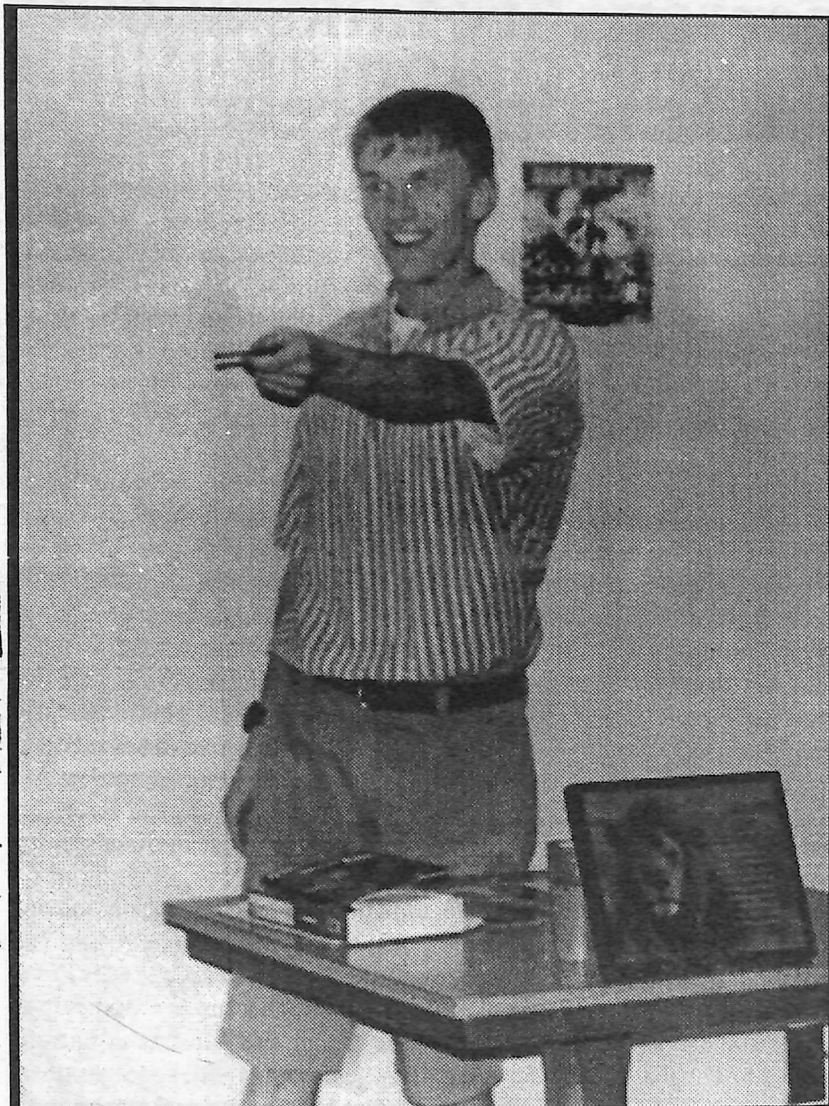
"We have good players; we just don't have that many," said Davis. "With only 20 players, we're a few shy of what we've been in the past. We don't really have a margin of error if guys get injured."

Davis has noticed other improvements. Along with a better collective attitude and a stronger work ethic, the team has specific strengths.

"The main strength of our team is probably our pitching," said Davis. "Pitching and team speed are better than what they were a year ago. We will also be better defensively."

Among the team's goals is to be able to get in 15 games before conference season begins on March 27. According to Davis, last year the team was only able to get in six games before conference play. One event that will help the team reach this goal is a trip to Panama City, Fla., to compete over spring break.

The Viking baseball team will open its season at Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., tomorrow. Game time is noon.



Cross country runner Bob Spangler talks about exercise during a program held on Monday in the Linden Room. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Hard work earns post-season award for Snedigar

DEREK FEY
Reporter

For the first few games, junior center Elizabeth Snedigar found herself on the bench, watching the tip-off 30-feet away. But after a few injuries and some hard work, the time came for Snedigar to assume her position on the team.

"Obviously, everybody wants to start," coach Judy Vaughn said. "At that point in time, I thought that she would be able to contribute to our total team effort coming off the bench."

After sitting the bench for the tip-off in the Dana Tournament, it was clear that Snedigar was ready to take a starting role. She didn't start a game in the tournament, but received all-tournament team honors.

"She worked herself into a starting role, and I think it has paid dividends," Vaughn said.

The dividends came in the form of the most recent honor, the Nebraska-Iowa Athletics Conference honorable mention team.

"She really became a force inside," Vaughn said, "and some opposing coaches even said 'You know she is really starting to come around.'"

Snedigar averaged 11 points per game and 49 percent from the field for the season. She also lead the team in rebounds.

"I think she took her game to another level," Vaughn said. "Hopefully, this will be some incentive for her to work on things in the off-season for next year."

Nielsen breaks record in 5,000-meter run

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

According to coach Jay Birmingham, the Viking track team experienced its most rewarding trip to the NAIA National Championships yet last weekend at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

Among Dana's highlights in the championships were sophomore Tiffani Nielsen's successes in the 5,000-meter run. Nielsen ran her preliminary 5,000 on Friday in 18:51.37. Aside from having set a new personal best, this time gave her a seventh place finish and qualified her for ad-

vancement to the final race. In Saturday night's finals, Nielsen set yet another personal best with a stunning 18:42.51. This time broke Dana's former women's record of 18:45.83 set by All-American Angie Sparacino one year ago and earned Nielsen an 11th place finish in the final 5,000.

"Tiffani was a long-shot to qualify for the meet," said Birmingham, "let alone the final. Her heady running proved that she has risen to a higher level this indoor season. She will be a contender at nationals from now on."

In the preliminary men's 5,000, junior Scott Stanley ran a time of 15:08.94, which gave him fourth

place and an advancement to the finals. Stanley ran 15:06.86 in the final race to place ninth. Sophomore Aaron Schlote and senior Bob Spangler also competed in Friday's prelims. Although neither advanced to finals, Schlote clocked 15:33.73, good for seventh in his race, and Spangler took eighth with a time of 15:51.14.

Freshman Allen Wagner was slated to run the mile and the distance medley relay. Wagner strained an ankle early in the mile race, however, and fell back over the last 1,000 meters to take 12th place with a time of 4:37.

Due to his injured ankle, Wagner did not compete in the distance med-

ley. Spangler filled in to run the 1,600 anchor position, while Justin Christensen, John Tripp and Jason Brindle composed the rest of the relay squad. The group took seventh in their section with a time of 10:53.90.

"This was Dana's best trip yet to indoor nationals," said Birmingham. "Every athlete had an impact in their event. These fine performances bode well for outdoor track this spring."

The Vikings compete in their last indoor meet of the season at Nebraska Wesleyan University at the NIAC Championships on March 6. Their outdoor season opens at Northwest Missouri State University on April 3.

Softball team reaching for potential

DEREK FEY
Reporter

A typical February and March in Nebraska leaves many teams who compete in the spring indoors. So far this year, softball is no exception.

"When you play softball in Nebraska in the spring," coach Kathy Foley said, "you already have the mindset that you make a schedule, but you don't necessarily know exactly when you're going to play."

The Vikings' opening game was scheduled for last Saturday at the Peru State Tournament, but due to inclement weather the game was canceled.

The Vikings are looking at the se-

niors to provide guidance for this year's squad.

"I've been really happy so far with not just their [the seniors'] softball abilities, but with their capabilities as leaders in the program," Foley said.

The seniors on this year's squad are Melissa Blum, Lisa Cady, Amy Klusmeier and Melanie Olson.

Foley said, "We have some players that if they make the commitment to reaching their potential, then we can certainly have a good team."

The players are well spread out among classes. The team is made up of Jenny Kingsley, Amber Milner, Meaghan Shea and Lyndsy Walsh, freshmen; Sarah Graham, Jill Oestmann, Jamie Peters and Amy Smith, sophomores; Mandy Bassinger, Rachel Carter, Christine Moberg, Jennifer Schneider, Lisa

Shefland and Jessica Thomsen, juniors.

"Any of our returners can be significant factors in this year's season," Foley said. "It just depends on what level of commitment we get from each and every individual in the program."

In the history of the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference there have been 17 conference championships; Dana has won nine titles.

"The attitude of the players on the Dana softball program is certainly to shoot for the conference championship," Foley said. "I'm the kind of coach where the players are going to determine what they want to shoot for."

The Vikings' opening game is scheduled at College of Saint Mary's in Omaha on Wednesday.

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