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Band to perform a wide array of music in season finale

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Dana College Concert Band are finishing up the year on a busy note. Having just performed a small ensemble recital on Wednesday, the band is now preparing for its final concert of the year on Tuesday.

Every band member performed in a small group during Wednesday's second annual Small Ensemble Recital according to director William Hall. These groups included various combinations such as woodwind, brass and percussion ensembles. The re-

citational featured selections by composers like Bach, Chopin, Gounod, Elgar and Glazounov.

"Our small ensemble has been fun to work with," said sophomore Stephanie Hadenfeldt. "It takes a little extra work when there are only five people in the group, but it's a nice change from the full band."

Hall said the major benefit of playing in small groups is that instead of an entire section playing a part, each musician becomes responsible for an individual part. "It allows the students to apply their musical knowledge on their own," he said.

"At first our song was really difficult," said senior Jackie Smith. "However, this challenge does make

us better musicians because we are completely responsible for our own parts. I guess it could compare to a chorus singer going a capella."

Junior Leslie Schroeter also agreed that small groups are beneficial. "The small group ensembles help our entire band perform better because they give us intense time to listen to other members of our sections," she said.

With the small group performances finished, the band is practicing for their last concert. The concert is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater.

According to Hall, this concert will feature a variety of music. The band's selections cover a wide spectrum of time periods and are from different

areas of the world. For instance, Hall said the oldest piece the band will play is from the 1600s, while the newest piece is from 1973. The songs are from the United States, Italy, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

"People will be getting a wide variety of music from marches to musicals to emotionally draining pieces," said Smith. "Sometimes this variety will occur within one song."

Hall said the majority of comments he receives after concerts include surprise over the wide variety the band plays. "People don't expect it," he said.

Adding to the variety will be the features of two senior band members, Rachel Lochner and Betsie Walles. Lochner, an English secondary education major, will have a piano solo during Richard Rodger's "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue." Walles, a music education major, will be the student conductor during "What Shall We Do

With A Drunken Sailor," arranged by Grant Hull.

"The spring concert is always the most fun for me because we have a student conductor," said Schroeter. "Betsie [Walles] does a terrific job and the piece she is conducting is fun for the band and it will be fun for the audience, too."

Another special song the band will perform is "A Solemn Music" by composer Virgil Thomson. Hall said the performance of this song will be dedicated to the memory of those who died in the school shooting in Littleton, Colo. He explained that Thomson wrote the piece as a memorial to two friends that had died. "It expresses a lot of grief and tragedy," said Hall.

Hall encourages students to attend the concert for various reasons. One reason is to show support for friends who play in band and another is to



A group of children gather to help Ted Bansen plant a tree in front of Pioneer Memorial during the Arbor Day reception on Friday. The theme for this year's Arbor Day was celebrating children. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Plans aim to return Borup to state-of-the-art facility

When Carol Haussermann began teaching at Dana College in 1969, Borup Coliseum was a state-of-the-art facility. Completed in 1962, it provided more than adequate practice and competition space for the five men's National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) sports and single women's Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) sports.

Thirty-seven years later, physical education and athletics have changed dramatically, but Borup Coliseum, except for the addition of the Wurdeman Pavilion in 1981, is virtually the same.

Since the addition of NAIA women's athletics in the early 1970s, the number of competitive sports teams at Dana has nearly doubled. That number has continued to grow, as Dana added NAIA women's soccer as recently as 1996.

Physical education has also changed dramatically over the past few decades. "We've added a significant number of courses and therefore faculty," said Haussermann, chair of the physical education department. Required credit hours for the physical education major have increased. The department also offers a coaching endorsement as well as emphases in athletic training and sports management.

Classroom space is severely limited

in Borup, although class numbers are not. Last fall, more than 80 percent of the student body was enrolled in physical education courses. The space currently houses only two classrooms, as one was converted to a fitness room a few years ago.

"Fortunately we've outgrown (Borup Coliseum)," said Haussermann. "If we could still be living in the same building as in 1965, we wouldn't be serving students."

Plans are in the works to alleviate the overcrowded conditions and transform Borup Coliseum once again into a state-of-the-art facility. Fund-raising has begun for the renovation and addition project for Borup and the outdoor athletic fields. Cost estimates for the project are \$5 million. Major lead gifts from local foundations will be combined with matching gifts from Dana alumni and friends to make the project a reality.

Work on the practice fields has already begun. Locker room renovation will begin immediately following commencement this spring. As additional funds become available, the major renovation and addition will begin.

Finding times for athletic practices in Borup has been an increasingly difficult challenge, especially in the late fall and early spring when sports

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Senior dinner tradition continues

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Thomas Hansen, director of development, has a message to the graduating class of 1999 about the annual senior dinner, to be held this year on Wednesday.

"It's their night," said Hansen. "We have 109 seniors graduating this year. I would love to see 100 of them come."

According to Hansen, the senior dinner, a Dana tradition going back seven or eight years, is a chance for seniors to come together as a class. Although the event is not considered formal, Hansen said students should keep a few pointers in mind.

"This is not a formal event, but I do expect appropriate dress," said Hansen. "I don't want to see people

coming in their basketball shorts." Besides getting the opportunity to rub elbows with classmates, what else can the seniors expect?

According to Hansen, the senior dinner has had a reputation of being a fund-raising tool, but seniors should not feel pressured to commit to anything they don't want to. Pledge cards will be available for those who are interested and information about how to stay in touch with Dana will be posted.

"We want them to be as comfortable as possible," said Hansen. "The pledge cards will be placed discreetly somewhere in the Forum."

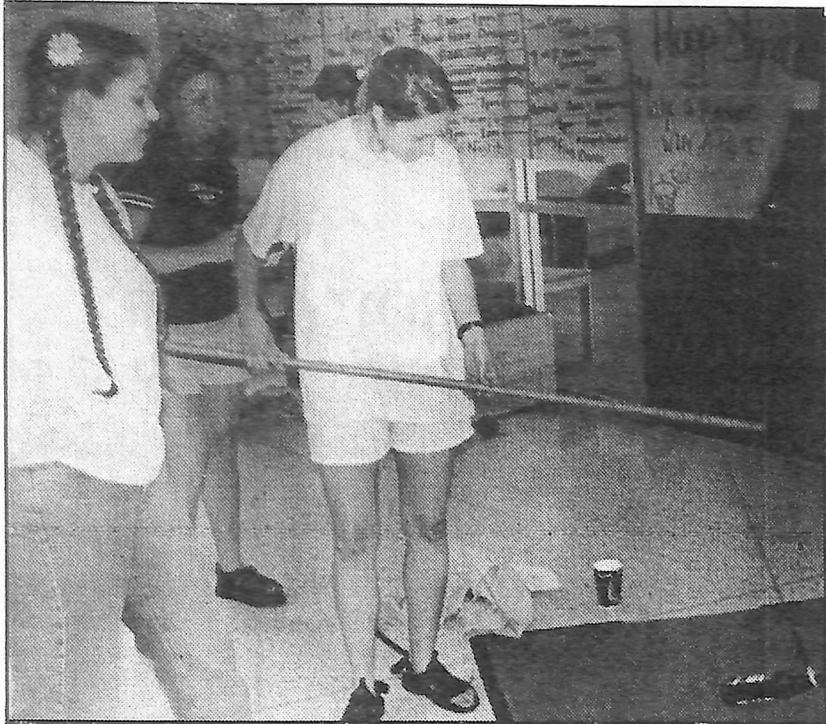
Why should those who are graduating want to donate time or money to Dana College? According to Hansen, many students have received scholarships from Dana throughout the years and many of

those scholarships are sponsored by alumni.

"We want to emphasize that this is an event and we want to share with the seniors the many ways they can help Dana," said Hansen. "We've invited the seniors to support the ongoing need of scholarships here at Dana."

Above all, the focal point of the evening is meant to be the class of 1999 and the many achievements they have had at Dana. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. The format will be fun, said Hansen, with prizes to be given out and a non-alcoholic toast toward the end of the evening.

"We as an office really enjoy working with the seniors," said Hansen. "They are a really great class."



Under the watchful eyes of Allison Botkin and Sarah Thomas, Natalie Flynn skillfully plays one of RHA's novelty games. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Career services seeks information on status of seniors' job searches

DANA COOPER
Graphics Editor

With the school year quickly coming to an end, employment may be on the minds of many students, especially graduating seniors. Dana college has a placement rate well over 90 percent based on graduates who are working in their field within six months of graduation. Have you found your job yet?

The career services office would like to hear from graduating seniors about whether they have already found a position or not. According to Mary Jo Kubie, director of career services, it is important to let career services know when you find a job because the information is used to evaluate programs and attract donors and students to Dana College.

If you are still looking for a position, think about leaving a copy of

your resume with career services over the summer so if an employer calls they can be given your information. Also, if your resume is backed-up on a disk, career services can make minor changes for you, such as change of address or phone number.

Career services can be a valuable resource while you are away from campus for the summer. Kubie said that it is not uncommon for a recent alumni to call her with information about openings in their company and ask if any of their classmates are still looking for jobs.

If you have yet to begin your job search, the career services office will be open all summer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and appointments can be made for other times as well.

Seniors, please take a few minutes to complete the following form. And watch for the results in next week's issue to find out what the plans are of the Dana class of 1999.

GRADUATING SENIORS... Please complete this form and return to Mary Jo Kubie in Career Services.

Name: _____
Summer Address (or address where you can receive mail): _____

Do you have a job in your chosen field for after graduation?

If yes, Job title: _____

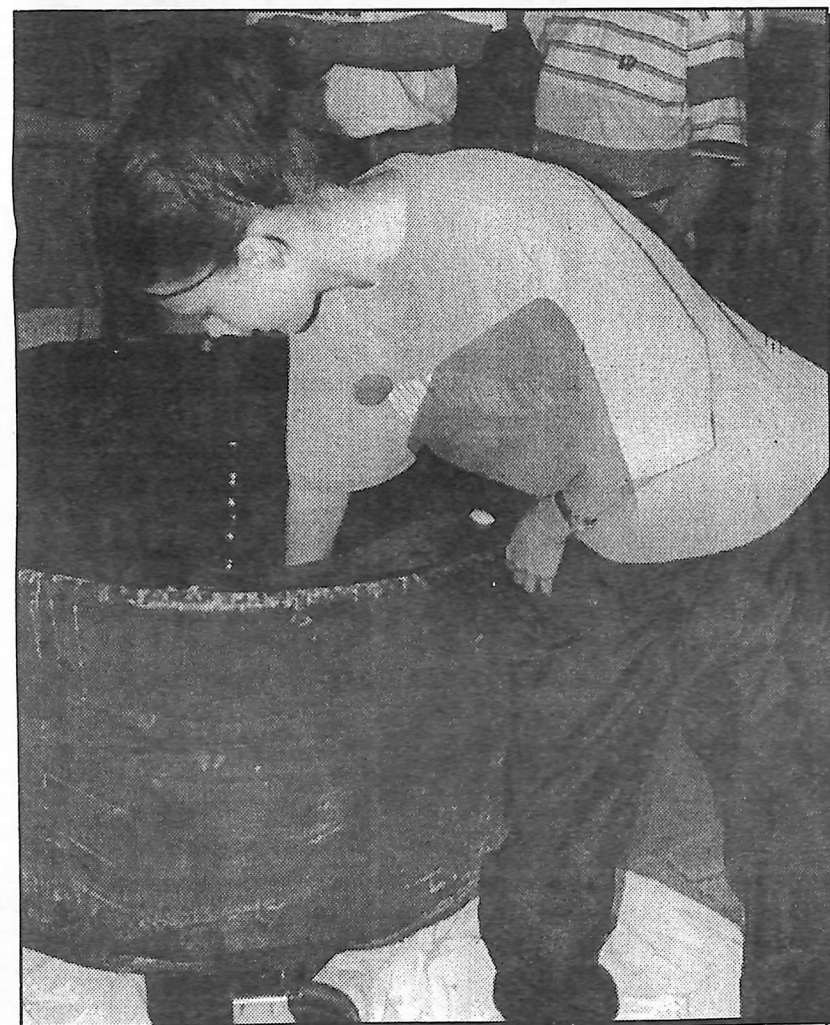
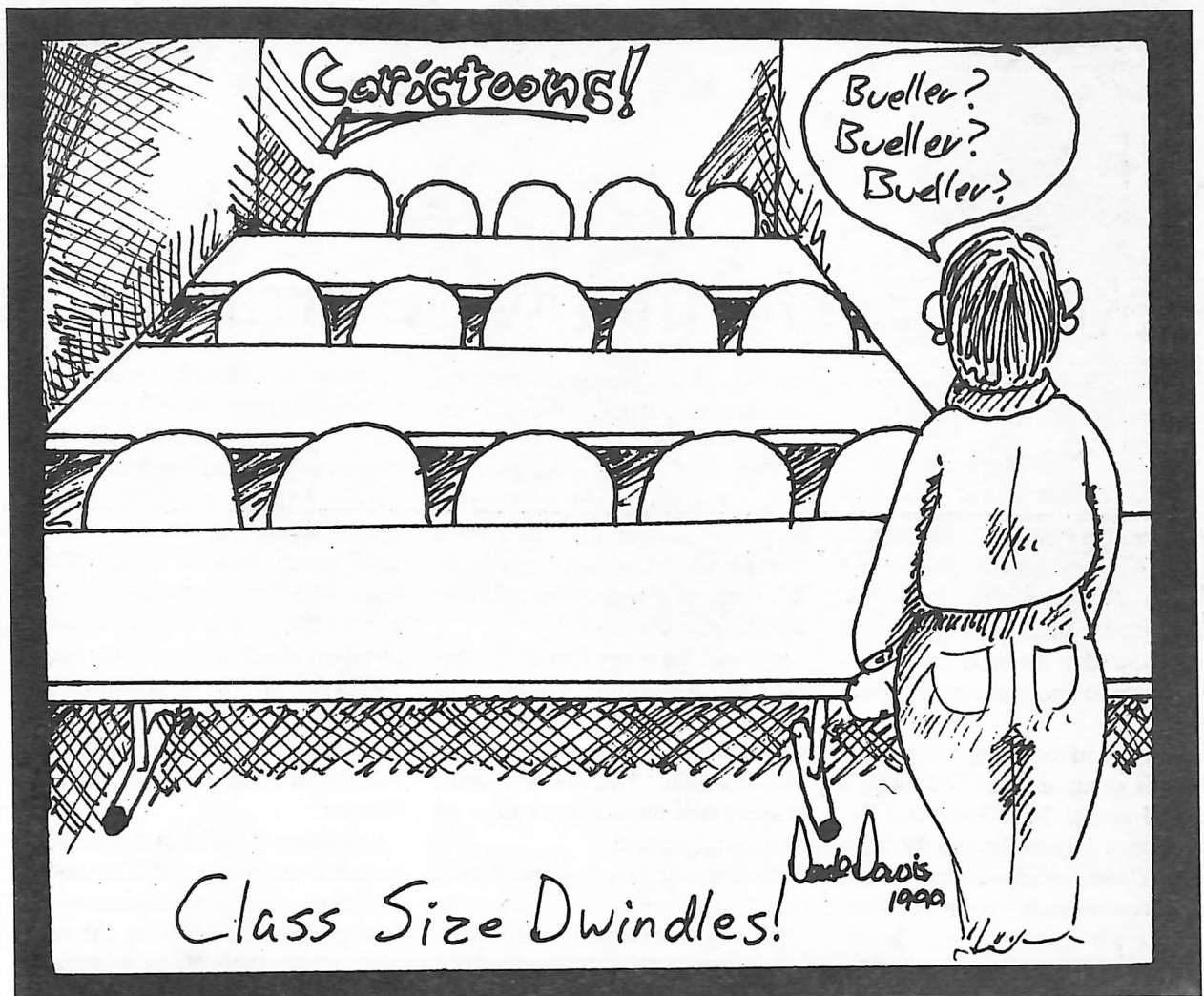
Employer name & address: _____

This position is: permanent _____ temporary _____

If no, where are you in the job search process? (check one)

- Am currently looking _____
- Plan to look for fall _____
- Haven't looked _____
- Will be attending grad school _____
- Other _____

Thank you for your time.



During a Spring Fling event, Becky Bargman takes her turn at making a wax mold of her hand. (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Band

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experience some unfamiliar music. "If students are not accustomed to going to concerts, this is a very good opportunity," he said. With a wide variety of music in the concert, Hall thinks there should be something for everyone to like.

Other pieces in the performance include Giovanni Gabrieli's "Sonata Pian'e Forte," Carl Teike's "Old Comrades," Robert Jager's "Third Suite," David Holsinger's "Prelude and Rondo" and Antonin Dvorak's "Slavonic Dance No. 8."

Hadenfeldt said, "Since this is our last concert of the year and the last concert for the graduating seniors, it would be a good one for everyone to come to."

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Sunday

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2 p.m. Chorale Concert, Trinity Chapel

Monday

7:30 p.m. Chorale Concert, Trinity Chapel
9 p.m. "Learn to Relax," Forum

Tuesday

9 a.m. Faculty-Staff Appreciation, DHA
10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel
7:30 p.m. Band Concert, Lauritzen Theater

Wednesday

6 p.m. Senior Dinner, Cafeteria
10 p.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

Thursday

10:30 a.m. Worship, Trinity Chapel

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seasons overlap. Scheduling intramural activities is even more difficult, as competitive sports receive priority.

Practices for this past season were scheduled as late as 9-11 p.m. "That makes for a late night," said Luke Connell, a first-year student and basketball player.

Scheduling practice is not the only issue. Recreation time in the gym for other students is virtually non-existent at the peak of the sports season. "There's no open gym for other students or time for pick-up games," said Connell.

The proposed renovation addressed these immediate space needs. The current gymnasium will be remodeled into two practice courts, which can be converted into a single competition court. A second air-conditioned gym will be added, providing two recreation courts surrounded by a jogging track. With additional funding, a third court may be added.

The renovations will provide an opportunity to have an intramural program that is varied and consistent, Haussermann said. A number of different intramural activities may be scheduled simultaneously, providing more variety and meeting the needs of more students.

Additional gym space will not be

the only fitness needs addressed by the improvements.

"More and more students are interested in personal fitness," said Haussermann. The proposed addition also provides an attractive fitness facility with designated areas for free weights and cardiovascular fitness.

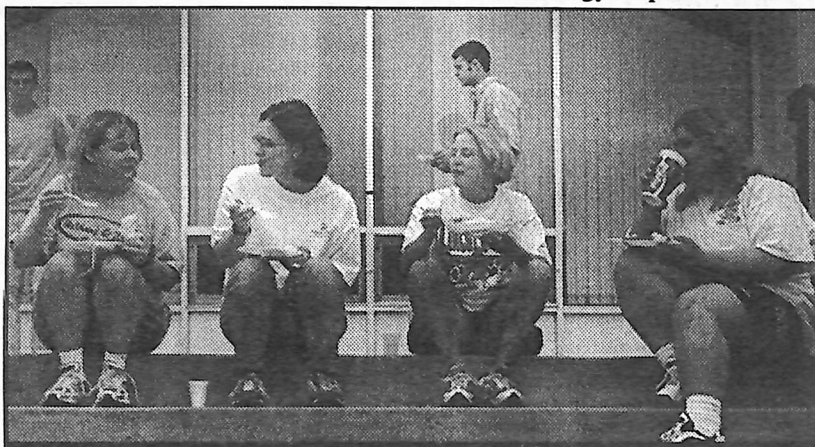
Renovations will address academic needs as well, including one large classroom, two medium classrooms, two conference rooms and a new human performance lab. The performance lab will promote student research and faculty demonstrations.

Twelve private air-conditioned offices will be added, replacing the tiny offices the physical education faculty currently share. A comprehensive athletic training center as well as much needed storage will also be included in the new facility.

With the help of special funding, the outdoor cinder track may be converted to an all-weather surface.

"Prospective students and their parents are becoming increasingly selective as they search for a college to attend," Haussermann said. "A recreation/sports facility such as this could serve as a showcase for Dana College and help us recruit athletes and other students alike."

"We have some really good people and really good programs," she said. "Now we need the facilities."



Deneen Schriver, Allison Ruhde, Renee Boman and Kim Ostrander enjoy food and festivities at the Hawaiian Club's Luau. (Photo by Hitomi Yoda)

A day to remember and honor Mom

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

Are you still scrambling for the perfect Mother's Day gift? Have you thought about Mother's Day yet?! Many Dana students are preparing for the special day on Sunday. This is a time to show your mom appreciation for all she has given you.

Flowers, cards, candy and small gifts are popular items for college students to give to their moms.

Some students suffer from Mother's Day anxiety. "Mother's Day makes me feel bad. I never come up with a really great way to show my mom I appreciate her," said junior Leslie Schroeter.

Some Dana students feel that Mother's Day is much more than presents. "I don't think Mother's Day should be about buying. I think it should be about moms spending the day with their kids," said Gina Kelly, mother of three.

According to the website "DearMom.com" Mother's Day is honored in 46 countries, from Afghanistan to Costa Rica. However,

the celebrations do not always occur on the same day.

Also according to "DearMom.com," a woman from West Virginia, Anna M. Jarvis, started Mother's Day in the United States in 1907. Jarvis held a special service at her church to honor her mother who had died three years before. Soon the day became nation-

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--Gina Kelly

ally recognized as a way to show the nation's mothers appreciation. President Woodrow Wilson approved the resolution to name the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in May of 1914.

Although the history of Mother's Day is no longer well-known, Dana students still make an effort to show their mothers appreciation.

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Seven score at NIAC championship meet

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

The Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Championships held in Fremont last Saturday provided the Viking track team with yet another opportunity to earn medals and update records. And the athletes took advantage of this opportunity.

Junior Scott Stanley replaced his old school record in the 1,500. Stanley's time of 3 minutes, 55.6 seconds was more than a second faster than his previous record and earned him a silver medal.

Sophomores Justin Christensen and Aaron Schlote earned bronze medals in their events. Christensen competed in the steeplechase with a time of 9:38.03 and Schlote ran the 5,000 in 15:31.18.

Freshman Allen Wagner ran a new personal best, 3:58.9 in the 1,500. Freshman Derek Fey was fifth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 34:18.4.

According to Coach Jay Birmingham, seven tracksters scored at the championships and eight recorded personal records. Freshman Natalie Flynn knocked seven seconds from her previous school record, running

to a seventh place finish in the 1,500 with a time of 5:03.6. Also updating a school record without earning a medal was the women's 4x400 relay squad, comprised of Flynn, sophomore Tiffani Nielsen, junior Sarah Klein and freshman Renee Boman. The new school mark is 4:24.2.

Nielsen jumped ahead of her competition with three laps to go in the women's 5,000. Updating her own

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--Coach Jay Birmingham

school record, Nielsen's new time of 18:22.0 was two seconds faster than the previous mark, which she set a mere two weeks ago.

"This is without a doubt the toughest conference in the NAIA," said Birmingham. "Medaling here is tough and I was impressed by the aggressive front-running shown by many of our athletes."

The Viking track team will travel to Shawnee Mission, Kan., on Saturday to compete in the NAIA Mid-States Championships.



During a break in the action at the Spring Fling softball tournament on Sunday, Kurt Ferguson, Sarah Thomas, Megan Ahrens and Jill Oestmann show their team spirit. (Photo by Kale Maguire)



Dana men play final games before NIAC tournament

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

The baseball team played Northwestern College and Bellevue University last week in final preparation for the NIAC Tourney that began yesterday.

The Vikings split their April 29 away games against Northwestern. In the first game, freshman Kyle Murata went 2-3 and sophomore Aaron Woodard was the winning pitcher. The game ended 10-4.

The tables were turned in the second game. Murata and senior Rich Martell had two runs apiece and juniors Joe Pope and Justin Dutcher each went 2-4. But the game ended with a score of 13-6, Northwestern in the lead.

On Saturday, Northwestern traveled to Blair to play the Vikings again. Dana came out on top in the first game by the score of 10-3. Junior Ryan Enright went 2-3 and Dutcher

led the team in runs with three. Junior Craig Wetterberg was Dana's winning pitcher.

In the second game, the Vikings overcame Northwestern again. Martell and junior Joe Pennucci each went 2-3, while Martell and senior K.C. Tupa each had two runs. The final score was 5-2 and junior Corey Johnson was the winning pitcher.

On Sunday the Vikings completed a game against Bellevue that was started on April 7. The game had been suspended due to darkness after the seventh inning with Bellevue leading the Vikings 12-10. Pope was 3-6 and was leading the team in runs with three. In the end, Dana fell to Bellevue with a score of 13-10. Enright went 2-3 and led the team in RBIs with four. Junior Jason Houston went 2-3.

The Vikings' Monday games at Mount Marty were canceled. Dana is currently playing in the NIAC Tourney that began yesterday and runs through Saturday.



During the Arbor Day celebration on Friday, Adam Martin, Jenny Lemmerman and Tony Ward share music from the musical "The Children of Eden." (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Softball team 8-8 in conference play

DEREK FEY
Reporter

The Dana Vikings softball team just can't seem to break .500 for their season record. Last Thursday Dana hosted Doane College for a conference doubleheader.

In the first game the Tigers led Dana 5-3 after the fifth inning, but the Vikings were able to pull out a six-run rally in the bottom of the sixth inning and take a four-run lead into the last inning. The lead was plenty for junior pitcher Jennifer Schneider, as she held the Tigers scoreless in the last half inning.

The Vikings received major support from sophomore Sarah Graham, as the designated hitter went 3-4 with

four RBIs. Graham also made it into the steal department, grabbing one stolen base in the victory. Freshman Jamie Peters drove in two RBIs, while hitting 2-4, including a double. Freshman Meaghan Shea also had a good day at the plate, hitting 3-4.

The second game of the doubleheader featured a pitchers dual. Though Doane held Dana to only two hits in the contest, it wasn't enough as senior Amy Klusmeier brought in the only run of the game. Schneider gave up five hits in the shutout performance. Errors crippled the Tigers, as they committed four in the game.

Last Saturday, the Vikings traveled to Northwestern College for their final two games until the conference tournament. The Vikings jumped to a one-run lead after the first inning, but couldn't manufacture any more

runs in the game. Northwestern won the first game 6-1.

Shea went 2-3 and junior Jessica Thomsen went 2-4 in the losing cause. Schneider picked up the loss, after giving up only three earned runs.

The final game of the regular season had Dana opening up the first inning with a one-run lead. Schneider knocked in senior Lisa Cady, but the one run was all the Vikings would score. After a three-run first inning, Northwestern closed out the game with a 5-1 victory.

Cady hit 3-3 and Schneider went 2-3, as Dana closed out its regular season with a conference record of 8-8.

The Vikings received a fourth-place seed in the conference tournament and played the first round last night at Doane College.

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