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## Student Body Government Candidates

### State Positions



**Lorny Rasmussen**

#### — V. P. —

The formation of an information board is one of the goals of Lorny Rasmussen, the candidate for student body Vice-President. The Information Board which he hopes to form, if elected, will consist of student, faculty and administration representatives. Their job will be to help clarify the position of the administration for students wishing information. The board will help stop rumors and let the students really know what is going on. Questions dealing with the distribution of money, what is being done to recruit students as well as any other problems will be answered for the students.

Lorny feels that the biggest problem facing Dana is apathy. He feels that much progress has been made with this problem in the last year, however. If the students are unhappy they should use the student government instead of means that have shown no results in the past. By working with the students he feels that something can be done to improve awareness and lessen the polarization that can spring up.

Lorny would like to remind Dana students that they can do their part and use their influence by voting in the elections.

#### Gene Wulf - Treas.

Gene Wulf is the unopposed candidate for the office of treasurer. Because of his past associations with the Student Senate, Gene feels that his desire to be of service to the students and his encounters with student problems qualifies him for the office. This past year Gene was on the committee set up by the Senate to investigate accounting procedures. He is presently a member of Alpha Chi and The Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

As a member of the executive council, if elected, Gene hopes to give as much help as he can to the president. The fact that Gene is an accounting major should be

This is a special campaign issue of the Hermes published so that the information concerning the Student Body Elections is available to all students. The regularly scheduled Hermes will be published Monday so that election results can be announced.

The Student Body Elections are to be held tomorrow. With this special issue of the Hermes the candidates are presented to the students for evaluation. Though there are only six candidates for the four offices it is hoped that interest in these most important offices is generated so that last year's voting record of more than 600 students voting can be equaled or passed. The candidates are: President, Bob Ehmen, Arno Neben; Vice-President, Lorny Rasmussen; Secretary, Sue Dountas, Judy Potter; Treasurer, Gene Wulf.

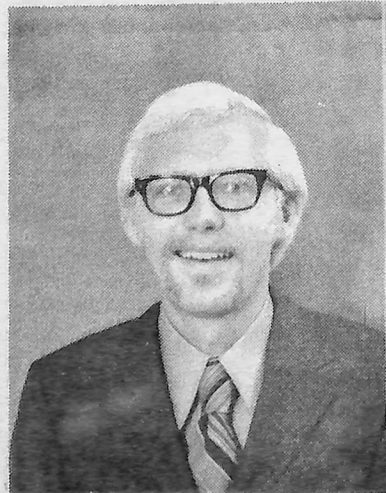
#### Neben - Ehmen Debate Campus Issues

Wednesday evening, March 31, the two Student Body Presidential candidates Bob Ehmen and Arno Neben, held a debate so that the students could hear the candidates' opposing views on issues raised by the students.

An issue that resulted in debate between the audience and Arno Neben was Arno's plan for establishing a student seminar program dealing with recruitment. He advocated the use of the Student Activity Dues to finance and pay wages for students to go to their home town high schools and recruit. It was pointed out by a number in the audience that using student dues for recruiting would only cut down on improvements

that could be made on the campus and that these improvements would encourage present Dana students to talk up the college without the incentive of wages.

Bob Ehmen stated that he be-



considered, for the treasurer is responsible for more than \$25,000 in student funds.



**Sue Dountas - Sec.**

An impressive background of experience constitutes the backbone of the campaign for student body secretary staged by Sue Dountas, a 19 year-old sophomore from Blair. Sue, who has worked for the admissions office, is secretary of S.A.M., cites these and her summer experience as secretary for an optometrist as proof of her capability for the office.

Along with the task of doing secretarial work, Sue believes that because of the position on the executive council that the secretary holds, the candidate should also be active in student activities and have a good idea of the wants and opinions of the student body. As a floor leader, member of the Dorm Council, and a member of next year's Homecoming committee, Sue feels that she is aware of the problems and opinions of the students.

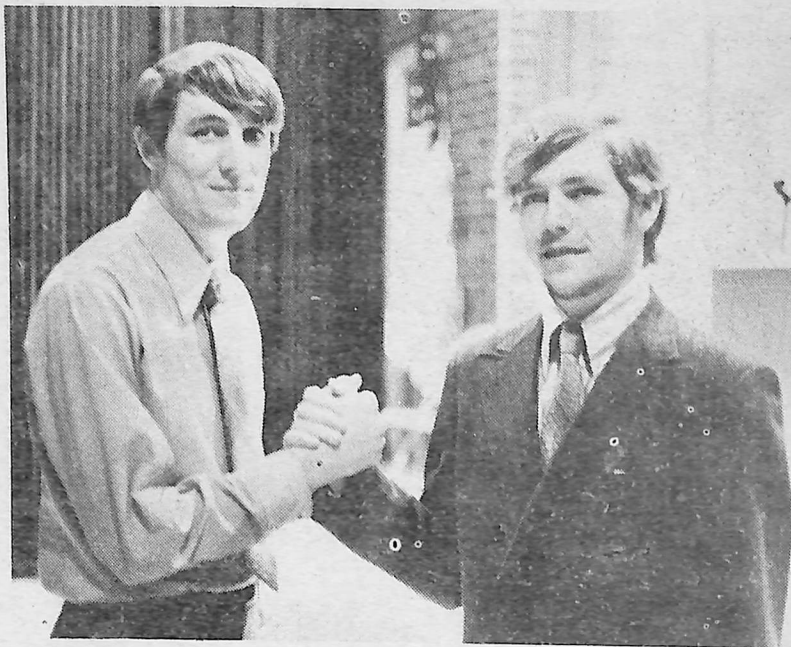
One of the areas that needs to be improved is the communication between students, the administration and the senate. Sue hopes to improve this area if elected.

believes students are the best ambassadors the college could find but he opposes the idea of using Student Dues to fund the work of the Public Relations and Admissions Departments.

Both candidates advocated a re-organization of the campus court system. Arno Neben suggested that a work program on campus beautification program would be much better than dorming students for breaking rules.

In the area of finances Arno stated that with the Student Dues increase he would like to see part of the projected \$30,000 used for his idea of a recruitment seminar with an increase in organizations funds also.

Bob stated that he would allot more money to the smaller organizations on campus in order for them to increase their activities. He hopes to give a substantial amount of financial assistance to the Human Rights and Concerns committee, which he feels has its potential of becoming a very effective organization.



**Arno Neben - Bob Ehmen - Pres.**

"We must crack down on destruction of college property by setting definite penalties for the courts to use." This is just one goal sought by Arno Neben, a candidate for Student Body President. Arno has also called for the following points to be instigated: 1. Hours extended for the Head, Library and Bookstore. 2. Revamp Maintenance Department. 3. Help smooth the transition for President Madsen's replacement. 4. Create a corps of student recruiters to act as ambassadors for the college.

As secretary for Kappa Chi, a past member of the Student Senate and a member of campus court for three years, Arno believes that he has the experience and know-how to involve more students and end apathy on the campus.

Arno feels that with a policy of non-violence he can carry out his motto of "Sound Off-Build Dana."

#### Judy Potter - Sec.



An awareness of the problems facing Dana is just one quality that Judy Potter, a Sophomore Education major, cites when explaining her candidacy for Student Body President. Judy is experienced in shorthand and typing which she has used the past two years as a member of the Hermes staff. This year as Associate Editor of the Hermes she feels that her contact with students, faculty and administration have been a great asset for better understanding Dana's problems.

Judy has had an avid interest in politics, both national and local, as well as concern for the ecology movements that have been gaining ground in the last few years.

If elected, Judy states that she hopes to do her part to help Dana become what it should be, a school for learning, a school for the Students.

Don't let the future scare you -- it's just as shaky as you are.

It takes a lot of endurance to make up for bad judgement.

"Your needs, your wants, your rights. He cares . . . Bob Ehmen for President." This is the campaign slogan used by the 19 year old Sophomore from Beatrice, Nebraska, who is running for the office of Student Body President. Bob feels that a concentrated effort should be made to improve the academic area by introducing more independent studies. "Students are here at Dana for an education; social life is second."

Bob cites his ability to work with students and faculty and his concern for the present as well as our future as qualifications that should be considered.

His platform goals are to instigate a key system for girls and improve the academic situation.

He is also in favor of a "pass-fail" grading system for P. E. Along the line of communication Bob feels that one very positive step would be to have the business office send to the students a detailed budget so that the students know where and how their money is spent.

He feels that as a student "who cares," the channels of communication will always be open. For he is willing to come to the students, find out their needs and concentrate on reform that will help each individual Dana student.

#### Library Displays

##### Burford Art

Byron Burford, one of the world's finest artists, will be on the Dana campus April 22nd in connection with a special events function. Burford is very highly recognized for his talent. To show this, he has been the recipient of the Guggenheim, Rosenwald, Ford, National Institute of Arts and Letters, and American Federation of Arts Awards. He has taught at the University of Iowa, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and California College of Arts and Crafts.

His exhibit is now in the library auditorium. It includes a number of pictures which are silk screens. On the day Burford is here, there will be an informal meeting in the library lobby where he will answer any questions anyone might have about his works.





by Rick Mitz

Student Government?

Whatever happened to student government?

If used to be something solid, something which would involve well-groomed and idealistic law students. They got into student government not so much to change the system, but to instigate a few services for students and, if nothing else, to further their own careers. . . . something to dash down on the old dossier.

Whatever happened to student government?

"Nothing," responds a girl who worked with the National Student Association for many years. "Things have changed," she says, "but, for the most part, student government is as ineffectual as ever."

Whatever happened to student government?

"Oh, they're still mouthing off here," a University of Texas coed told me. "This is a very rural, very unprogressive school. Our student government's working to lower the tuition. But it's not going to work. Student government just has no bearing on anything."

And a student at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota said: "I didn't even know we had a student government," he quipped---or, at least I think he quipped. "And, if we do have one, it's sure not doing anything to help me. I still can't find a place to park and rent is still too high---so what good is it, anyway?"

"Our student government is---well, let's just say it's, ah, dormant," said a former student government leader at San Diego State College in California. "The student leaders here used to be all, well, you know, all politically concerned with national and international issues. But the students wanted more services. So now the student government's getting back to student issues---and the students don't think that's relevant. You can't win."

It doesn't look good for student government. But did it ever? Its history in the past ten years shows that it's been laden with confusion and ambiguity, going through new trends and ideologies that have led to its present mixed-up state.

During the early '60s, student government concerned itself only with student services, things that would immediately please and benefit the student populace. The list included alleviating crowded parking problems, establishing

record and book-co-ops, augmenting housing and food services, getting money for programs such as homecoming, freshman orientation and student discount cards.

But while that student government was service oriented, leaders all over the country asked questions: are students just students? Should they also be considered citizens or a special interest group? Should students get involved in issues of national and international political scope?

The question was answered in 1965. The infamous Student Power movement began organizing. Today, Student Power is just another memory of the past, something that will one day join the ranks of Free Huey, Dump Johnson and Keep Cool with Coolidge.

But for about three years, Student Power was a hot issue: the darling of the student leaders; the pet project of many student governments. The Student Power movement was issue-oriented rather than service-oriented. It pushed for student representation on college committees, minor reform in the classroom, course evaluation, "free universities," and some community involvement. Today these matters seem almost passé, but six years ago they were innovative.

And then in 1968 came the elections. And with them came the Eugene McCarthy campaign, in itself a political student-youth movement. Students forgot about their hopes for classroom reform and focused their idealistic attention upon the state of the nation.

During this highly political period, for the first time, student leaders were joined by student masses. It was truly a People's struggle, and all kinds of students were brought together to rally for a common cause. This decline of the student leader has held true for many campus causes. As students take over the administration building, Official Student government leaders fade into the crowd and non-official leaders emerge.

"Things are different now," said a student at the University of California in Berkeley. "Nobody listens to the student government people. It's dead. Student government is dead. We pick our own leaders---and they don't necessarily have to be elected."

In an era when government is frowned upon, denounced by students for being fraudulent and hypocritical, it follows that students don't want elected leadership

that's bureaucratic---all talk and no action.

"When students have needs that have to be met," the Berkeley sophomore said, "we make sure that our needs are known. We don't need some elected student body president to do that. There are other ways."

And those "other ways" --- the sit-ins, the silent protests, the picketing---are all well-known. Along with sororities, fraternities and flagpole sitting, student government looks as if it, too, will soon be buried.

As colleges and universities are getting larger and less personal, it's gotten increasingly difficult for any student leader to represent The People. Students are impatient. They want action like instant coffee and aren't willing to wait around for the pot to perk. Students don't want to be considered a large mass labeled Student Body. The emphasis is on individualism.

These are the times of the anti-hero---not the days of the polished and neat young law student who can sit back and pontificate about student representation, Student Power and more parking space.

There always will be student leaders. And students will continue to pick their leaders. But not necessarily at election time.

## S.A.M. Tapes To Be Shown Monday

The Business Administration Department of Dana College in cooperation with the local chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management (S.A.M.) has made arrangements to present a videotape replay of the four major addresses given at the recent Annual S.A.M. Seminar. Television monitors will be set up in the informal atmosphere of the Presidents Room of the Campus Center on Monday evening, April 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Presentation times will be:

7:30-7:50  
Mr. David N. Wise, Manager, Production Planning, Mine Safety Appliances Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - "Managers and Their Effect Upon People"

7:50-8:30  
Mr. Charles Richards, Batten, Batten, Hudson & Swab, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa - "Countdown - 1972"

8:30-9:15  
Mr. Louis A. Seiberlich, Jr., Corporate Director Training & Development, Manpower, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin - "Appraisals - People, Personality, and Political Pacification"

9:15-10:00  
Mr. Warren E. Avis, American Behavioral Science Training Laboratories, Detroit, Michigan - "Management and The Behavioral Sciences"

Anyone interested in viewing the addresses of these outstanding nationally recognized businessmen is invited to attend any or all of the Monday evening presentation.

## Dana Represented In Alpha Chi National Council

By Kathy Ryan

The third weekend of March meant a trip to the National Alpha Chi Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, for John Leitel, Karen Mander, Lorny Rasmussen, Kathy Ryan, and faculty sponsor, Mr. Richard Jorgenson. The theme of the convention was "The Honor Student as a Participant in Life." Alpha Chi members were invited to submit papers on this topic or any other topic of their choosing. Papers submitted by John and Kathy were accepted for reading at the convention.

The group left Dana early in the morning of the 18th, and after a night spent at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, continued on to Memphis. They arrived about noon at the Holiday Inn, where the convention was held, and attended a general meeting. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Edwin W. Gaston, the president of the National Council of Alpha Chi. That meeting was followed by the reading of papers submitted by the students and the performance of musical members. A total of thirty papers and presentations were given during the convention. Alpha Chi will select eight of the papers for publication in their Recorder.

The student program was followed by a banquet, after which the convention members were entertained by the "Belles and Beaux" of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. Their program was followed by discussion groups. The sponsors formed one group and the students another. The problems and purposes of Alpha Chi, criticisms of the convention, and changes in the Recorder were among the topics discussed. The regions each held a caucus to nominate members to the five student positions on the National Council. Region IV, to which Dana belongs,

nominated Lorny Rasmussen of Dana and Mark Hanna of Westmar.

Early Saturday morning, the regional meetings were held. The president of Region IV is Dr. John Chellevold, who presided over the regional meeting. It was decided to hold the regional meeting in March of 1972 at Wartburg College. The amount of money to spend for traveling expenses was determined. Region IV also voted to use their money to get members to meetings rather than to set up a scholarship fund.

The regional meetings were followed by a second student program of papers and presentations. At this time, John and Kathy presented their papers, entitled, "The Development of the Greek Atomic Theory" and "The Relationship of Poverty to Social Problems," respectively.

The last general meeting followed. Reports from regions, committees and the national officers were given and approved. The official delegate and the faculty sponsor from each chapter represented voted for the National Council members from the nominations made the preceding evening. The Nebraska Beta Chapter (Dana) is proud to announce that Laurence Rasmussen was elected to this council. This is quite an honor when one realizes that only five students are elected for the National Council. Congratulations, Lorny!

The remainder of the day was spent seeing Memphis, and then the group began the long trip back to Dana. The Convention was very much worthwhile and the delegates brought back with them a greater understanding of what Alpha Chi is all about, some new ideas for the chapter, and a National Council member.

## The Long Climb.....

A recent visit to 4th floor Old Main proved to be quite a memorable experience for this non-artistic reporter. The atmosphere that is found up there is one completely unique to any elsewhere on this entire campus. The antiquity and remoteness of the floor create by themselves an awesome yet almost sacred sensation to even the simplest of observers, like myself. But, there is much more to 4th floor Old Main than warped wood and creaky floors.

After a lite rally breathtaking climb up the 51 steps to reach that hallowed place, one can immediately discern the difference between the mood on this floor and the moods found on others. After lightly stepping across a hallway, one enters 401, a large, almost formidable room---a little realm away from the rest of the world for Dana art students. The room is not clean and spotless; it is not ostentatious or elegant; nor is there an academic atmosphere anywhere to be found. And those are not the only beautiful things about it. It seems to almost relax and soothe one's whole being, artist and nonartist alike.

At the present, many art students are working on a type of art work known as the "batik". It is a method of dying designs on cloth by coating with removable wax the parts not to be dyed. Scattered on a large table were some 12 odd buckets of various dyes, all quite potent in their colors, as spots on

the floor, sink, and table gave evidence to. Several students were sitting about, crouched tenaciously over their cloths and carefully applying melted wax onto the desired areas. The hands of these young artists lent obvious clues as to the nature of their work, for hand colors ranged from deep purple to bright yellow.

A few were in the process of dying their cloths. With hands and cloth totally immersed in the dyes, little care did they give to how much dye remained on themselves, but rather they were more concerned with the unadorned and unique beauty that they could create for all to share. They were relaxed; they were proud of what they were doing, dye on hands and all; and most of all, they enjoyed doing it. And that, I found, was the beauty of 4th floor Old Main---young artists, gathered together out of love for what they were doing, surrounded by the peace and serenity that the venerable and antiquated floor represented.

If anyone would like to share in that peace, just climb those 51 stairs, open your eyes, and look around. I guarantee you'll feel a sensation up there unlike any you've ever felt before. But, per chance, if you don't feel any different after that long climb, then simply turn around and descend the 3 flights. You won't have lost anything for the effort but your breath . . .

## Applications Needed For Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee has the responsibility of granting fourteen of the scholarships listed in the catalog to students who are currently attending Dana. In the past, it has been the policy of the Committee to consider every student who appeared to be eligible for each one of the scholarships. Because there is always a possibility that some eligible person will be overlooked, or that information available to the Committee for determining who should be granted the scholarship will be inadequate, the Scholarship Com-

mittee has decided that this year it would be better to consider only those who apply for the scholarships and who provide the information needed by the Committee for a sound decision. This year a student must apply in order to be considered for any of these scholarships.

For the convenience of students interested in these scholarships, the Scholarship Committee has developed a mimeographed application form to be used in applying for them, together with a list of

the scholarships with the basic data for each one in brief form. This form is available at the Business Office, in PM106, and at the Information Desk in the Campus Center for any student that desires to apply.

These scholarships are awarded this spring to be applied to next year's tuition and costs at Dana.

The application form for one (or more) of these scholarships must be returned to Dr. Rasmussen, PM206, by not later than Tuesday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m.

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