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Senate wraps up the semester with ideas for next year

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

President Mark Knudsen called the last senate meeting of the year to order at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday. The group quickly approved the minutes for the last meeting. Treasurer Wray Wright reported that the group has \$759.74 in its account. Mark Sukraw, recycling committee chair, reported that this Saturday MENC will be recycling.

Knudsen then asked for student concerns. Senators brought up concerns with the cafeteria such as clean-

liness and consistently opening 10 minutes late for the lunch hour.

Dan Kennedy mentioned the need for an ashtray at the south entrance of DCC to accommodate smokers. Lisa Decker mentioned that someone talk to the maintenance department about getting the water fixed in Mickelsen Hall.

In unfinished business, Knudsen asked for discussion about the state of a Blair community relations committee. The group discussed possible ideas to improve relations between the college and the community. Amber Weber suggested hosting a Christmas party for local children next year.

The children could select Christmas presents, wrap them and eat cookies while their parents shop at local businesses. Another senator mentioned the possibility of hosting a Blair Chamber of Commerce dinner on the Dana campus.

In new business, the group approved the budget for Homecoming 1999. The amount is \$5,756, nearly \$200 less than last year's budget.

The senate also began to prepare a wish list of items to purchase for the school next year. Ideas included new equipment for the fitness room, possibly purchased from fitness clubs in Omaha that are buying new equip-

ment, a radio or TV for the fitness room, new library books and updated computers in the library.

Secretary Gina Flood also mentioned a desire to have fiction books available in the library. Another senator mentioned the possibility of installing a PA system in Borup Coliseum. Kelly Kuiken mentioned the idea of installing phones in the residence hall computer labs. Kennedy requested a new ice cream machine.

The senate also discussed the possibility of improving the DVTV programming and writing a weekly column to publish in the *Hermes*.

Knudsen then challenged the sen-

ate to think about what this group could do for Dana. The members discussed instituting an outreach program in which the senators could visit high schools and talk to potential students in an effort to increase enrollment. Toni Ahrendt suggested hosting a high school leadership conference on the Dana campus. She commented that maybe high school students could learn more about Dana and spread the word to their friends.

Knudsen ended the meeting by announcing the results of the group's search for a sponsor. Dr. Mary McComb has agreed to take on the position next year.

Chorale ready for European adventure

LINDSAY BRUNING
Reporter

With their final home concert performed last weekend, one would think that the Chorale is winding down their year. Actually, they are just getting ready for the most anticipated part.

On May 25, two days after graduation, 35 Chorale members will board a plane for Europe. They will be accompanied by Dr. Myrvin and Anne Christopherson, Dr. Richard Palmer, Barry Anderson and their spouses.

The group will arrive in Hamburg, Germany, and then travel to Bad Segeberg where they will perform their first concert. The Chorale will

also visit Denmark, singing in Odense, Copenhagen and Tivoli.

"One of the things I'm happiest about is the trip is a day longer, but there are three less performances than in the past," said Barry Anderson, tour coordinator. This will leave more free time for sight-seeing and other fun activities. Some plans are to head to the beach, visit museums and castles or walk through cities.

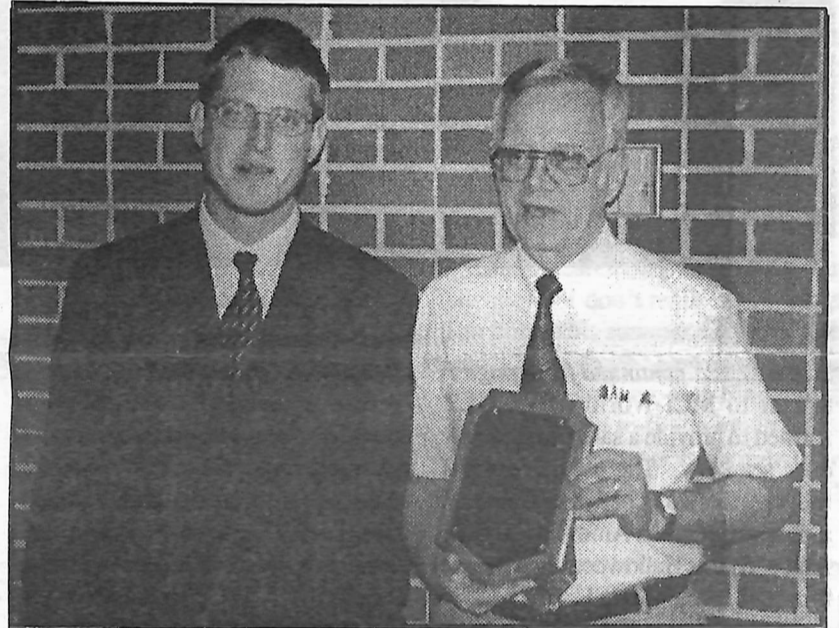
The group will be busy though since they will perform several concerts during the tour. One highlight will be the performance on the Main Stage at Tivoli, where artists such as Eric Clapton have performed. According to Anderson, the Chorale has not sung there since the 1950s.

To keep costs low, the students will

be staying in hostels or with host families for most of the trip. Shane Koepke has already received an e-mail message from his host family. "They seem really excited that we're coming," he said.

Chorale members have been singing their "Sermon and Song" program at several ELCA churches this semester to raise money. "Fund raising has gone very well," said Anderson. "We raised more than \$2,000, which is what we needed to do to keep the cost low to the students." Several additional donations have come from organizations across the country, including the Dana Women's Club which contributed \$1,000.

The Chorale will return to Omaha on June 10.



Mark Knudsen announced Dr. Larrie Stone as Dana's professor of the year on Tuesday. Congratulations Dr. Stone! (Photo by Leslie Schroeter)

Graduation approaches for 109 seniors

JEN BURGER
Features Editor

Graduation day is near for 109 Dana seniors. On Sunday, May 23, they will receive their degrees and leave Dana perhaps forever.

Most seniors have mixed feelings about graduation. "I am excited to graduate, but scared, too!" said social work major Lindsay Bruning. "I will miss lots of things about Dana, mostly the people and the camaraderie. Also I think I'll miss being busy all the time. It sounds strange, but I'm used to doing something every week night with one organization or job. It will be weird starting from scratch again."

"I am feeling a bit ambivalent [about graduation], in part because I have enjoyed rubbing elbows with the traditional students in the various classes I have taken at Dana," said one of the two valedictorians, Esther Gunderson, a social work major. "However, there is something to be said about not having to juggle work, classes, practicum hours and home

life."

The other valedictorian, Laura Hiebenthal, an English for secondary education major, said, "I have mixed feelings about graduating. I am really ready to be done with classes, papers, projects, etc. But at the same time there is a lot I will miss about Dana, mostly my friends."

These Dana grads are searching for their next project after receiving their degrees. Bruning said, "First, I am going to Europe for 16 days. I'm also looking for a social work job right now. I am pretty open to what part of the Midwest to work in. I really don't have much tying me down here."

Gunderson said, "I really cannot say what my future will look like after May. I have worked at Dana for 20 years and there have been and are some very special friends here on the hill. I also like being around the students; they keep my thought processes young. In so many ways, I could continue to serve and use my social work skills right here. However, I remain open to going where I am led."

Hiebenthal said, "Two days after

graduation I leave for Colorado. I will be a day camp counselor with junior high and high school kids at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Then as soon as that is over, I move back to Omaha and start teaching at South High School."

The graduation ceremony will begin with a welcome from Dr. Paul Formo. Then the valedictorians, Gunderson and Hiebenthal, will be recognized. Bruning will then take the stage to deliver her senior speech. Bruning is not sure what she will speak about though she wants to "make it light."

Following the speech will be the recognition of those who have completed the honors program. This year Jackie Smith is the lone senior who will graduate as a Morton Scholar. Retiring professor Dr. Larrie Stone will be named Professor Emeritus. Charles and Carole Bagby will receive the Dana College Community Service Award. Then the remaining time will be spent conferring the degrees on the graduates. The ceremony will end traditionally with everyone singing "Hail Dana."

The year in review

CHRISTINA NUTTER
Copy Editor

The 1998-99 Dana College school year contained many memorable events.

In August new student orientation assisted freshmen and transfer students in settling into Dana.

Dr. Betty Harmsen, Prof. Robyn Lewis, Dr. James Smith, Dr. Ellie Furst and Dr. Frank Taylor joined the Dana faculty. Tricia Hamilton joined Dana as director of food services. Judy Vaughn became the women's basketball coach.

In September Welcome Week events were held for all students. New parking permit stickers replaced the hanging tags from the last school year. Upgrades in computer services increased network capacity.

Jenny Lemmerman competed in the Miss America Pageant as Miss Nebraska and a party was held in the Dragon's Head to watch the pageant.

Parents Day welcomed many visitors to campus. The football team lost 26-23 to Hastings College. The

volleyball team defeated York College in three sets.

October was full of events. The musical "Pippen" was performed by the theater department. Dr. Kathleen McSharry led a yoga session in the Forum every Friday. And Dallas Chief Eagle, a Rosebud Sioux tribal member, performed hoop dances.

Student Senate executive officers received an increase in salaries, resulting in some conflict. Carrie Larkins was welcomed as a new senate advisor. The Superfan Club organized to boost school spirit.

The Homecoming Court was selected. King and queen were Bob Spangler and Traci Ahrendt.

A memorial service was held during Homecoming Week for James Peterson, a Dana student who died last spring.

The cross country teams fared well at the Mid-States Championships, the men placing first out of 18 teams and the women placing seventh out of 19.

In November the new phone service took effect, changing from

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Sprint to MCI-WorldCom. GL2 formed to provide a safe place to discuss sexuality. The theater department performed "The Water Engine," a play about urban American myths. And a Titanic Halloween display entertained drivers along Highway 133.

The soccer team ended their season 8-8, having made it to the conference tournament for the first time. The volleyball team ended their season with a loss to Doane College. The team played 20 matches this season, winning only four. The football team finished their season with a seven-game losing streak.

Several cross country runners placed in the NIAC conference meet. The men's team and Tiffani Nielsen qualified for the national meet where the men placed fifth.

December brought a crowd to Dana for the Sights and Sounds of Christ-

mas. Visitors attended Chorale and band concerts, theater performances and various other events.

Students Nathan Olsen and Kevin Brennan were arrested and charged with manufacture of a controlled substance and distribution of a controlled substance, namely Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB), a date rape drug.

January was a time to travel. Interim trips headed to several locations. Dr. John Mark Nielsen led an excursion to London. Dr. Sybille Bartels took students to Germany.

Early in February Winterfest activities were held, including a dinner-dance at Mister C's in Omaha where Biff Schofield and Gina Flood were crowned king and queen. Meanwhile senate handed out \$12,288 to organizations during their semester budget meeting.

The Presidential and Melchior Scholarship Competitions brought approximately 100 prospective stu-

dents to campus. And Lil' Siblings weekend brought about 30 youngsters to campus.

Two Blair High seniors, both sisters of Dana College students, were killed in a car accident on Highway 133.

Four Dana wrestlers qualified for the national meet: Perry Mostek, Darold Foster, Dax Doran and Ryan Barrett. The men's basketball team lost their last two home games and ended the season with a losing record. The women's basketball team ended their season with a 5-22 record.

During March over \$6,500 was raised by the second annual Computerthon. The Bloodmobile collected 66 pints of blood from the Dana community. The Odyssey of the Mind tournament was also held at Dana for area elementary, junior high and high school students.

The baseball and softball teams traveled to Florida for tournaments over Spring Break. Two more wres-

Finals Week @ Dana

Monday

Time of Exam	Regular Class Time
8-11	3-3:50 MWF & 7:30/8-9 TTh
12-3	9-9:50 MWF
3:15-6:15	11-12:20 TTh

Tuesday

Time of Exam	Regular Class Time
8-11	11-11:50 MWF
12-3	8-8:50 MWF
3:15-6:15	2-2:50 MWF

Wednesday

Time of Exam	Regular Class Time
8-11	10-10:50 MWF
12-3	12:30-1:50 TTh
3:15-6:15	1-1:50 MWF

Thursday

Time of Exam	Regular Class Time
8-11	12-12:50 MWF
12-3	2-3:20 TTh



ters qualified for the national meet-Steve Jenny and Nathan Hoeft-where the wrestlers took 19th place.

In April new senators and executive officers began their terms. New officers are Mark Knudsen, Thomas Blase, Wray Wright and Gina Flood. The theater department opened the musical "Children of Eden."

Hall directors Trent Pikula and JoAnn Stute announced plans to move on at the end of this year. Dr. Larrie Stone and Prof. Sieg Krueger announced plans to retire from teaching at Dana.

May began the wrap up of the school year. Plans to renovate Borup Coliseum were announced. The softball team finished the regular season 8-8 and worked from a fourth-place seed in the conference tournament to become conference champions. The track team placed several athletes at the NIAC championships and qualified seven runners for nationals.

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Saturday

8:15 p.m. *Movies at AMC Theater*, CC

Sunday

11:30 a.m. *Athletic Banquet*, CC

Monday

9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Book Buy-Back*, CC
7:30 p.m. *Pizza Delivery to winners of Friday*
Freebie, residence halls

Tuesday

9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Book Buy-Back*, CC
7 p.m. *Amy Klusmeier senior presentation*, Forum
10 p.m. *Late-Night Breakfast*, Cafeteria

Wednesday

9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Book Buy-Back*, CC
10 p.m. *Worship*, Trinity Chapel

Thursday

9 a.m.-4 p.m. *Book Buy-Back*, CC

Friday

9 a.m.-noon *Book Buy-Back*, CC

Students make plans for summer

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Editor-in-Chief

During the school year the majority of them can be found living on a 150-acre campus. But in the months of June, July and August, they can be found all over the country and even the world.

With the summer fast approaching and a number of options to choose from, Dana College students are making summer plans that vary from staying in Blair to traveling hundreds of miles away.

A number of students will travel to Europe when the Chorale departs for Denmark two days after graduation. "I'm excited to be able to go to Europe," said Jillian Scheerhoorn. "Last summer I went to Spain and Africa, so it's great to have another experience like this to travel overseas again."

The Chorale members aren't the only students traveling outside of the United States. Jesse Otto said that he, Ben Davison, Eric Friedericks, Bethany Gruner and Rachel Hospodka will all journey across the border to Mexico to visit his father who works in Durango as a biologist.

Other students will have nearly as far to travel just to get home for the summer. Chad Irei said he's counting down until he can get home to Hawaii to "hit the waves." Returning home to Florida will be Adolfo Morales. "I can't wait to go home and see my family," he said. "It's been a while. I also can't wait to hang with my old buddies and go clubbing."

For most students, the summer

means finding jobs in order to earn some extra cash. Jessica Gall said that she will be living in Omaha with her aunt and uncle to make more money. "I'm hoping to get a couple of jobs and catch up with some payments I need to make," she said.

Ashley Denney said she will be on the road as a representative for Hy-Vee food stores. "I'm looking forward to the summer because I'll be making lots of money and spending time catching some rays," she said.

"This summer I will be going home to work for my dad, milking cows and bailing hay," said Jason Dannelly. "You know, good Nebraska farm stuff."

Riley Tonkin will spend a second summer working for a construction company in Lincoln. For him, this summer also means taking classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "I don't see how they call it summer break when all that I'll be doing is working," he said.

Another summer option that is popular with college students is working at a camp. Mark Lepper will be spending his third summer as a counselor at Carol Joy Holling in Ashland. "I am excited about working there again because during the past two summers I have met some really great people and had a really awesome time," he said. "It's hard, demanding work but it's very rewarding and worth it, too."

Katie Vonalt said she will go home to Colorado to work at a children's camp, hoping the summer's experience will help her with a career decision. "I am looking forward to working with the kids all summer," she

said. "I am thinking of becoming a pediatrician and I feel that this summer will be a great chance for me to see if I want to spend the rest of my life working with kids."

Renee Hesseltine will be a volunteer camp counselor for a week in June at a Muscular Dystrophy Association camp. "At this camp counselors are paired one-on-one with a camper who is diagnosed with one of the 40 neuromuscular diseases," she said. "It is a lot of fun, and I am looking forward to it."

For some, the option of staying in Blair is more attractive than going home. "I'm staying up here at Dana," said Toni Ahrendt. "I'll be working in admissions and with conference activities. This way I don't have to live at home with my parents. Not that this is a bad thing, it's just that I've gotten used to being on my own. I love my new-found independence!"

And then there are those students who don't know what they will be doing this summer. "I'm actually really bad about making plans for the summer," said Abby Jones. "I probably won't really know what I'm going to do until I've been home for a week or two. I will probably call the grocery store that I worked at last summer and find out if they need help."

Shane Lundeberg is in a similar situation. "I don't really know what I'm doing this summer as of yet," he said. "Scary huh?" He added that he has several options, including going home or trying to find a job in Iowa City. "There's a lot of stress right now with finals and the summer, but it'll turn out okay. It always does."

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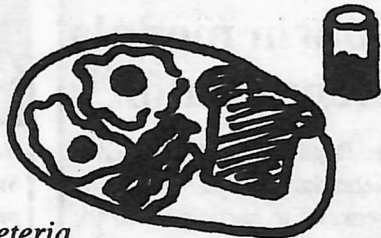
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Chemistry: Hilary Ormseth, Greg Sealock
English: Jessica Gall, Juliet Langley
Math: Tony Eitzmann, Michelle Hurt
Music: Matt Worley, Tony Ward, Tara Stark
Social Work: Sara Crawford, Angela Coufal

Ben Krantz Memorial: Curtis Isaacson
Joseph Langland--Poetry: Christina Nutter
--Prose: Chris Sorensen

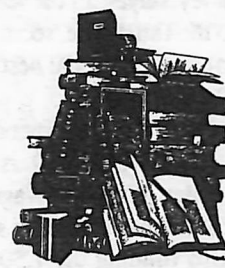
Golden Leaf Awards: Amy Benedict, Max Riffner, Derek Davis
James Peterson Award: Jenny Lemmerman
Alpha Mu Gamma:

German: Wendy Troff
Danish: Kelly Kuiken, Curtis Isaacson
Spanish: Renee Osmera, Danielle Mozeika, Megan Cosgrove,
Laura Rosenberry, Sandra Paasch

Spirit of Dana Awards: Jenny Lemmerman, Matt Kern
Huntel Golden Apple Award: James Olsen

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happy studying for finals



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Softball team wins NIAC tourney, advances to regionals

DEREK FEY
Reporter

After a season of trying to put players in the positions that would best contribute to the team, the Dana Vikings knew the time had come to put everything they had together. The final opportunity to redeem an otherwise disappointing season came last weekend in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference softball tournament.

"We spent a lot of time in the spring just getting people in the right place," coach Kathy Foley said. "We lost some games early that we wouldn't lose now. We're a different team."

The Vikings drew the fourth seed in the tournament and after four games the Vikings earned the NIAC tournament championship title, as well as a berth in the Great Plains Regional tournament.

"I think we are probably the best team in the conference," Foley said. "It just took us longer to get it together and play like the best team in the conference."

The road to the championship began with a game against Nebraska Wesleyan University. The Vikings took a five-run lead into the final inning and junior Jen Schneider would need no more. Wesleyan mustered two runs off Schneider in the final inning, as Dana beat Wesleyan 5-2.

Senior Lisa Cady went 2-4 with one RBI and sophomore Amy Smith went 2-3 with one RBI and a triple.

"Everybody played their role and everybody did everything they could

possibly do to help us win the tournament," Foley said.

Junior Jessi Thomsen stole three bases against Wesleyan and added six more in the tournament to bring her total to 34 stolen bases for the year, only getting thrown out once the entire season.

"We were unstoppable. We were hitting the ball really well and then Jen was pitching so well," junior Lisa Shefland said. "We couldn't go wrong."

After defeating Nebraska Wesleyan, the Vikings took on Northwestern, the first-seeded team in the tournament. It looked as if the seeds should have been switched as Dana scored in every inning and Schneider threw her first shutout of the tournament in the 9-0 victory.

"We just killed their pitcher," Shefland said. "We hit them really hard and I know that really pumped us up for the rest of the tournament. I think the Northwestern game for everybody was pretty big; it began the momentum."

Schneider helped her own cause, hitting 3-4 with three RBIs and a double. Thomsen went 2-3 with one RBI, also hit a double and stole another three bases. Shefland also went 2-3 with one RBI.

"It was a good turning point for us to get ready for the second day," Shefland said.

The third game had Dana taking on Midland Lutheran College. Five minutes before the start of the game, freshman Amber Milner was hit by a softball while playing catch with senior Amy Klusmeier. Milner suffered

a broken nose, but the game began at the scheduled time. Schneider threw the same as she did the day before. Giving up seven hits, she finished the game with another shutout.

Thomsen added three more stolen bases and hit 3-3 with one RBI, as the Vikings beat the Warriors 5-0. Smith and Meaghan Shea both drove in one RBI and Cady hit in one as the Vikings advanced to the championship game.

In the championship game Dana faced Midland again. The Warriors jumped to a quick two-run lead, but Dana was not going to let the regional bid slip away. The Vikings scored a combined seven runs in the third and fourth innings to win the championship 10-4. Smith drove in three RBIs with a triple and Thomsen knocked in two RBIs.

"It was all a matter of coming together at the right time and that's what happened," Foley said. "We can't dominate like we did without every single person."

"Jen Schneider obviously dominated the tournament," said Foley. Schneider pitched all four games for the Vikings, giving up three earned runs the whole tournament.

Schneider said, "Winning the tournament--it paid off for the whole year."

Not only did the Vikings bring home conference tournament hardware, Dana also had five people selected to the all-conference teams.

"We had really great results in terms of conference honors," Foley said. "The players deserve it."

The most notable award went to



The Dana women's softball team (Photo courtesy of College Relations)

Thomsen who earned NIAC player of the year. Thomsen, from Millard North in Omaha, hit .583 and stole nine bases in the tournament.

"I believe that she clearly is the best player in the conference, without a doubt," Foley said. "That's quite an honor for our team and it's obviously quite an honor for Jessi."

First team honors went to Graham and Schneider.

"Sarah Graham has had a phenomenal year at the plate. It's really hard for a player to play a different role this season than the year before," Foley said. "You talk about someone who has had a great attitude and played their role as well as anybody, it's Sarah."

Foley also praised Schneider's play; she had an earned run average (ERA) of .81 over the tournament and pitched two shutouts.

"I wish they would have voted for pitcher of the year after this last weekend because clearly Jen probably did more than any other pitcher in our conference this year," Foley said.

Schneider pitched 35 of the 44 games this season, compiling a record of 17-18 for the season.

"It means a lot [first team honors] because it was a long and tough year," Schneider said.

Senior Lisa Cady received second team honors. Cady is one of three seniors on the team this year. Foley said, "Of course I'm biased, but she probably should have been a first team player. The senior leadership was really significant."

Also receiving honorable mention honors were Shefland, transfer Jamie Peters and Shea.

The Vikings took on University of Mary yesterday at 10 a.m.

Runners bring home four medals

WENDY TROFF
Sports Editor

Saturday's NAIA Mid-States Championships, held in Overland Park, Kan., drew 19 teams from the Midwest and provided Dana's tracksters with another opportunity to win medals and break records.

The few runners Dana took to the meet provided some tough competition. Dana scored 42 points in four events, won four medals and set six personal bests.

Sophomore Justin Christensen dominated the steeplechase, winning by 20 seconds with a time of 9 minutes, 29.08 seconds. In addition to replacing the old meet record of 9:30.84 set last year, Christensen's time in the 3,000-meter event was a personal record by seven seconds and set a new Dana record. The previous school record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, a time of 9:35.30, was set in 1996 by All-American Ben Sandy.

Junior Scott Stanley ran the 800, a sprint compared to his usual 1,500 meters. Although he was last after the first 200 meters of the event, Stanley passed every one of

his rivals with 350 meters left in the race. Stanley stayed in the lead all the way to the finish line, securing a gold medal and a personal best time of 1:54.69.

Missing the gold by a fraction of a second in the 1,500 meters was freshman Allen Wagner. Wagner's time of 3:59.70 earned him a silver medal. Also running the 1,500 for the Vikings was freshman John Tripp, whose personal record time of 4:06.10 earned him fifth place.

Freshman Brandon Elwood also competed for the Viking men. Elwood updated his personal record in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.15.

Placing for the women were freshman Natalie Flynn and sophomore Tiffani Nielsen in the 1,500. Flynn's time of 4:59.07 broke the school record for the third consecutive week and earned her the bronze medal. Nielsen also ran the 1,500 and knocked nine seconds from her old personal record, turning in a fifth place finish of 5:03.62. Junior Sarah Klein's time of 5:17.18 in the same event was good for seventh. Freshman Kelly Kuiken also turned in a personal record time of 5:51.91 in the 1,500.

The NAIA national meet, scheduled for May 24-26 will be the next

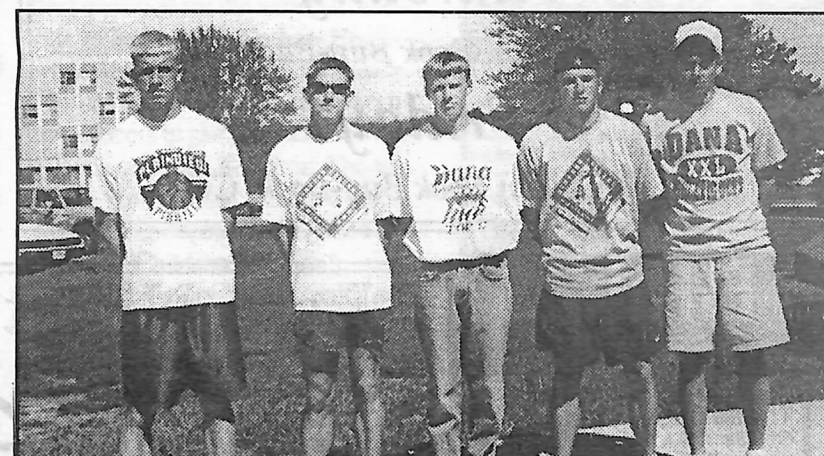
Two win medals in heptathlon

Two Dana tracksters traveled to Nebraska Wesleyan University last weekend to participate in the heptathlon event held there. Both Viking competitors returned home with medals.

Junior Amber Weber took the gold in the seven-event competition, racking up 3,330 points over the two-day contest. On Friday Weber ran the 100-meter hurdles in 18.79 seconds, recorded 5 foot, one-half inch in the high jump and 28-11 in the shot put, and had a time of 29.91 seconds in the 200-meter dash. On Saturday, Weber leaped a distance of 13-10 in the long jump, threw the javelin 101-4 and ended the competition with a time of 2:50.15 in the 800-meter run. Weber's score created a new Dana standard and is nationally-ranked.

Sophomore Brooke Thomsen earned the bronze medal for her performances, earning 2,284 points for the first six events.

competition for some of the Viking runners. The event, to be held in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., will draw seven competitors from Dana.



Ready to run: Aaron Schlotte, Justin Christensen, Bob Spangler, Scott Stanley and Derek Fey, along with Tiffani Nielsen and Allen Wagner (not pictured) will be competing in the NAIA national track championships on May 24-26 in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Photo by Laura Hiebenthal)

Baseball season ends with loss to Midland

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The Viking baseball team played its last games of the year in post-season play against Midland Lutheran College and Nebraska Wesleyan University at Hastings last weekend. Although Midland managed to beat the Vikings in both games, the Vikings did come out on top in the game against Wesleyan.

In game one of the NIAC Post-Season Tourney held on Friday, junior Justin Dutcher went 4-5 against Midland, while junior Ryan Enright, senior Rich Martell and freshman Kyle Murata had two runs apiece. Enright went 3-5 and Murata was 2-3, but the game ended in favor of Midland with

a final score of 13-11.

Game two of the tourney brought the Vikings another rival to contend with. Dana's first game on Saturday was against Nebraska Wesleyan. Dutcher was 2-3 and had two runs, while Murata was 1-1 and had two runs also. Sophomore Aaron Woodard was the winning pitcher for the game and the Vikings overcame Wesleyan with a score of 11-5.

The Vikings faced Midland again on Saturday to play their final game of the tourney. In this game, Martell was 2-3 and had the only RBI for the team. The Vikings' only run belonged to senior Matt Kern, and the game ended with a bleak score of 11-1, Midland on top.

For the record, the Viking baseball team was 24-20-1 this season.