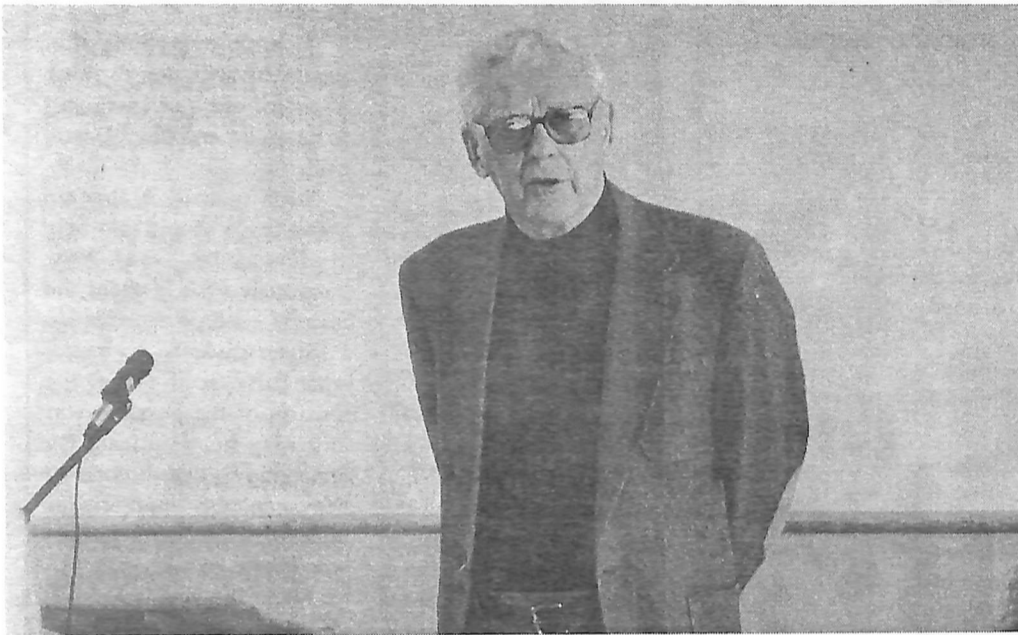


Iraq: peace is the answer

Advocates gather at Dana to protest imminent war



Professor Emeritus of Humanities and Religion John W. Nielsen enthralled the assembly by relating his own experiences of resisting a war in his own youth, World War II. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Rene Nicolay
Feature Editor

Students and staff alike gathered in the chapel on Wednesday to advocate peace. As student Megan Lazoritz played the harp, people of various backgrounds, race and beliefs assembled for the purpose of resisting the impending threat of war.

The Gathering for Peace was the idea of a Professor of Social Work, Jan Potter, who has been with Dana for 23 years.

"I have been bummed for a while about war and Iraq," she said. Potter talked with Professors John Mark Nielsen, Scott Hermanson, Laura LaMarr, Richard Potter about organizing a place "to find an alternative to war, to come together in a deep space."

The turnout was greater than expected, but exactly what Potter had hoped. "It was so beautiful to see so many people gather here on such a short notice," she said.

The assembly began with a few words from Potter. She shared a story of her own encounters with natives on Na-

tive American reservations. "Everyone was nice and welcoming." She put emphasis on the sense of community and peace.

Some speakers read poetry, like Shannon Ford-Jefferson, whose poem pled for peace

of people in Iraq are children. "The first victim of war is peace," she said.

Potter plans on making the Gathering for Peace a weekly event, every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., in the chapel.

"I would really like to...build energy for peace," reflected Potter. "A lot of people are concerned and caring, and I'd like everyone to come together as a community, and to take care of each other."

"The Word of God is the word of peace."

—Dana Campus Pastor Andrea Ng'weshemi

"I would really like to build energy for peace."

—Dana Social Work Professor Jan Potter

set to rhythm and rhyme. Others criticized media coverage. Professor Emeritus of Humanities and Religion John W. Nielsen kept the assembly

spellbound with his own experiences of resisting a war in his youth, World War II. He encouraged all to ignore the label of "coward" for those who wish for peace, not war.

Andy Miller gave his Buddhist point of view, advocating open minds to not persecute on the basis of differences. Ng'weshemi gave a moving speech: "The Word of God is the word of peace." Tom Nielsen urged everyone to "wage peace" daily, not just when war was imminent. Jo Petersen gave a wake-up call to all present: 50%

The gathering was closed with a reading from the Bible, chosen and read by Prof. John Mark Nielsen:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." — Psalm 121.

Dr. Furst leads expedition to Fond du Lac Reservation in Minnesota

Jeff Mangus
Assistant Editor

"We really want students to work with diversity and understand all the different spokes of multicultural populations," said Dr. Eleanor Furst, a education professor at Dana, of her recent Interim class's experience teaching on an Ojibwe reservation in Minnesota.

Furst called the course "Journey to Diversity" and took the six students involved on a northern journey into the Fond du Lac reservation, where they worked with students from an Ojibwe school there. The K-12 school is located just west of Cloquet, Minn., which is near Duluth. Furst is familiar with the territory because she grew up in a small town just outside Cloquet, and she said the school is beautifully constructed because a forest thrives nearby and from the air, the building is turtle-shaped.

Furst's class used a textbook written by a Minnesotan, videos, and folktales to design literacy classes for the students at the school. "To gain a new pride in the culture, the students learn their heritage: drumming, dancing, and finally a powwow in which everyone participates," said Furst. The last day of the school experience included the powwow, and the students received gifts of mugs and wild rice from the community for their work.

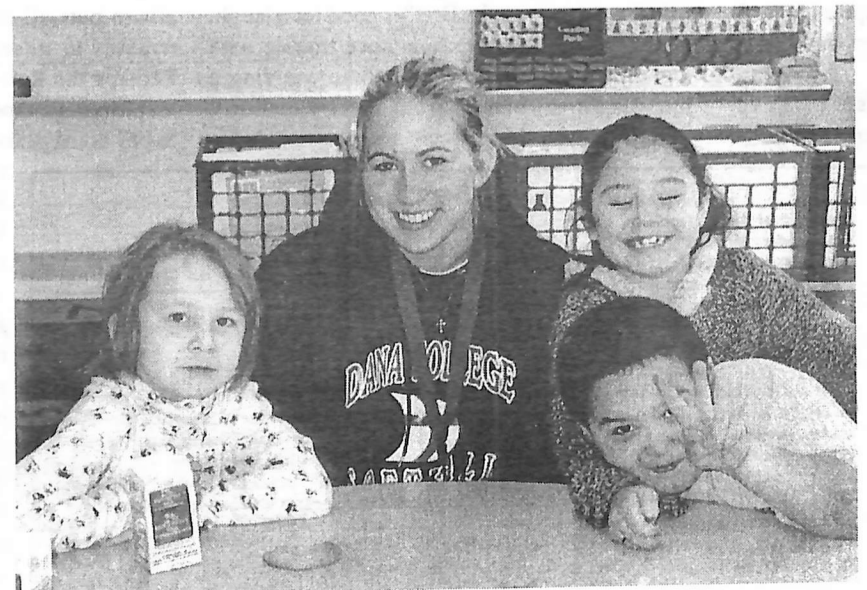
The experience was characterized by cold weather, said Furst, with the temperature hovering around zero degrees

Fahrenheit. "It was five below, and the students thought it was cold," said Furst. "Next week it was supposed to be 25 below."

Her six Dana students were MacKenzie Bliven, Erica Duncan, Sharae Bishop, Honour Farrens, Tina

Hackett and Rachel Ahrens.

Next Interim, Furst said she plans to offer an immersion in the Liberty School in Omaha, which has a high population of Latino and Sudanese students. The following year, students will work in Omaha's Jewish Friedel Academy.



Sophomore ed. major MacKenzie Bliven at Fond du Lac. Courtesy of Ellie Furst.

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Advertisements, contest, porn and just plain SPAM

U.S. Congress will face the task of eliminating junk mail from the internet

Rene Nicolay
Feature Editor

In e-mail inboxes everywhere, unwanted and sometimes disgusting ads are slowly taking over. If your daily e-mails are 80% spam, if you're tired of hourly ads urging you to buy Viagra, read on.

It stands to reason that an excellent way to stop a technological menace would be technological gadgets. Some companies, like Apple and Microsoft, have semi-decent mail filters in their programs.

However, the ever sneaky spam still gets through, despite the efforts of blocking known e-mail addresses.

For once, Congress isn't oblivious to this latest tech problem. In the House, Heather Wilson, Republican of New Mexico, introduced the Anti-Spamming Act, and Robert Goodlatte, Republican of Virginia, supported a second bill. The CAN SPAM Act was introduced by Sen. Conrad Burns, Republican of Montana, at the last Session.

The Bills were ignored in favor of the aftermath of Sept. 11, but legislators all agree that there is a chance that the problem of spam will be dealt with.

"We're a Happy Family" makes families smile

Various Artists
We're a Happy Family:
A Tribute to Ramones
[DV8/Columbia]
February 11, 2003
Review by Todd Maxwell

Garbage, The Offspring, Rancid. But then there were some others that made me wonder: Eddie Vedder, Pete Dinklage, Marilyn Manson? A lot of good names, but how would they treat the Ramones' music?

Let me just lay it out now: This album just makes me smile! All the artists appearing bring their own style, but the Ramones unique edge comes shining through on every track. None more incredibly so than co-producer (along with Johnny Ramone) Rob Zombie's rendition of "Blitzkrieg Bop." U2's cover of "Beat on the Brat" is good for a laugh. (I somehow have trouble with the image of Bono wielding a baseball bat.) Kiss couldn't have been a better match for



"Do You Remember Rock 'n' Roll Radio?" My personal favorite is "Havana Affair," styled upon by the always-smooth Red Hot Chili Peppers.

I could rave about every single track on this disc. This album puts all other so-called tributes to miserable shame. Perhaps the Ramones were so inspiring, all those attempting to pay homage knew better than

to screw up. Fans of the Ramones and any of the other artists appearing on it, alike, will appreciate this one.

Should you buy it? - This one's worth digging in the couch for.

Cal Poly group ditches classes, plays dead in war protest

Carly Haselhuhn
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convey accurate images of war.

(U-WIRE) - California Polytechnic State University students will drop like flies Thursday as Progressive Student Alliance members and other students present a theatrical representation of war on Dexter Lawn.

The "die-in," marked by fake blood-spattered shirts and limp bodies lying on the grass, is just part of the presentation aimed at educating students about the impending war in Iraq.

Fliers for the PSA event challenge students to walk out from their classes at 10:30 a.m. and congregate on the lawn where group discussions will take place. Participants will begin a peace march to the University Union at 11 a.m. and return to Dexter Lawn where student speakers will talk to a crowd, followed by the "die-in."

"It will be an incredible sight to see as people head to their classes," said Sabiha Basrai, art and design junior and co-director of PSA.

Participants will use their bodies to simulate a massacre to give the campus a picture of what they believe are the realities of war, said Clayton Whitt, social science junior and fellow co-director of PSA.

"By doing a 'die-in,' we can touch people's emotions," he said.

Basrai agreed in the need for visual stimulation to

A lot of people don't think of war as dead corpses, she said; instead they just think only of long-range "surgical" bombings.

"I hope everybody that passes by will stop to think about whose blood is going to be spilled and why," Basrai said.

Such an elaborate presentation should also help students to see how passionate PSA is about the issue at hand, Whitt added.

Some students, no matter what party, seem to feel the tension of the possible war and may be skeptical. By appealing to that discomfort they can turn apathetic or undecided students on to anti-war efforts, he said.

When the war is heating up, "you've got to keep up the pressure," Whitt said.

Although only about 15 to 20 students are expected to participate in the "die-in," members approximate that about 150 students will be present for the whole event. Attending numbers could surpass the turnout during PSA's October peace march.

Since most students have never seen a visually dramatic presentation such as this, she said there's no way of knowing how they will react.

Beyond all, Basrai said the discussions, speeches and "die-in" are an attempt to broadcast to students that "the only winner in war is death."

"The reason we start a war is to fight a war, win a war, thereby causing no more war!" - Recent Presidential Debate.



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Other side of campus: olive branch from Iowa

I happen to be from Iowa, and I'm a little tired of the crap that Iowa gets just because it's next to the second worst state in the country, Nebraska. In order to create a sense of goodwill between our two states, I'm going to explain a little about Iowa.

Back in the 1700s a man named Lewis Clark went west to find a piece of land so that eastern companies could place their sweatshops away from the public eye. He happened upon a patch of land between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers (back then they were called Little Brown River and Big Brown River).

He immediately sent an Indian in feathered sandals back east to deliver the message. This patch of land eventually became Missouri and the Indian founded the United Postal Service.

After the factories were in place Clark journeyed north into present day Iowa, drawn by its giant forests, clear lakes, and scenic mountains. He loved it so much there that he started a town called Iowa City, after the Native American tribe: City.

Unfortunately the French came, turned everything west of Iowa City into flat boring fields, started a bigger town called Des Moines (whatever THAT means), and then moved west to Nebraska.

Over time many frontiersmen settled in Iowa to farm, raise a family, and die.

Present day Iowa is a rich blend of cultures, ethnicities, hog manure and corn. Iowa City is one of the most diverse, liberal cities in the Midwest, and their university has one of the largest binge-drinking records in the country. Young people flock to Iowa City to exchange ideas, become politically-minded and socially active with members of the opposite sex.

Many of Iowa's youth are becoming more progressive and Iowa's schools are



Photo of the Little Brown River, west of the French sweat shops, east of Cornhusker country. Today the river is filled with garbage, children bathing, hairy fish, shoes, wrecked automobiles, rotting branches, nuclear pollution, umbrellas and chemical waste. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

ranked among the top five in the country.

I believe this is because, in the western region, the kids want to get the hell out of the state.

In the eastern region, where there isn't as much farming, ranching, or hog-scented air, students do well because if they don't, they're sent to the sweat shops in Missouri.

Des Moines is the hub of Iowa politics, and because of our caucus we often are very informed about the Washington political climate.

For instance, everyone in Des Moines knows that George W. Bush is criminally insane. In fact, Iowa's strong support of the Democratic Party is partly because "trickle-down economics" always seem to trickle around us, and because George W. Bush is criminally insane.

Vacationing in Iowa has recently become a lucrative industry. There are still three rivers in Iowa not completely decimated by pesticides, run-off, and urban waste removal. Ironically, they all run into the Mississippi.

Iowa has made great efforts to preserve much of its native wilderness.

Just several miles from my home in Mt. Vernon is a large wildlife preserve and state park, where you can glimpse such wildlife as golden eagles, river otters, white-tailed deer, and high school students cutting class to smoke pot.

Iowa is also a very popular retirement home, probably because it's so...I don't know why, but there are a lot of elderly people in Iowa.

In conclusion, I'm not sure why there is so much animosity against Iowa in Nebraska. Nebraskans have a cute little acronym for Iowa; "Idiots Out Walking Around." How about this one? "Not Even Bush admires A Stupid husker fan."

You want Goodwill? Go to a thrift store! Stay on your side of the Little Brown River, Frenchies!

DISCLAIMER: The author of this article likes Nebraska, French people, and the Cornhuskers. Really.

-Jeremy Stoll

What is love?

This past week, the last week which housed Valentine's Day - a lot of love was in the air...or was it love? How do we in our "youth" define love? If the cliché "actions speak louder than words" is true, then we are in some serious trouble, folks. Let's see if the following actions measure up.

Love is... when you profess to have a significant other while you have sex with 4 others who hardly resemble that significant one.

Love is... when you tell someone you "love them" yet in the same breath you vandalize their crib, cutting up all their possessions.

Love is... when you sleep with as many people as you can on campus without discussing your sexual encounters with the 69th person you claim to love

Love is... when you and the one become "just friends" sexual benefits.

Love is... bringing a STD home to the one you love, not knowing which of the 29 people (with whom you didn't use a condom) gave it to you.

Love is... supposedly borrowing your love's phone only to have your friends use over \$100 dollars in roaming charges thinking your love will never know.

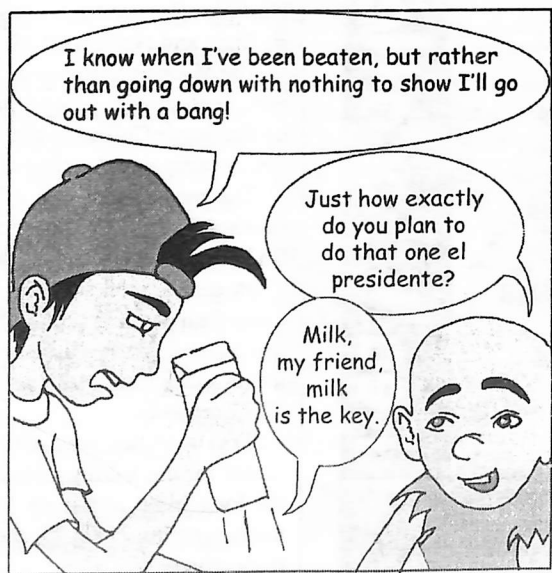
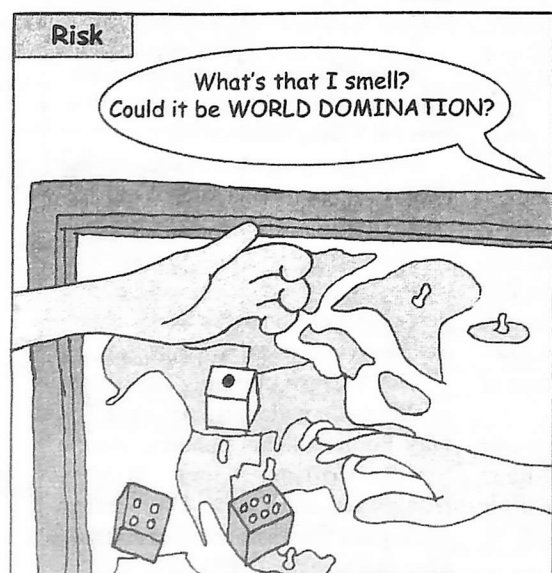
Love is... when you tell someone no, but they have already made up their mind, that yes, this is going to happen - whatever has to be done will be.

So, tell me - what is love? Love is patient and kind. Love doesn't sleep around. Love protects (oneself and the others one loves). Love is considerate of feelings. Love is honest. Love is sincere. Love doesn't tally up wrongs, because love is neither beautiful and ugly in the same sentence, and the beautiful times outweigh the ugly ones. Love never fails.

Before we profess how much we love one another, let's put those words into actions and take a journey down history lane to discover how many trips we've made to the ocean. With all this love being invested, take the time (for love's sake) and go get tested.

-Shannon Ford-Jefferson

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Wrestlers prepare for Regional Championship

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Sports Editor

The Viking wrestling team will look to add another Regional Championship trophy to their case this coming after a recent win at the first GPAC Conference tournament.

Two teams will be at the Regional tournament that were in the conference tournament, including Briar Cliff and Northwestern

Other teams that will be involved are Bacone College and William Penn College, who is currently ranked sixth.

The top 12 wrestlers from each team will be competing at the tournament tomorrow.

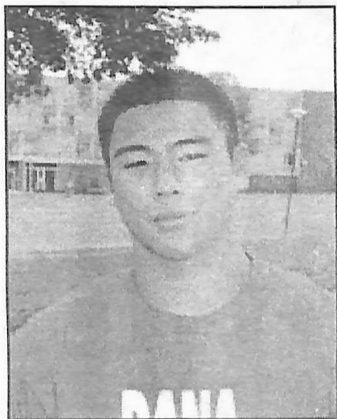
The Vikings currently have eight wrestlers qualified for nationals out of a possible twelve. Brian Tsutsumi (133), Jason Lozier (141), Ryan Knight (157), Leister Bowling (165), Art Castillo (174), Josh Rothanzl (184), Wynn Fangmeier (197) and Mark Lander (285).

Other wrestlers that will be competing at the Regional Tournament for the

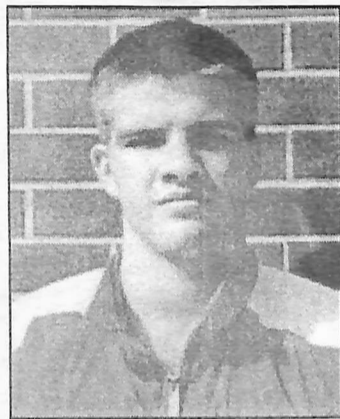
Vikings include Vern Haakenson (125), Brian Welte (149), Scott Taylor (157) and Ed Schmitt (184).

Last year the Vikings placed second initially, losing to William Penn, but eventually won the tournament by three points on a recount.

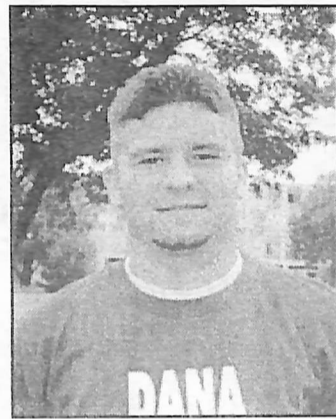
Eight have already qualified for the national tournament



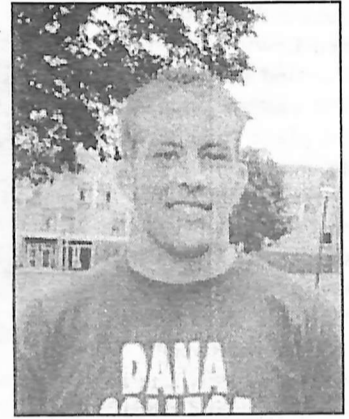
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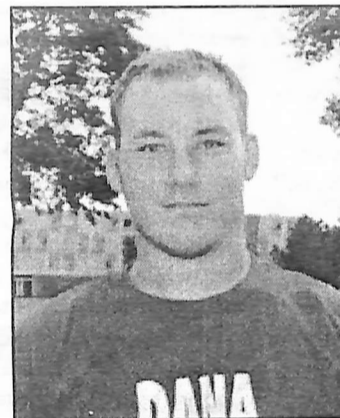
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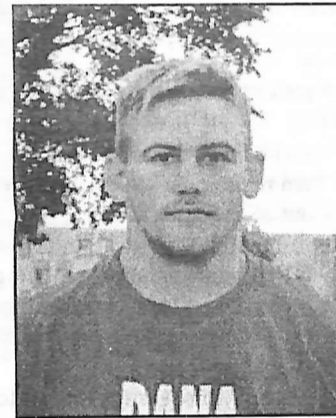
Leister Bowling, 165



Art Castillo, 174



Josh Rothanzl, 184



Wynn Fangmeier, 197



Mark Lander, 285

The tournament will be held here at Dana on Saturday, Feb. 22, in the Borup Coliseum, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Indoor track team 2003:

after the Prairie Wolf Invitational, gearing for GPAC championships

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The indoor track team recently competed at the Prairie Wolf Invitational at Lincoln, Nebr., on February 14.

The field of teams included Nebraska-Kearney, Nebraska, Doane, Hastings, Concordia, Simpson, Emporia State and Northwest Missouri.

The Vikings had several place-winners, including a second place finish by Stephanie Collins in the 1000 meter run, coming in with a time of 3:01.22.

The men's team had a few higher finishes, including a second place finish by Garry Clark in the 600 yard run. Clark also placed fifteenth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.80 seconds, just behind Chris Humphries's fourteenth place finish with a final time of 22.77 seconds.

Travis Hines was also a double placer for the Vikings, placing fifth in the long jump and tenth in the triple jump, jumping 21-08.75, and 43-00.50, respectively.



Senior 1000 meter racer Stephanie Collins. Courtesy of Dana Track.

Allan Wagner ran a very sharp one-mile time of 4:25.16, placing eighth to lead the Viking distance team.

In the shot put, Matt Maltby earned tenth, hurling the 16 pound weight 50-08.00 feet on his best throw.

The Vikings will look to place well tomorrow when they compete among fierce competition at the GPAC championships in Sioux Center, IA.

The Vikings currently have eight qualifiers for nationals, including Tiffany Poole, Chenel Sanders, Marcie Smidt, Collins, Hines, Maltby, Humphries and Clark. The Vikings could put a few more into this category after this weekend.

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