

# HERMES

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## New Staff Members What They Are Really Like

by Sherry Borglum

I was asked to talk to the new Dana staff members so that I could share something more with you about these people--something beyond the skeleton basics you can find in a news article about them, something to bring them more into focus as the persons they are. I couldn't have asked for a more exciting assignment. These people have so much to contribute, both in their official roles and as themselves. All of them expressed how happy they are to be here and part of Dana, in fact, Mrs. Johnson asked me to be sure and say that she is very proud to be here.

Dr. John Bienz from Indiana, professor of English, is a very interdisciplinary person. He attended both Concordia College in Michigan and the University of Michigan so that he could experience the big school as well as the small. A history major, "because history includes everything", he found he was more interested in the history of art and literature. After graduating, he taught seventh grade for a year in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and then entered the graduate school at Indiana University. He had a hard time deciding between a degree in English or art history, having been accepted in both programs, but finally chose English. Naturally his dissertation talked not only about George Herbert, but brought in art and history as well. He reads a lot, and especially enjoys traveling. He and his wife, Rosemary, who teaches Reading and Study Skills here at Dana,

have done extensive traveling because of his love for art history. As he put it, they see the museums in the States, and go to Europe (where they have been three times) for the real things.

Dean Jennifer Johnson finds it very exciting to be here since her previous life has been centered in Ohio. She spent her life as an undergraduate student at Bowling Green University, and then taught fourth grade in Defiance, Ohio, for two years. She really enjoyed this job, and acquired a pet stuffed squirrel at the same time. After completing graduate work, and before coming here, she went to Findley College, Ohio, in a coordinating and counseling job. As a certified scuba diver, she has been in a number of expeditions off various coasts of Florida, and helped teach it at Bowling Green. She enjoys singing very much, and has performed with the Ohio Youth Choir in the Rose Bowl and Macy's parade, and in Europe. A music minor while in school, she plays the clarinet and piano, sings for weddings and funerals, and also writes some of her own music. Her next plans are to teach herself to play the guitar and the accordion, and to down-hill ski outside of Michigan. She has also entertained with a dance studio in ballet and tap. One of her philosophies is to be as much of a person as possible, and to let it show--she feels it is healthy for people to see her in roles other than her official ones.

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## Bowman To Speak In DHA Tonight

On Friday, September 24, the Dana Chapter of the American Scandinavian Foundation and the Department of History will present a lecture by Francis J. Bowman, Professor Emeritus (History). Professor Bowman's talk, "Better Left Unsaid--Scandinavian Historians and Other Sensitive Subjects", will be presented at 8:00 in DHA. His lecture will be followed by the election of chapter A.F.S. officers and an informal coffee hour.

Professor Bowman has studied at Augustana College and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He is a former faculty member at both Southern California University and the State College of Washington at Pullman. He has done extensive research in Europe, and has written numerous articles and reviews in the Scandinavian history field. Professor Bowman has also been a guest lecturer in Sweden, Finland and the United States.

## Campus Organizations Need Help

by Lori Nielsen

As editor of the *Sower*, I am asking for your help and support in making this year's issue one filled with exceptionally good creative writing and art work as well as original music compositions and photography. The *Sower* is an anthology of student poetry, prose, art and music published annually in the spring. Anyone can submit works, so be thinking about what you would like to contribute. We will be organizing a staff this fall, but you have until next semester to be creative. The deadline for submission of works will be sometime in early March. If you would like to be on the staff or have any questions, get in touch with me, Lori Nielsen, box No. 627, ext. No. 236.

If you haven't yet discovered Parnassus, you should. If you have, you may be interested in being a Parnassus volunteer. The Humanities department appreciates volunteers who will do a variety of things such as sitting at the desk in Parnassus during the day, correcting

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## Dana Begins 92nd Year

by Karla Bergstraessen

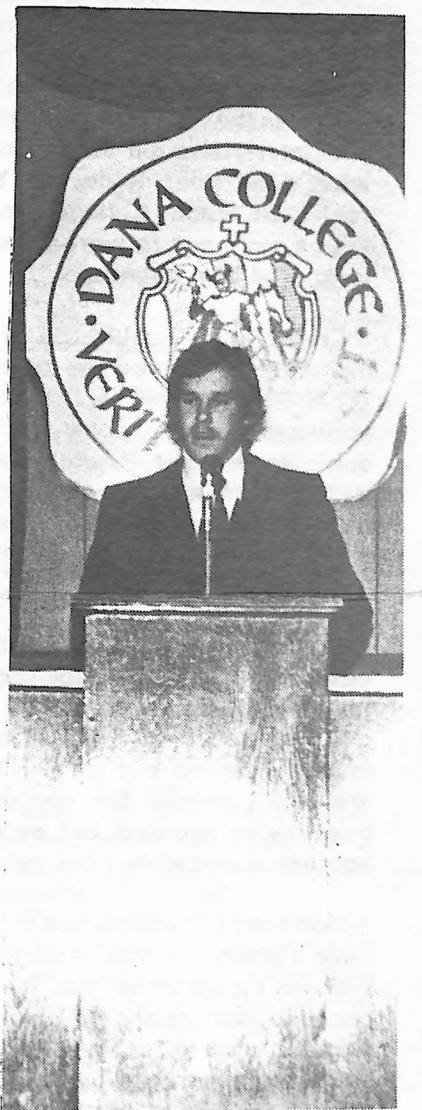
Open Convocation was held in observance of the beginning of Dana's 92nd academic year. Main speaker for the morning convocation, held September 9 in Alumni Memorial Auditorium, was President Earl R. Mezoff. He called for a deeper appreciation of the Dana campus and for continued improvements.

Mezoff's installation of student officers and senate was responded to by Dennis Downard, student body president. Downard outlined the duties of the student government and asked for more active participation in campus activities and higher achievements by all.

Special recognition was given to last year's second semester Dean's List students and this year's Regent's scholars by Dean Glass.

Processional and recessional organ music was provided by Dr. Paul Neve, who also directed the Dana College choir in the musical selection, "His Voice." The Rev. Lothar Pietz delivered the invocation and the benediction.

Following the convocation was a coffee fellowship in the Campus Center. The President's Reception was held that night with faculty, staff and students invited.



## Oxford Man Receives Doctorate

In a very special ceremony, Dr. John Nielsen of Dana College received his doctorate in theology and literature this June. The conferral took place at Oxford, England in the Sheldonian, a 17th century building by Sir Christopher Wren. The ceremony itself dated back to the 13th century and was entirely in Latin.

Dr. Nielsen's dissertation thesis was "Concept of the Divine and the Human in John Donne," with emphasis on Donne's sermons. Preceding the conferral, Nielsen was the guest of honor at a luncheon at Mansfield, his college in Oxford.

Commenting on his doctorate, Nielsen says that he thinks of the degree not as an end, but as a beginning toward more intellectual achievements.

## DBA To Sponsor Danish Day In Blair

On Saturday, October 9, the Blair Chapter of the Danish Brotherhood in America will sponsor their second annual Danish Day. Most of the activities will be held at the Blair Fire Hall, and exhibits will include the Nebraska Bi-Centennial Tapestry, Traesko (wooden shoes), weaving and spinning, rosemaling, straw art, and Danish antiques. Visitors will be entertained by a children's story hour, Dana's Danish dancers, and there will be plenty of authentic Danish food on hand including open-faced sandwiches to be sold by the Danish Club. Other highlights of the day will include a raffle of Danish plates and figurines, and two contests: one for bread baking, and one for Danish costumes. A dance will be held that evening in the Blair Fire Hall.



The Dana Players held a meeting to encourage interest in drama. These students met in the basement of AMA to discuss last year's performances and coming productions.

## Editorial

# Hermes No Match For Dana Grapevine

Dana College does not need the *Hermes* to report campus events. Dana's campus is small enough so that everyone knows what everybody else is doing, sometimes in minute detail. News of coming events is posted in the student center, on the student calendar, and on those infernal scraps of mimeographed mail. (which I am also guilty of sending.) If you have any doubts about how fast news travels, try doing something exotic in the cafeteria and wait to hear some of the stories being spread about you the next day. Sometimes I think that news travels about campus happenings at a rate faster than the campus happenings actually occur. So why do we need the *Hermes* when we already have such an advanced grapevine?

**The campus newspaper should reflect the ideas and attitudes of the people who read it. The way I see it, the *Hermes* should be one outlet for expressing student gripes and getting our problems out into the open so they can be solved. We can grumble about the food and inter-visitation among ourselves all we want, but what good does it do us? When you wake up to the reality of Dana College, you realize that to change things you have to work through channels. The *Hermes* is one of our channels.**

The *Hermes* could be a terrific means of communication between the different cliques on campus if we would only use it. I meet a lot of people as I walk across campus; I know their names and faces, but I don't know their thoughts and feelings. The burning issues of Dana College don't seem to come up too often in passing conversation. Dana is supposed to be a people place, but how can it be when we really don't know each other?

**I'm hoping that people will really take advantage of our Letters to the Editor column. If something that is going on bothers you, speak up! Say what you feel and don't be afraid to write it like you mean it. Your letter must be signed but we don't have to print your name. We won't censor the content of your letter if it can possibly be avoided, but we've got to protect ourselves against a possible libel suit.**

Don't restrict yourselves to Letters to the Editor! If you have a poem that you're particularly proud of, send it in! We can't guarantee that it will be printed right away because our space is limited, but do send in your original work. We have the Ombudsman to help with student problems on our staff, so send him a letter, too.

**The *Hermes* could really take off and become a great newspaper if people would get involved. We've got an excellent staff this year with some great writers, so give us a break. A good staff is only half the battle. Our responsibility is to report the news; your responsibility is to make it. The *Hermes* isn't Priscilla's or my newspaper. We don't claim it and neither does the staff. We have no right to, because the *Hermes* involves everyone on campus. We've got the potential to become a good newspaper this year, but without student involvement, we're nowhere. Help us make the *Hermes* a paper that says what you think.**

### A Tear and a Smile

I would not exchange the sorrows of my heart for the joys of the multitude. And I would not have the tears that sadness makes to flow from my every part turn into laughter. I would that my life remain a tear and a smile.

Kahlil Gibran

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Nancy Dodd, reference librarian, received her degree in German from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and her masters in library science from the University of Denver. She has been working the last three years in an office in a small town in western Colorado. A snow lover, she was a member of the Colorado Mountain Club and enjoys hiking and skiing. She just learned to snowshoe, and loves it. She sews, does crafts like knitting and macrame, and really enjoys cooking--she bakes bread and is just discovering natural foods for herself. She is taking Danish here, not only because she enjoys languages, but because she hopes it will help her become an asset in a library with as many Danish works as ours. An avid reader, she "guesses it just follows" with a job like hers. This is almost as far East as she has ever been, and admits that the eastern portion of the country is somewhat unknown and undefined to her, much like a foreign country.

Dr. Verlon Hanson, registrar, is originally from Somers, Iowa. He has always been involved with education, having taught junior and senior high history, social studies, English, and biology. He was a counselor in California and taught education courses at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and at Buena Vista College in Iowa. His most recent position was as a counselor in North Platte, here his wife Helga is an elementary teacher (she will be moving to Blair when she can). He has three children--Al, who graduated from Dana last spring, Duane, and Lisa, who is still in high school. He has always enjoyed traveling, and has been in most parts of the U.S. as well as having lived on both coasts. He traveled through eastern Asia, Japan, and the Phillipines while in the Navy, and visited Finland and the USSR with a group studying comparative education. He used to participate in dramatics, and enjoys music, bands, and concerts. He is interested in many sports, but is mainly a spectator now--not having much time to participate anymore. He feels that now he doesn't do much of anything but work, which he enjoys very much.

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson, head resident of Rasmussen Hall, has until now always pursued her life's interest--working with the handicapped. She has worked with all types--the blind, deaf, and physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially handicapped. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from UNL, and her masters in special education from UNO. She worked for ten years as a speech clinician at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and then at the Child Study Center at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She has been a medical social worker, a special education teacher, has worked for the Lutheran Family Placement Center, and has taught speech to pre-school and adult deaf persons in Iowa and Michigan. The last two years she taught social studies at the men's reformatory in Lincoln, and enjoyed it very much. Her only reason for quitting teaching was becoming sixty-five--but she knew she wasn't going to retire. She feels that the two most important elements in life

# "Fiddler" Starts Production

by Jean Hansen

The cast and crews for *Fiddler on the Roof* have started work for their Nov. 12, 13, and 14 production dates.

Starring in the lead roles are Tim Waggoner, Tevye; Susan Adams, Golda; Dennis Preston, Motel; Mary Heistaf, Tzeitel; Jeanmarie Nielsen, Hodel; and Linda Bandómer, Yente; Mark Andreason, Lasar Wolf; Mike Henriksen, Perchik; Tom Kendall, Fredka; and Janis Waggoner, Chava.

Other characters include Angela Ankenbauer, Schprintze; Amy Schaefer, Bielke; Gary Beltz, Mendel; Kathy Swensen, Gramma Tzeitel; Ellen Jipp, Fruma Sarah; Jane Travnicek, Shaindel; Joe Eagen, the Fiddler; Stu Hansen, constable; Tom Pliner, innkeeper; and Scot Kirkegaard, Rabbi.

Villagers and soliders are Jim Borden, Howard Kulzer, Scot Larsen, Paul Madsen, Curt

Maschman, Kim Neve, John Skilbred and Kip Tyler.

Liz Falkner, Cristy Gronwald, Nancy Hansen, Shari Kerl, Patty Reed, and Kathie Widmark are also villagers.

Dr. Dennis Henneman and Mr. Larry Shotts are directing the cast and tech crews. Student directors are Patty Reed and Angela Ankenbauer. Amy Schaefer is in charge of choreography, with Ellen Jipp assisting.

Student director Patty Reed commented about the play, "The auditions were tough, so the quality of the cast should be exceptional. If the enthusiasm of the tech crew continues, the show is certain to be a big success."

The first rehearsal of the cast was held Monday, September 20. The tech crew met for the first time on Saturday, September 18, to wash flats and begin building onto the stage.

## Ombudsman

Howdy Danians,

This is your friendly, local Ombudsman, back for another exciting year of problem solving and question answering. My role is to be your go-between. Just write to me in campus mail about whatever hassle you have around here, and I will let you know what I find out about it in the following issue of the *Hermes*. I do not have the power to do very much about very many

things, but I can get information about the administration and staff's view on just about any topic without you becoming personally involved.

I look forward to getting all your morbid and depressing letters, and sincerely hope that this school year doesn't go perfectly so I have something to do.

So long 'til  
the next *Hermes*,  
Ombudsman

are work and love, and can't imagine life without them. She has three children--Judy in Lincoln, Janie (and two grandchildren) in Walla Walla, Washington, and Jim in Los Angeles. She has a great love for art and has always wanted to study oil painting, so she is excited about being able to take it this semester here at Dana. She loves musicals, the theater, and has been a student of ballet. She reads a great deal, and collects

books along with paintings and records. "A jazz nut" and Big Band-lover, she has over 250 records in her collection (which also includes classical). She loves to travel, and accompanied 250 music students to Europe once. She is "wild about gardening!", but says she now has to content herself with a few house plants and the tulips she has planted outside her apartment.

## The Hermes



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## News In Brief

The Dana Folk Dancers are scheduled for their first performance at the Omaha Hilton at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, September 26. Eight couples will be representing the group with Lanette Monasmith accompanying on the accordion.

High atop Pioneer Memorial, tucked away in the northwest corner of the third floor, is Dana's very own radio station. Going by the call letters of KDCV-FM, an organization of approximately 15-20 students manage Blair's only radio station, keeping it on the air an average of around 30 hours a week at the present time. Equipped with around 1000 albums and countless singles, the variety offered by KDCV ranges from religious music to disco. Stop by and visit the radio station, or if you want to why not give them a hand and work there part-time? One thing is for sure: the only way the radio station can succeed is with your help and support, so run back to the dorm and tune in to 91.1 on your FM dial!

Rush night, the evening set aside for groups and organizations to entice students to join their causes, was held Monday, September 20. The evening was termed a great improvement over last year by members of the 20 groups in attendance.

# Dana Students Dialect Unique

by Deb Schou

Have you ever considered the unique vocabulary used by Dana students? I imagine most of the freshman and transfer students have just gone through quite an orientation period. It is a time of confusion and wandering that almost convinces some students to go home.

"Where is Parnassus?" asks the timid freshman.

"In PM", replies the upperclassman.

"I thought the event was in the morning not the afternoon," the freshman remarks with a bewildered expression.

The upperclassman laughs and says "No, PM stands for Pioneer Memorial".

"Oh," the freshman replies as his face reddens. "Where is Pioneer Memorial?"

"Across the Oval," snaps the upperclassman.

The freshman pauses and quietly asks, "What's the Oval?"

"Oh, forget it!" shouts the upperclassman. "I'll take you there."

"No, don't worry," the freshman chokes. "It's 10:20, I missed the Parnassus event."

How often has this happened these past weeks? Students wander around the campus afraid to ask for directions. . . again. AMA and PM, at first, signifies morning and afternoon, for the new students. And is it true that DH is some kind of blood factor? And DHA is another genetic molecule that was discovered at Dana by the illustrious chemistry department.

But what is a Rass or a Mike? Rass sounds like something you might smoke and Mike should be on the radio station. Also, it must be difficult to get used to going to the Head for a snack rather than for relieving one's self.

Once, the student has perfected these nicknames, he can find his way around campus. But then he finds himself totally confused as upperclassmen discuss the classes. I imagine some students were shocked when they walked into Hum and discovered it was not a music class. Or that Old T and New T were not coursed in tea-tasting. Or that VD was actually a speech course. Or that Scan Lit is not a survey of world literature. Or that HEL(L) is the history of the English language.

Sometimes the discussions seem to be complete nonsense. Why does an upperclassman

add psyche (Ad. Psyche) each day? Or why would a professor want to offend a student in Contemptible Theology (Contemporary Theology)? or what is a Quant and a Micro? Or what is a Lit Crit and a Phi Sci? And, for heaven's sake, which Intro class is he going to?

Eventually, the new student can identify the courses by their nicknames. But there is nothing more embarrassing than addressing a professor and all that you remember is Juice, Pope John, King Richard, Herta, Hengy, Eugene, Clever Cliff, Smilin Arvin, Stormin Norman, Bore, Dib, Harry, Uncle Paul, G.I., Luella, Hutton the Hun, Dottie, Fish Lips, Pete, or Bernie. All you can do is blunder on and hope that he did not hear you.

Once a student has mastered this vocabulary, the biggest adjustment has been made in becoming a Dana student. And all of the outsiders remain bewildered.



## Jesus Willed us Peace

Jesus didn't leave a material inheritance when He died on the cross. When He died all He had was a robe. But He willed to His followers, the Children of God, something much more valuable, enduring, and desirable than anything else in all Creation. He willed us His peace, His love, and His way of life.

**Here at the College we have a tremendous opportunity to accept this beautiful inheritance. We can live the type of life which Christ desires for each of us. If we walk in the path which Jesus set before us, and accept His undeserved love, we will obtain His peace, something which everyone in this world of turmoil is searching for. Especially in the everyday trials of living in a campus dormitory and attending classes, we need what Christ so freely offers.**

Colossians 3:15 says, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body." We are called to be one body here at Dana. Realize that the peace which Christ gives to us is more than earthly peace. If we will look for Christ we will surely find Him, even here at college. Those who receive Him and allow Him to rule and guide their lives will be filled with His peace, which is the greatest of treasures. Peace be with you!

## Gala Debut Opens School Social Season

Freshmen members of the Saint's, Raider's, and Mooner's floors became official residents of Holling Hotel on Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00 p.m. Hosting this gala event were the upperclassmen of all three floors.

**The freshmen looked stunning in their red gym shorts, their bodies festively decorated in shades of Ben-Gay and petroleum jelly. A lot of time, care and Vaseline had been spent in preparing these gentlemen for their debut. They proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the wet-head is definitely not dead.**

They formed a processional that marched from their lavish home high atop Holling Hill down to the reception held at the student center. One couldn't help but notice their studious posture as they marched with heads bowed and hands behind their backs. The next stop on their busy social schedule was Mickelson Hall, home of their luscious female counterparts.

The ladies were festively serenaded to such catchy melodies as "Jingle Bells" and the ever popular "Good Night Sweathogs." Repeated singing brought no response, save for the shutting of windows and the locking of doors. Crushed but not defeated, the plucky lads returned home from their revelry to a much needed rendezvous with the shower.

### 1918 First

#### Hermes Appears

With everyone delving into their past on the eve of the nation's bicentennial, the Hermes takes a look at Dana's past. Here are a few bits of trivia from the last 60 years at Dana.

1918: The first issue of the Hermes was published.

1926: The Hermes had a column written solely in Danish.

1939: The late King Frederik IX of Denmark (then the Crown Prince) and his wife were visitors on the campus.

1946: The Hermes ran a series of articles on whether or not the college should be allowed to expand.

1951: Dana's enrollment "soared" to 241.

1960: Dana ended their 20 game losing streak in football by beating Yankton 7-6. The last game Dana had won was in 1957.

1962: Emmanuel and Marie Holling contributed \$200,000 toward the building of Holling Hall.

1963: Dana had an Honor student and intramural football hero on campus named Richard Jorgensen and "Pope" John Nielsen was only a simple campus pastor.

## Homecoming Plans Made

Homecoming weekend at Dana College is scheduled for October 15, 16, 17. Activities on those days include reunions, dances, football, and theatrical productions. The weekend is highlighted by a special benefit concert for Dana College by Danish musician-humorist Victor Borge. One of the busiest weekends of the year, this Homecoming promises to be something truly special. Further information concerning specific events, times, and locations will appear in the special Homecoming edition of the *Hermes* to be issued on October 15.

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Humanities tests, and sitting in Parnassus during Humanities review nights. If you are interested, come to Parnassus and leave your name or contact Lori Nielsen or Renae Johnson. We can always use new volunteers.





## Vikes Show Strong Defense At C-C Invitational

The Dana soccer team kicked off the season at the Concordia Invitational Tournament at Seward on September 11th and 12th, finishing fourth.

With only nine returnees from last year's squad, the Vikings had to rely on freshmen for several key positions, especially on offense. This proved to be a handicap for the Vikes as they were shutout twice in the tourney by Concordia Teachers and York Colleges.

In Kurt Rasmussen's coaching debut versus Concordia Saturday, the Vikes held the Bulldogs to two goals in the first half. But Concordia's players reeled off three unanswered goals in the second half to put down the Vikings.

In the return match Sunday for

third place, the Vikings had trouble putting together either an offense or a defense as York trounced them 9-0.

The nine returning players include Mike Davison, (captain), Paul Ajuoja, Christian Chimah, John Davie, Jeff Hall, Godwin Onwuezezi, Buiketlo Ponalu, Tom Sample, and Mike Winslow. New to the Vikings this year are Steve Allen, Larry Beall, Winfred Belcher, Skip Brown, Brad Ebbesen, Tom Kendall, Kent Masoner, and Phil Romer.

The "kickin' Vikes" will be playing in the Omaha Area Men's Soccer League, which will be meeting Sunday afternoons at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. They will also be playing Concordia-Seward in a game Thursday, October 21st.

## Vikings Trounce Lancers — Good Season Start

The Dana College Vikings kicked off the season Saturday, September 18th, crushing Dr. Martin Luther College by the score of 42-26.

The Vikes, under head coach Gary Seevers, started out passing as Doug Meggison hit John Hibbing for a touchdown in the early minutes to give Dana a lead they never relinquished. Ed Spicer followed with the PAT making the score 7-0. Todd Roecker followed with a tally minutes later, Spicer again kicking the extra point. Before the first quarter ended, the Vikings had racked up a 20-0 lead, thanks to a Doug Meggison counter.

Martin Luther came back with two touchdowns in the second period to tighten the gap. Following the second TD, a Lancer slipped through for the conversion, making the score 20-14 at halftime.

Showing the same spirit of the first quarter, Dana picked up 15 additional points on touchdowns by Todd Roecker and Doug Meggison. Following Roecker's tally, Spicer kicked another PAT and Meggison followed his own run-in with a pass to Tony Theilen good for the extra points. Martin Luther also tallied, but was unsuccessful in the extra point attempt, making the score 35-20 in favor of the Vikings.

Both teams came up with a touchdown in the final period, as Viking Ed Spicer made good another PAT (his fourth successful kick out of five) following a Todd Roecker touchdown to close out scoring for both teams.

Leading the Dana offense which managed 469 yards in the game, were Doug Meggison, with 155 yards passing, and Todd Roecker, gaining 120 yards. Jay Paist and Mike Herbert led the Viking defense with 35 tackles between them. Paist was credited with the best effort, blocking a punt, recovering a Lancer fumble, and sacking the quarterback three times.



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**FANTASY TO REALITY...**

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