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LaMere: White Clay Alcohol Must Stop

Small Nebraska town sells more than 4 million cans of beer annually

Jeff Mangus
Staff Writer

If Frank LaMere had to describe White Clay, Nebraska with one word, he would choose "tinderbox."

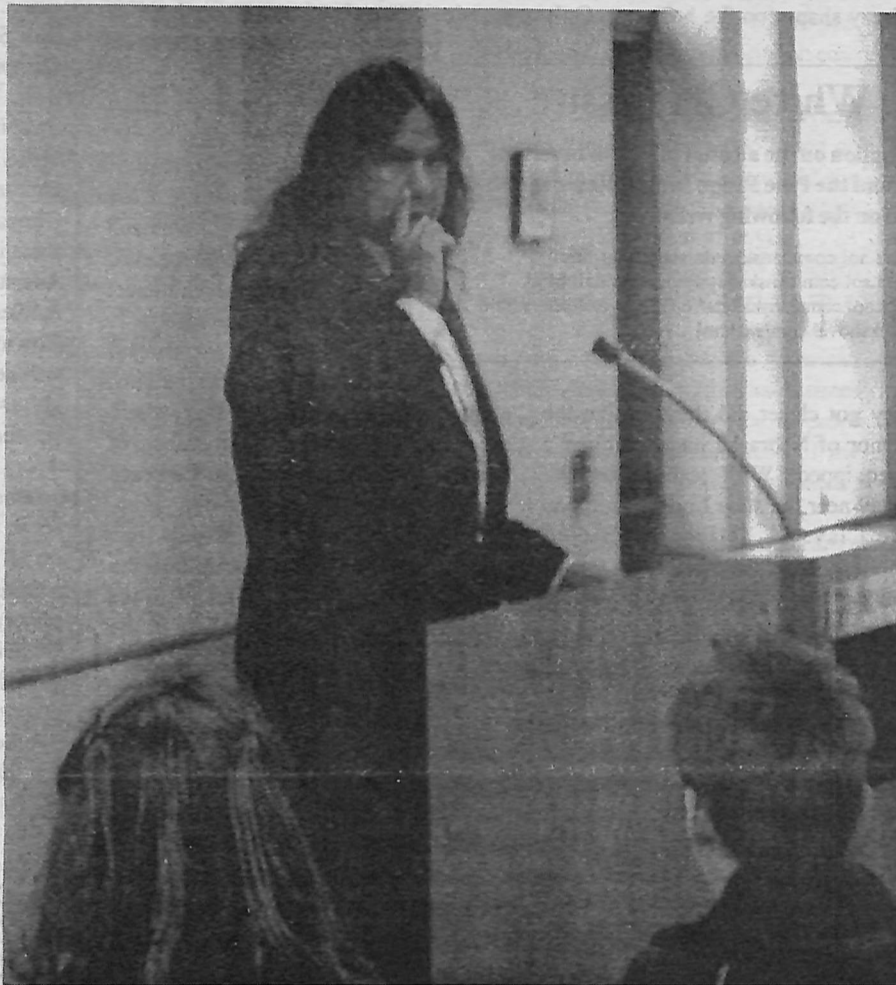
LaMere, a member of the Winnebago Nation of Nebraska, visited Dana's Forum on Monday evening. He spoke about the problem of liquor and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Around one hundred people attended.

The town of White Clay is located a few miles below the reservation, which is in South Dakota. Every year, four liquor establishments in the tiny 22-person town sell more than 4 million dollars worth of alcohol (and more than 4 million cans of beer)—and most of the business is just over the border in Pine Ridge reservation.

According to tribal law, the reservation is supposed to be dry.

"The main reason for White Clay's existence is to sell alcohol onto the reservation," said LaMere. "And they do a good job."

The county enclosing the



Frank LaMere spoke Monday night in the Forum on alcohol. Photo by Tony Knuppel.

reservation is statistically the poorest county in America. They have one of the highest alcohol mortality rates in the nation. In addition, the "Guinness Book of World Records" called the short highway stretching between White Clay and Pine Ridge the most dangerous stretch of road in the United States.

LaMere described the highway

to the audience. He said he and a relative drove through at six o'clock in the morning and saw at least 60 people drunk, asleep, urinating, and abusing each other. They sat and swore and jostled each other beside the highway. After finishing his business in Pine Ridge later that day,

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

The last half of the semester has arrived. How are your grades looking? Worthy of the Dean's List?

If you're interested in maintaining or raising your midterm grades (make that C a B instead, or even to give yourself a more solid grade), you should visit the Learning Center.

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It's worth your time.

Controversial Room Selection Process Causes Mixed Student Reactions

Matt Bloomingdale
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 11, many students left the Linden Room satisfied with their room selection. Many also left the same room violently discontented.

Due to the closing of Rasmussen Hall, a lottery system was set in place to ensure an equal and fair opportunity to all students to receive a sought-after room.

On April 9, students participated in a drawing where they received a number according to their class standing, giving priority to seniors.

This system agitated many students, especially underclassman. "I thought the process was unorganized," said sophomore Katie Robinson.

Junior Ryan Milner agreed. "I think it was much more

difficult than it needed to be," said Milner. However, many students were content with the system.

"I think it's a good way to give everyone an equal opportunity [for a desired room] according to their academic status," said freshman Trent Leichter.

Despite expressed dissatisfaction with the process, a majority of students were happy with their eventual room selection.

"[We were] very happy with the outcome of this whole ordeal," said junior Amber Lake.

Several students attributed their room selection to the luck of the draw. "I was lucky that I received a low number," said freshman Jennifer Muell.

Numerous students said

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Capstone Class Invites Speaker To Dana On April 23 In The Forum

Anne Laughery
Staff Writer

Go to class, play a video game, eat some food, watch television, and hibernate in a dorm room, are the ways many college students choose to spend their days.

This routine is all too common at Dana.

On April 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum, the Communication Capstone class and the Communication Department is holding an event to help turn the Dana community around.

They have invited an honored speaker to share experiences, expertise, and information.

The speaker will address the issues of student apathy and racial tension, and will discuss why these problems exist on our campus.

Through research, the Capstone class has found that the Dana community is suffering from the effects of both of these issues.

Most recent was the cancellation of a campus activity because of the numerous confrontations that erupted from the use of racial slurs.

Racial tension and student apathy are two issues often called "scary" topics, and are not typically discussed.

By inviting an experienced and educated speaker, the class wants to open the lines of communication to educate the campus in a non-threatening environment about these campus problems.

The best way to resolve an issue and spark change in the environment is to address the problem.

That is what the Communication Capstone class plans to do on April 23.

With help from the speaker and participation from the students, they will address student apathy and racial tensions on campus, while hoping to spark a most important change in attitude.

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FEATURES

Nebraska Officials Ordered SWAT Team To Stop March

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LaMere and his relative drove back out on the same road. More people were doing the same thing: camping out on a federal highway, many drunk or with alcohol in their possession. "Somebody ought to do something about this," LaMere said. His relative turned to him and replied, "Nobody cares, Frank. If you want to do something, you'll have to do it yourself."

The town of White Clay has no municipal government, and no type of law enforcement. At least three murders have occurred in White Clay just outside liquor establishments. Two recent cases were in June 1999, when two men were severely beaten and killed. Their names were Ronald Hardheart and Black Elk. There was no extensive investigation.

But, LaMere said, the greatest sufferers are not men. "The most victimized are the women—young, Indian women," he said. He added that the liquor establishments are infamous for offering free alcohol to these women in exchange for a few pornographic photos or sex. "These people in White Clay have no voice," LaMere said. "We need to give them one."

LaMere has tried to do just that. He has spoken to the Governor of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Liquor Control Commission, a group of California state legislators and a national conference of Native American lawyers,

among others. Perhaps the most dangerous of his activities have been the marches on the highway.

The third day of July, 1999, found LaMere involved in a march from Pine Ridge down to White Clay on the highway. As they walked, they could see fuzzy shapes on the horizon. Only

defiantly justified their actions. The charges were dropped.

"I try to build bridges," said LaMere. "I try to foster understandings." But, he added later, "Unless things change drastically at White Clay, I'm gonna rain on your parade. They don't think much of us Indians in Nebraska. If a white woman was killed [at White Clay], they'd shut the place down."

His assessment of the situation in White Clay was equally direct. "We need to act quickly," LaMere said, staring out into the audience. "White Clay is a tinderbox."

Dana's Social Awareness Organization, along with the Cultural Diversity class, sponsored the speech. Two members of the activist group Nebraskans for Peace were also present.

Two letters were present: one to the Governor of Nebraska, and the other to the Nebraska State Liquor Control Commission. Members of the audience were encouraged to add their signatures to the letters.

One of LaMere's final comments was a saying used by the elders of the tribe at Pine Ridge reservation: "All of us are given talents and abilities to make things better."

Get involved, he said, and together we can do something about White Clay.

The White Clay Issue

More information on the alcohol problem involving White Clay and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation can be found on the following websites:

- <http://members.aol.com/canskaduta/statement.html>
- http://members.aol.com/canskaduta/judge_randall.html
- http://members.aol.com/canskaduta/roosevelt_exeorders.html
- <http://www.dickshovel.com/wc.html>

as they got closer did they realize the Governor of Nebraska had deployed a fully-equipped SWAT team across the highway near the state line just outside White Clay. A helicopter circled overhead. Snipers crouched on top of the few buildings in the town. They could hear the ominous rhythm of batons on shields as they continued to march.

Even LaMere was astonished. But he and several others threw caution to the winds. They continued walking across the line into Nebraska. "Sometimes you take one step," he said, "and it's interesting how far it takes you." LaMere and the others were quickly arrested. When the court convened for the hearing, he and his companions

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that the system should incorporate a provision allowing students to retain their current room.

"There was no possibility that we would be able to get our room back because [our room] was already reserved for [incoming] freshman," said freshman Ashley Sorensen.

Freshman Joel Brewer had a similar concern.

"We should have the option to get our old room back."

However, with the closing of Rasmussen Hall, a concern was voiced: by allowing students to reserve their

rooms, current Rasmussen residents would not have had the opportunities for the campus's choice rooms.

"[This system was used] to give people in Rasmussen a chance to get better rooms," said Director of Residence Life Michael Olson.

Dean of Students Chris Jebson backed the lottery system.

"With the system last year a lot of people got shut out fairly early. [The lottery system] was based on the luck of the draw, making it as fair as possible."

Despite the amount of bad language (from students, of course)

wafting around the Linden Room, several students and faculty found the night to be a triumphant.

"[We are] extremely happy with the outcome," said Olson.

"I thought the process was unorganized."
- Sophomore
Katie Robinson



Students selected next year's rooms Thursday night. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

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Around Campus

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Staff Writer

Brunch on the Hill occurs this Sunday at the cafeteria in the Campus Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is no charge for Dana students on a meal plan. Adult tickets cost \$7 and tickets for children are \$4. On Sunday April 14, the Dana College Chorale will be performing at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha at 2 p.m. Assistant professor of music Michael Anderson and accompanist Clare Cowing will also perform. The chorale will debut "Tongues of Fire," which is set around the event known as the Pentecost.

The text was taken from the second chapter of Acts and musically set to the Pentecost. Both traditional vocal sounds and non-traditional sounds are employed, as well as multi-phonics singing (which means creating more than one tone simultaneously). Translations were provided two years earlier by Dr. Sybille Bartels, Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Dr. Diana Brown and Dr. Delvin Hutton.

St. Cecilia's Cathedral is located in Omaha at 701 North 40th Street.

Also, family weekend will be held at Dana from April 26-28. Some activities planned for the weekend include a movie night, baseball games, tentative softball tournament, a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo and a chorale concert in Trinity Chapel.

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Let us know what you think!
The Hermes Staff

OPINION

Should Catholic Priests Be Able To Marry?

Should Roman Catholic priests be allowed to marry?

Many people of all faiths have asked this question around the world in the wake of hundreds of allegations of sexual abuse by priests in the United States, including one case here in Nebraska.

The Roman Catholic Church has restrictions on priestly marriage and one reason is that it is felt the priest should have passion for his religious vocation instead of for sex. A priest is always asked to take a vow of celibacy after being ordained.

Of course there are some exceptions to the rules, such as Christian ministers converting to Catholicism.

The celibacy rule is not set in dogma, meaning that it is a changeable doctrine within the church.

Do I think that Roman Catholic Priests should be allowed to marry, if that's what they choose? Yes, I do. And for the record, I am Catholic.

I think that the amount of cases of sexual abuse by priests will go down, and I think that it will make them happier as they will have a confidante with whom

they may speak.

Are there other benefits for priests to have wives? I believe so.

Other benefits can include helping with the set up and displays of church Nativity, helping with the Ladies Guild, along with setting up other programs, like a children's night etc. An example would be Annie Camden on the WB television show, "7th Heaven."

Will allowing the priests to marry ever get rid of sexual abuse by the clergy? No.

When the last wave of allegations came out, it was stated that six other clergymen (from religions other than Catholicism) were also charged with sexual abuse. This shows that other religions have the same problem.

Actually, sexual abuse is very much a national problem. People are added to the Sexual Pedophile list every week.

Maybe instead of focusing our time on Catholic priests who are in trouble, we should spend our time trying to prevent all people in all religions from performing sexual abuse.

- Toni Hoffmeier

Pete Yorn

Musicforthemorningafter

Columbia Records
March 2001

Pete Yorn is living the American music dream. This 26-year-old drummer-turned-singer/songwriter was signed after giving an impromptu performance of "Life on a Chain" to a Columbia A & R guy. Within a year, he had flown to L.A. to write music for television and movies. His music has been included on soundtracks for "Dawson's Creek," "Me,

Myself, and Irene," and others.

Musicforthemorningafter opens with the very song that got Yorn signed. It's easy to hear why it did. Yorn's refreshing blend of classic American rock combined with some of the jangle of Brit-pop breathes new life into a mature genre. The album is aptly titled, with Yorn tunefully strumming and wistfully singing through the cuts about love from the view of second thoughts and misgivings. This up-and-coming soft rocker is definitely one to keep an eye on.

Even Now, We Need Hate Crime Legislation

Staff Editorial

Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - Last week, Cisco Sanchez, coordinator for the Human Rights Campaign in Iowa, spoke for two hours in the Memorial Union on federal legislation covering hate crimes.

Sanchez told stories of murders and assaults committed based on sexual orientation. He also told the crowd that the number of hate crimes are steadily rising year after year.

Hate crimes are a problem in the United States. But what exactly is a hate crime?

According to the American Psychological Association, hate crimes are "violent acts against people, property or organizations because of the group to which they belong or identify with."

These heinous crimes are a part of American history — albeit a part Americans want to forget. In the past we had lynchings and cross burnings. Now we have vandalism, assaults and murder. The tragic and horrific murder of Matthew Shepard is just a widely-known and highly-publicized example of what is occurring every day in the United States.

And the United States needs broader and more stringent federal hate crime legislation.

A hate crime is not only a murder or a vicious assault on someone. Hate crimes can be verbal assaults, crimes against property, robbery, vandalism, theft or setting fire to churches.

Opponents of hate crime legislation argue "crime is crime, murder is murder." They say the govern-

ment should not punish a thought. They say motive should play no part in the prosecution and punishment of a crime.

But are those reasons even relevant?

The U.S. judicial system doesn't treat any crimes the same. Motive is always taken into consideration.

An accidental murder is not treated the same as a murder committed in a fit of passion or rage. And a murder committed in a fit of passion or rage is not treated the same as one committed with careful planning and a clear motive.

The difference is the situation in which the murder was committed. Motive. Reasons behind the killing. And hate should play a part in that consideration.

Hate crimes are crimes that are committed to convey a message.

They are different from other crimes in that the one who committed the crime sending a message to members of a certain group. The message is telling them that they are wrong and unwelcome.

We are at a point in time when, as a nation, groups once persecuted and discriminated against are welcomed. But we are not finished.

Crimes committed merely because of skin color, sexual orientation or nationality are still happening. After Sept. 11, minorities resembling the Arabic terrorists were murdered and assaulted around the nation.

That is a hate crime. Matthew Shepard's murder was a hate crime.

Hate still exists. And should be punished like any other motive.

That's why we can't ignore these crimes.

by Lysie Cetto

Horoscopes

For the Week of April 12, 2002

Aries March 20-April 19

As the spring progresses, you will notice you are ready for a change. Try to find something new to excite yourself: maybe pick up a hobby or throw yourself into your work.

Taurus April 20-May 19

You may get a touch of Spring Fever. Just remember every Spring Fling is not worth your time. Look around you for the hidden flower, and you will be surprised what hidden aromas await you. Sometimes the most beautiful people end up being the ones who surprise you.

Gemini May 20-June 19

You are full of energy this month as the earth begins a new cycle. You stretch out and begin to examine the meaning of life. Keep your loved ones close, for they may know the hidden secrets of your soul that you keep hidden from even yourself.

Cancer June 21-July 21

This spring will be a wonderful time for relationships in your life. Let last month's troubles and fights fade into the past, and enjoy this chance to renew or start afresh with your nearest and dearest.

Leo July 22-August 22

The boastful and proud Leo will have much to flaunt this month. All that parading around may attract some attention. There will be many opportunities for new relationships, or maybe your significant other will find something new to love about you.

Virgo August 23-September 21

Virgos tend to be laid back - don't sit and smell the roses too long, for you may miss an opportunity. Be on the lookout for opportunities for new relationships, jobs, or even a night out with friends. These one-time-only chances could change the way your life goes.

Libra September 23-October 22

Spring is a wonderful time for you to take care of you. Get rid of the stress in your life and find new ways to make yourself happy. This is a great time for a Libra in a bad relationship or job to strike out and stand on their own. Take care of yourself, and everything else will fall into place.

Scorpio October 23-November 21

You may find yourself a bit more motivated and inspired this month. So, whatever your creative fetish is, let your inspirations be your guide. Pick up a brush and paint a picture, write a story, or dance. Do whatever your heart is telling you to do. Maybe you'll spot another spring Scorpio on their creative whim and hit things off.

Sagittarius November 22-December 20

You may be feeling stubborn this month. Be careful not to make any fatal mistakes. This would be a good month for you to focus on your studies, and on what is really important to you.

Capricorn December 21-January 19

Cap's are a strong bunch and you are bound to rise above whatever obstacle is in your way this month. Things are looking down coming into the month, but by the month's end you will have reached a point at which you can continue on. So stay strong and you'll make it.

Aquarius January 20-February 17

Do not run from the people in your life that care. Take heed to whatever loved ones say to you this month. It may contain a hidden message that could be just the key to solving that inner problem you've been struggling with.

Pisces February 18-March 19

Your affection is priceless, and the people who receive it will appreciate it. Take some extra time this month to work on those relationships in your life that you know may need a little pickup. Try a handwritten letter or any other form of message conveyance that works for you.

SPORTS

Viking Wrestling Team Celebrates Successful Season With Award Banquet

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Viking wrestling team held their annual banquet last Saturday at DJ's Dugout West in Omaha, handing out numerous awards and certificates.

The Viking wrestling team finished the season going 6-3 in dual meets, winning the Regional title for the second year in a row, and finishing 15th in the nation at nationals.

Senior Pete Isham, junior Sam Melendrez, sophomore Wynn Fangmeier and freshman Leister Bowling all received awards for being captains and leading the team to a successful year.

Melendrez received the most prestigious award of the night, taking home the "Wrestler of the Year" award. Bowling won the "Toughman of the Year" award as well as the "Most Falls" award.

Freshman Marshall Marquardt walked away with the "Redshirt of the

Year" award.

The "Ironman Award" is given to those who did not miss a practice or a meet. Those who received this award were Bowling and freshmen Brian Tsutsumi, Trent Leichter and Ben Henderson.

The "Newcomer of the Year" award is given to the best new varsity wrestler. This year's recipient was Tsutsumi.

This year the Vikings had two Academic All-Americans in Melendrez and junior Justin Williams. Melendrez also took home the 35-match-winner award and Williams took home the 30-match-winner award.

Bowling and sophomore Keith Clausen took home 25-match-winner awards, while Isham, Tsutsumi, Fangmeier and junior Art Castillo took home awards for winning 20 matches.

Williams took home the "Most Improved" award, greatly improving from last year.

The "Scholar of the Year" awards were given to one wrestler in each grade with the highest GPA. Marquardt, Melendrez, Williams and senior Alex Gum took home those awards.

Former

Dana wrestler Ron Beamen was inducted into the Hall of Fame for all his hard work and performance as a Viking wrestler.

The "Booster of the Year" award was given to the person or establishment that donated the most money and time to the Viking Wrestling team. This year's recipient was

Chuck Hildreth, owner of C&A Scales.

Melendrez finished the season with a seventh-place finish at nationals, while Williams finished on the stand at eighth-place.



The baseball team, by hard work and dedication to the basic rules of the game, has elevated their level of play this year. It's hard work in action. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Track and Field Begins Outdoor Season: Maltby Qualifies For NAIA Nationals

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Viking men's and women's track & field teams opened their outdoor season last Saturday with the Bearcat Invitational at Northwest Missouri State University.

The top performer for the Viking squad was sophomore Tiffany Poole, who threw a school record 43' 6" in the women's shot put. The throw was good enough for a fifth place finish and an

automatic qualification for the NAIA Outdoor Championships.

Junior Matt Maltby threw the shot put 50' 1/2" to provisionally qualify for nationals and place eighth.

Poole and Maltby join senior John Tripp, juniors Alicia Widtfeldt and Ryan Milner and sophomore Ian Latella, who have all qualified for the national meet in the marathon.

Other scorers in the meet for the Vikings included freshman Donnell

McCant who long-jumped 22' 00". Sophomore Garry Clark ran the 800 meters in 1:56.14, and Widtfeldt ran the 10,000 meters in 43:34.7.

"This was a very solid meet for us against outstanding competition. Poole had an outstanding meet, performing well in the hammer, discus, and the shot," head coach Eric Jenson said. "A lot of athletes were making their first attempts at new events, and freshmen Matt Hanna and Kayla McClure made

their debut for the track teams. Facing strong competition like this will get us ready for our tough conference."

Track and Field 2002

4/13 Jim Duncan Invite @ Des Moines, IA
4/20 Doane Relays @ Crete, NE
4/25 Drake Relays @ Des Moines, IA
4/26 Simpson Relays @ Indianola, IA
5/4 GPAC Championships @ TBA
5/11 Dana Invitational @ Blair, NE
5/23 NAIA Outdoor Champ. @ Olathe, KS

Softball Team Slumps, Losing Four Straight In Two Recent Doubleheaders



The Lady Vikes lost their four most recent games: 4-1 and 7-4 against Concordia, and later 7-5 and 3-2 against a tough Midland team. Photo by Kjaer Kirkegaard.

Marshall Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Viking girls' softball team has recently slumped from their winning ways earlier this season, but are remaining positive.

The Vikings lost to Division II Concordia University of Minnesota in both games of a double-header on Tuesday. The Vikings then lost to Midland University in both games of a second double-header Wednesday night.

The ladies were winning both games with Midland going into the bottom of the seventh inning, but they couldn't put the games away.

Although Concordia proved too tough for the Vikings, they played very well.

"We played great ball against them," head coach Tom Armstrong said. "We just couldn't pull through in the end."

The Vikings lost 4-1 and 7-4 against Concordia, and 7-5 and 3-2 versus Midland.

In game one against Midland, sophomore Michelle Weaver led the Vikings with two RBI's, followed by sophomores Jamie Sanders, Lindsey Fox and Erica Duncan.

Freshman Cindy Ruch pitched the first game and then came in during the second game as relief for junior Jen Holmes.

"We have been getting a lot of production out of Cindy," Armstrong said. "We have been extremely pleased with her effort."

Another outstanding performer for the Vikings this year has been freshman Brooke Epley. Epley plays right field for the Vikings.

"Brooke is a player that has really stepped up so far this year," Armstrong said. "She is playing better than she is recognized to be and she started rallies in each game versus Midland."

The Vikings have three starters out with injuries. Junior Jessica Bolte and sophomores Gloria Otto and Kelly Heller have been on the injured reserve. Heller was hit in the jaw with a ball in warm-ups prior to the games with Midland.

The Vikings are currently 16-18 overall and 3-3 in conference play. They head to South Dakota tonight to play Mt. Marty College, and then head to Northwestern tomorrow to play them. They play Mt. Marty at 4:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m., and Northwestern at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Sports Dana's Upcoming Battles

Baseball: 4/13 Nebraska Wesleyan at 1:00 p.m. here in Blair. Later 4/16 Peru State College at 1:00 p.m. here in Blair, and 4/19 Dakota Wes. at 3:00 p.m. in Mitchell, SD.

Softball: 4/13 Northwestern at 1:00 p.m. in Orange City, IA. Later 4/16 Bellevue Univ. at 4:00 p.m. in Bellevue, NE, and 4/17 Hastings at 4:00 p.m. here in Blair.

Outdoor Track and Field: 4/13 Jim Duncan Invitational in Des Moines, IA.