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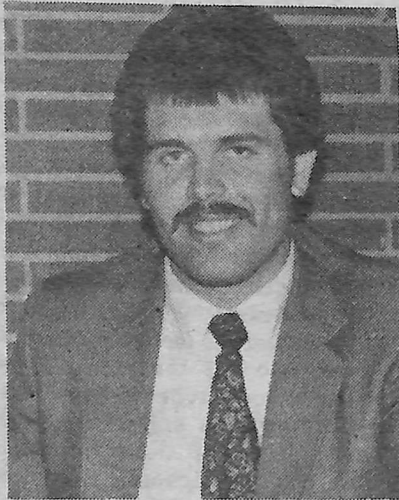
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## Urdahl Resigns as Dean of Students

by Jeff Levine

Word was recently released that Mike Urdahl will be stepping down from his position as Dean of Students at the end of this school year. Urdahl has accepted an offer from Mid-America Computers, a company affiliated with Huntel.

Urdahl will begin training for his new position on April 1. From this date until the end of the semester Dean Urdahl will make adjustments in his office hours to be on campus more in the late afternoons and early evenings. Assistant to the Dean, Jim Svoboda, will be in the student personnel office more during the daytime hours. Urdahl stressed that the efficiency of the office will not suffer during this time. Plans for a permanent replacement



have not yet been made.

Dean Urdahl said that he feels that Dana is a great place to work and go to school, but he feels that he has been offered a good opportunity with a starting industry. Urdahl mentioned that he has enjoyed his time

at Dana and will miss the people here.

Some of Urdahl's accomplishments during his two years as Dean of Students include improvements in the dorm fund and the change in vendors in the dorms. The overall condition of the dorms has improved in the time that Urdahl has been dean and vandalism in the dorms is down. Students questioned by *Hermes* expressed a general consensus that Urdahl has done a good job as Dean of Students.

Urdahl said that one of his main goals was to "make things better for the students." Urdahl also said that he hopes that he has "made some small contribution" towards improving student life and that he hopes that the situation continues to improve.

## Dutch Makes Nationals

The Dana College forensics team placed fifth out of nineteen schools that competed in the Hawk Invitational at Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, on February 11. Students who attended the event included Lesa Bishop, Kelley Dutch, Peggy Dutch, Brett Foster, Karen Jensen, Brenda Meyer, Brenda Pederson, Willy Pierson,

Dixie Lee Tripp, and Niles Vorthmann.

Peggy Dutch placed first in Poetry, which qualified her for Nationals, and sixth in After-Dinner Speaking. Miss Dutch placed first in Dramatic Interpretation with Lesa Bishop, who also placed third in Prose, and fourth in Oratory. Brett Foster placed third for Dana in After-Dinner Speaking.

## Building Progresses

by Sherri Andersen

The new Performing Arts Center at Dana is nearing completion. Dr. Kallas said the projected completion date is June 1, but he expects it to be ready, if not furnished, for visitors to tour during graduation weekend. Dr. Kallas said that it was originally to be finished by April, but inclement December and January weather slowed progress. Dr. Kallas also said that the building will definitely be ready for use in the fall.

Siegward Krueger, Director of Drama, and Paul Neve, Director of the Choir, worked with the architectural firm of Bahr, Vermeer and Haecker in the development of plans. The Harold Wright Company of Blair is the general contractor which has been in charge of construction.

The building will be brick with a windowed front facing the campus, and it will have three levels. The upper level will include the lobby area of the theater,

the ticket office and a cloak room.

There will be two doors into the theater. The rows of seats will be quite steeply terraced to provide everyone a good view of the stage. The theater will seat 450 people.

The thrust stage projects from the main stage into the audience. The seats are arranged in a semi-circle around it. Krueger said this allows greater versatility in set design and provides for greater audience-actor rapport.

The second level, or gallery level, will be at ground level to the rear of the building. It consists of a classroom, rehearsal rooms for band, choir and drama, several individual practice rooms, and offices for the music and drama staff. There will also be a large backstage area with access to the main stage.

The basement level will mainly be used for set construction, costumes and storage.

## Distinguished Alumni Return

by Randa Rodenburg and Diane Elise Hansen

Dr. Rachael Neve spoke before a capacity crowd in DHA Monday, Feb. 13, as she presented her lecture "New Discoveries, New Dilemmas: Ethical and Religious Issues in Science." Dr. Neve, a 1974 graduate of Dana, was the second in the series of Centennial Scholars speaking at Dana this month. On the following Monday, Feb. 20, Mr. Juri Taht, a 1952 Dana graduate, presented a cello recital in Parnassus to conclude the Centennial Scholar presentations for this month.

Dr. Rachael Neve

Dr. Neve is a molecular biologist currently doing post-doctoral research at The Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, which is associated with Harvard University. Her major field of interest is recombinant-DNA technology, an area of great controversy and the topic of her lecture.

Raised in Japan where her father is a missionary, Dr. Neve attended Dana from 1970 to 1974, and graduated as valedictorian with a B.A. in Humanities. While at Dana her interest turned to the study of genetics, and in 1975 she began graduate study in this area at the University of Oregon. She did further study at the

University of California-Davis, where she received her Ph.D. in 1979.

After receiving her doctorate, she did post-doctoral work at Yale University, and is presently in a post-doctoral position at the Children's Hospital Medical Center where she is doing research on the genetic expression of Down's Syndrome.

Dr. Neve's lecture centered on investigating the moral and religious implications of recombinant-DNA technologies and the question of regulating such research. She opened her lecture by explaining the basic concepts of recombinant-DNA techniques and the ways they can be used. Then she proceeded to discuss how this area of science is currently being regulated, and examined the effectiveness of present regulation.

Specific areas of concern which Dr. Neve discussed were the possible danger of releasing microbes into the environment in order to clean up oil spills or prevent frost, the social problems presented by genetic diagnostic screening techniques, and the use of gene therapy for treating diseases in somatic and germ line cells. After exploring the ethical implications of such situations, she presented a number of guidelines by which she felt recombinant-DNA research

should be regulated. Her basic emphasis was that such research should promote the essential "humanness" of both research subjects and all people whom the products of such research will affect.

The overall thrust of her talk was to make non-scientists aware of the potentials of recombinant-DNA research and to stress that scientists cannot ignore the ethical implications of their work.

Cellist Juri Taht

The third of the Centennial Scholars, Juri Taht gave a cello recital on Feb. 20 in Parnassus accompanied by Prof. Alan Brandes on the piano. Taht played pieces by assorted composers including Johannes Brahms, Henry Eccles, Robert Schumann, and David Popper, as well as an encore for the enthusiastic and receptive crowd.

Taht has played for Broadway musicals which include *My Fair Lady*, *Raisin*, *1776*, and *No, No, Nanette*. He has also played with Andre Kostelanetz, the touring Mantovani Orchestra, the American Ballet Theater, and is a member of the Don Shirley Trio and the Camelot String Quartet.

His most recent engagement was accompanying the musical *Annie* in New York which

ended last spring after a six-year run.

Taht was born in Estonia, but fled with his family to Germany shortly before WWII. There he continued the study of the cello. He came to America through the National Lutheran Federation, and later his mother and two brothers also came to the U.S.

Upon his arrival in America, the National Lutheran Federation send Taht straight to Dana, where Paul Neve saw to it that he was given lessons by Rosemary Madison, cellist for the Omaha Symphony.

Most recently, due to personal circumstances, Taht has left the field of music for a time and has joined the Voice of America. He now translates and broadcasts news and information into his native Estonia.

## Campus Clean-Up Planned

by Karen Church

Tomorrow, February 25, at 1:00 p.m., students, faculty and volunteers from the maintenance crew will join together in an effort to spruce up the campus grounds.

The plan is to pick up trash from the Borup parking lot, around Omaha Village and from around all of the other campus buildings. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and a trash sack and to join in donating one hour for a campus spring cleaning.

Refreshments will be provided by Bob Lincoln at 2:15, in the dining hall, for those who participate.

## Next U.S. Tar Baby?

by Bret O'Reilly

As of February 15, the 500 remaining marines in Beirut were surrounded on three sides by victorious Druse Militia. Attempts by the U.S. Navy off-shore to save the remnants of the Lebanese Army by nightly bombardment failed--though it did succeed in swelling the anti-Gemayel forces with the angry and homeless victims of yet another American military blunder. The Syrians, rather than being weakened by American and Israeli intimidation, have been strengthened by it and now enjoy the upper hand in deciding Lebanon's future. All of Reagan's directives in Lebanon have lost--and he is hiding from the press in the hopes he can avoid the guilt.

Peace in Lebanon is impossible on American terms. The pro-American puppet government of Amin Gemayel will fall by March unless there is a new approach.

That said, the writer would refer to history.

In 1964, President Thieu of South Vietnam led an unpopular, pro-American, minority government on the verge of collapse. His country was at war with factions within itself. His army was beaten. In desperation he turned to the U.S.

President Johnson agreed to save Thieu as part of the greater superpower game (you arm one side, we'll arm the other) and as part of America's policy of "containment." To gain the

time and support in Congress (for increased aid to South Vietnam) lies were told. Lies about the strength of the Viet Cong and the communist north. Lies about the determination of an oppressed people to be free of foreign domination. The possible long term effects of becoming involved in what was really a civil war--and therefore deeper than political ideologies--was overlooked. With characteristic ignorance of conditions, the American Vietnam policy was embarked.

1964 was an election year. The Vietnam problem had become a messy issue and a political stain on the "image" of the incumbent and was being exploited by his conservative opponent in the press as a weakness. A weakness, Goldwater charged, that would signal to our (the Nation's) enemies, and our allies, a lack of resolve. Johnson's answer then, for the sake of votes, was more aid, more weapons, more planes, and American combat troops, lest the Republic of South Vietnam fall, and with it the presidency of L.B.J.

Ol' Brer Rabbit, he don't deesided t' beat dat ol' tarbaby 'til it minded. And 50,000 young men were dead, and our nation was divided, when finally the folly was realized.

There is more here than a historical analogy, and this writer feels that to be self-evident. Except for time and place, we stand in the same situation that embroiled us in Vietnam not so long ago.

If Reagan withdraws from Beirut, even to the ship off-shore, America will lose her executive prestige and support from important allies who will question her credibility. Her backside will be turned to terrorists for the second time in twenty years, not a good reflection on the "cowboy" president elected for his "toughness." Like Johnson before him, Reagan is stuck to a collapsing government he chose to support on bad advice. And now, facing re-election and pressure from his opponents, the press, his own party, and the situation itself, he may have to escalate the American presence or face political suicide.

Chances are he'll make the self-advantageous decision, as Johnson did. He'll do whatever he needs to do to shore up his "image" and give him votes. And that, people, is precisely the aspect of the problem that brings the Vietnam analogy, and possibility, to life.

This writer would warn that the fears expressed above are not idle comparison; Reagan has already gone so far as the brink. He has said that if we withdraw from Lebanon "... the Marines who died there will have died in vain..." Quite true, but let us not forget that it was his vanity they died for. Indeed, America cannot escape from Lebanon clean - not now. But can she bear the repetition of history? Can we afford to be so blind again?

## The Attendance Policy Being There

by Randa Rodenburg

Should Dana students be required to go to class? No, I say (in direct opposition to the administration's policy). Why not? Because it encourages bad teaching. Let me explain.

Dana's stated attendance policy is that "students are expected to be present for all classes. There are no excused absences." Provisions are made for illness and special events like athletic competitions, but the point is that you have to go to class and you can be punished if you don't.

As long as this policy is not taken to extremes it does not present too many problems for the average student who only misses a few classes per semester. Most of us can live with it. However, problems with the attendance policy arise for those students (and we all know at least one or two) who skip classes frequently. It's easy to say that these are not serious students, and they deserve to suffer the consequences of their actions. But this ignores the basic question of why must a student attend every class.

Class lectures are a means for professors to impart knowledge to the eager ears of students and to explain concepts in the text which require extra commentary. This is the right and proper role of a lecture. But why punish students if they don't attend? If anything of value is being presented in the lectures, this would show up in the tests, and students who didn't attend class will suffer for it when they cannot answer those test questions.

This is the crux of the matter, because now the question can be raised: Is there anything of value being presented in the lectures? All too often the answer is no.

Some professors are merely content to summarize the text, adding no new ideas or information but just going over things that the students were supposed to have already read. Others spend class time "professing" their own personal views to the students, views which may or may not appear on any test, in lectures which may or may not contain any useful information.

These are the kinds of lectures that the more diligent and less tolerant students abhor as a waste of time and money. If students were not compelled to attend class, under threat of lowered grades, professors who thought they could get away with teaching classes this way would find themselves facing classrooms empty of their best students, who would only drop by to take tests, which could be easily passed simply by doing the required reading.

Good professors, on the other hand, would have no problem with attendance, because their lectures would be rich with material and explanations of great value to students. Without this information, passing the tests would be very difficult.

By forcing attendance, regardless of the quality of lectures, the administration is simply encouraging bad teaching in the form of worthless lectures. And who does this benefit? No one.

## Program Does Not Compute

by Sean Stuart Stokely

In the recent feature "At Dana, the Focus Is on the Second Century" in the Omaha World-Herald's *Magazine of the Midlands* (February 12, 1984), President Kallas stated, "Who would have thought 15

years ago that computer programming was going to be a major marketing thing?"

I am uneasy and disagree with this statement.

Fifteen years ago computer programming was a major marketing device for colleges wealthy enough to finance computer use. Today, elementary and secondary schools can afford and do offer classes in computer programming. Such classes were economically out of the reach of institutions such as Dana only a few years ago.

Along with a reachable cost factor, many state-of-the-art computer systems, such as Apple's newly released Macintosh, do not demand programming skills from the user. One does not need to know how to direct today's systems; one only needs to know how to use the computer creatively.

If Dana's computer department focuses on programming as a marketing device, Dana will find itself falling behind in the computer field.

First and second grade students in many elemen-

tary school systems are presently taking programming courses in LOGO - a language far superior to the outdated languages Dana has to offer. When these students choose higher education institutions ten years from now they will not consider colleges which exclusively offer programming courses. They will attend schools which emphasize computer use such as system analysis, simulation, word processing, graphics, and database management.

And what about the students who are currently taking the programming courses BASIC and FORTRAN in high school today? Will they consider attending a college which can only offer them the same classes their high schools had to offer? I think not.

If Dana is looking for a marketing device from the computer science department, Dana must look beyond its first century. Creative computer use will be the marketing device of higher education institutions in Dana's second century.

## Letters to the

Dear Editor:

This writer would like to inform the author of *A Decade of Futility: Remember '71?* that Dana College does indeed have a football program. Judging from the article mentioned above and past articles in the *Hermes*, it is apparent that certain members of the *Hermes* staff have dedicated themselves to the eradication of football program from Dana College. This writer wishes to express a different opinion.

First of all, a desire is present among the students to have a football program. If you need confirmation of this, you should take a poll of all the students. Also, if you wish to see this desire in action, I suggest that you go to the gym at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or the weight room on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

afternoons. You will see enough desire to convince most people.

Secondly, let's talk reality. The money Dana College spends on football is a laughable amount when compared to other colleges of the same size. The football team itself, without any outside help worked to raise the money to buy all the new weight equipment. The new centennial jerseys were paid for by each player out of his own pocket. The only two meals eaten after away games last season were not even partially funded by the college.

Third, in this writer's opinion, Mr. Calvert is as qualified to teach Physical Education as the author of *A Decade of Futility...* is to edit the *Hermes*. Also, some of the professors at Dana have excellent credentials to teach, but that does not

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# Languages: Going, Going, Gone?

by Terri Pedersen

Students of Dana College, your so-called "liberal arts" education is in danger of becoming a "restricted arts" education.

In a recent meeting between Dean Hanson and President Kallas, a petition was placed before them asking for a continuation of classes in the French

language and a halt to the phasing out of both the French major and minor. Sadly to say, this proposal was turned down.

At this meeting it was suggested that French and Spanish be offered every other year, which means that someone who may want to take only one of these languages will have to wait

for a year. Then they may not be able to fit it in, or lose interest because of the unavailability of the language. This would subsequently limit the broad-based education our college is so proud of.

The reasons given for deleting the French program were that it has not shown any growth. I would like to see the figures from other departments to see what kind of growth they have experienced with the college's enrolment declining. Well, I may not have those numbers, but I do have figures from the language departments. They are talking about cancelling and limiting French and Spanish, which have an enrolment of 17 and 14, respectively. Also, the French enrolment has practically doubled since Mrs. Brown began teaching here.

We are not asking at this time that the administration reinstate the French major. At this moment more recruiting needs to be done to get language students interested in Dana. It is understandable that having both a French major and a Spanish minor might be beyond Dana's budget at this time, but since one of our new German professors can teach beginning French, it could be possible.

What is really important, though, is that both beginning and intermediate classes in French and Spanish be offered every year and that enough classes be offered to maintain the French and Spanish minor (i.e., nine hours of each). The classes that could be offered are two semesters of readings, and then on alternating years, either French or Spanish and Mexican Civilization and History. This could be done with little or no extra cost.

The statement cannot be made that there is no interest in the languages. There is a thriving foreign language society, language clubs, and over 40 students currently enrolled in different languages on our campus.

Languages are important in our modern world, and the teaching of them must not be neglected. In the type of atmosphere present at Dana, learning a foreign language is facilitated by the small professor-student ratio and our excellent professors.

The question that needs to be answered is what can we do about it? The answer is: a lot. Dana College is our school, and we pay good money to receive what we want. In the next few months, efforts will be made to make our intentions and wishes known to those who can help us. I am now calling for the aid of the entire student body, whether you are currently enrolled in a language or not.

Dear Editor:

I would like to applaud Mr. Levine's brave action in the last *Hermes*. In his editorial, he said in public what many of us, including a few football players I know, have said in private. The apparent obsession with 'winning' football has become quite tiresome and is becoming detrimental to the college as a whole. Most of us, including myself, are not against football at Dana, but rather against it seemingly becoming the *raison d'être* for the college. Dana has had, and probably in the future will have, decent football teams, but Dana never has been, nor will be, a great football power. Dana has many strengths, but for a number of reasons, a powerful football legacy is not among them. I'm not saying that we cannot have a good season, or even a series of good seasons, but we will never be a UNL of small college football. That is a fact that all of us must accept, especially those behind the excessive football push at Dana, and then go on to do our best. Mr. Levine made some very good suggestions in his editorial which deserve consideration and thought. We should take those thoughts seriously, before an obsession becomes a real destruction.

Paul Snow

## Editor

insure that they are excellent or even competent teachers. I wish to remind readers that no direct qualifications have been set for college instructors. In effect, no degree at all is required, only desired by the institution. By the way, Mr. Calvert does possess a masters degree.

Fourth, one constantly hears criticism about an athlete's low grade point average. Why doesn't anyone complain about a non-athlete with the same grade point average? I wish to remind everyone that an athlete must maintain a sufficient grade point to compete. That stipulation is not put on members of the band, choir, campus plays, or any other college activity or club.

The author commented, "Why not develop the basketball or baseball programs more? I have been told that there is a great deal of potential in these areas." Perhaps, if

Dear Editor,

I would like to make comment in regard to Jeff Levine's article, *A Decade of Futility: Remember '71?* Before I even had a chance to read the article I was hearing negative comments about his remarks, especially towards his statement, "The recklessness involved in recruiting students with single digit ACT scores is obvious, ..." Apparently many students did not read this statement very closely. It says, "... in recruiting students..." not exclusively football players. But, even given this, the point has still been missed entirely. Mr. Levine was simply using this comment as an illustration meaning that there are many students here whose ACT scores are not reflective of the high academic standards Dana claims to uphold. There has been no attack made directly on one group or individual student - namely football players - but, the comments are directed toward the administration for failing to recruit towards their stated standards. I am sure that all will agree, however, that given the unique community which Dana is, every student contributes in some valuable way - with or without a high ACT score.

Mark Juergens

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the author would support these sports, he would not have to be told of their potential. For the record, the football team has a great deal of potential also.

Twelve consecutive losing seasons cannot be easily forgotten, and the last three are a lump in this writer's throat. At a time when the football team needs student support more than ever, it has to deal with insults and ridicule from the *Hermes*. This writer will issue no appeal for the student body to unite behind members of the football team. They do not play for glory, there is no glory in athletics on this campus. They play for the spirit of the game, the satisfaction that comes with pushing themselves to mental and physical limits and then going one step farther. They play for the love of the sport. In the deed, the glory.

Marty Stessman

# Horrors of War Exposed in LARP

by Randa Rodenburg

No arms, no legs, no eyes, no ears, no nose, no mouth. No way to communicate with the outside world. No way to sense the world around you. Trapped within your own skull with only your memories to occupy you for all the remaining years of your life.

Think about this for a minute and you'll realize the horrifying situation of Joe Bonham, a "casualty" of WW I and the hero of Dalton Trumbo's brilliant anti-war novel *Johnny Got His Gun*. The book begins as Joe rises slowly to consciousness, after being injured by a bomb blast, to discover that his entire face, from forehead to neck, and all his limbs have been blown off, and through the "miracle" of modern science he has been kept alive as a helpless lump of flesh which by some accident has retained the ability to think. This book, which is written entirely from the perspective of Joe's mind trapped in the darkness of a useless body, describes his slow adjustment to his situation and his reflections on life and death, and especially war.

The wonder of this novel is that it is above all a celebration of life. Even in his isolation, Joe struggles to create a life for himself and refuses to give in to despair and madness. In his state of living death, he discovers for the first time the incredible joy of life, the simple pleasure of being able to "walk and see and hear and talk and eat and sleep with my girl" - things which are lost to him forever. And in identifying life as the one basic value to be cherished above all else, he reveals the most elementary and most moral reason of all for opposing war: because a man has a right to his own life, and no ruler or congress or ideology has the right to demand that he sacrifice his life for any cause. As Joe says, "If they talk about dying for principles that are bigger than life you say mister you're a liar. Nothing

is bigger than life."

This seems like such a simple message, and yet it is one that is all too easily drowned out by the cries of "idealists" and politicians, who call for sacrifice in the name of patriotism, sacrifice in the name of liberty, sacrifice in the name of honor, sacrifice or be a coward, sacrifice or be a traitor: sacrifice. It is against the din and clamor of this torrent of words, threats, and ideals that Trumbo seeks to warn us. He strips the facade off the face of war and reveals it in all its stark horror, senselessness, and ultimate inhumanity.

This is a moving book, a frightening book, a book which angers and which fills one with joy. Few writers have been so filled with love of man and hatred of war as Dalton Trumbo, and his great achievement is that he expresses both through simple honesty without preaching or damning.

My deepest thanks to the person who suggested this book for the LARP program. It is one not to be missed.

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# Bussey Named Conference Champ

by Nancy Beaman

The Dana Wrestling Team finished the regular season on Thursday, February 16 at Westmar College. This conference meet was participated in by Westmar, Northwestern, Yankton and Dana.

At the conference meet Dana wrestled 6 freshmen, 2 sophomores and 2 juniors in the ten weight classes. Dana advanced six wrestlers into the finals, but had only one champion, Bill Bussey (Jr.) in the 177 lb. weight class. Second place finishers were Rick Rosen (Fr.) 118 lb., Vail Oleson (So.) 134 lb., Doug Birdsall (Fr.) 142 lb., Tim Weltzin (So.) 190 lb., and Fred White (Jr.) Hwt.

Wrestlers placing third were Matt Carl (Fr.) 126 lb., Mike Hayes (Fr.) 158 lb., and Niles Vorthmann (Fr.) 167 lb. Freshman Trent Gutschentritter moved up from 142 to the 150 lb. weight class and finished fourth.

Dana has fielded a young team this season but they have wrestled well all year. Dana finished its dual season with a 5-5 record.

Bill Bussey (Jr.), Glenwood, Iowa, at 177 lb., Tim Weltzin of Marshalltown, Iowa, at 190 lb., and Coach Ron Beaman will travel to Central State Oklahoma for the NAIA Wrestling Nationals. The tournament will be held March 1-2.

## Candidate Speaks

**Editor's note:** *Hermes* made space available to all student body officer candidates. Deb Dill is the only candidate to take advantage of the offer. A debate between the presidential candidates, which include Jon Bansen, Jeff Langholz, and Ms. Dill, is currently being arranged. Running for the other offices are Jon Peterson for Vice-President, Stephanie Meyer for Secretary, and Michelle Blaas, Mark Dickinson, and Brenda Pedersen for Treasurer.

When someone reads a candidate's platform the first thing that may come to mind is "empty promises." This may be true as the candidate may have unrealistic ideals or plans. Student government, in my opinion, should be a collective network of many working together. Success for campus progress must include the interchange of ideas and cooperation between students, faculty, and administration. As Student Body President, I would like to see the Senate setting goals and priorities for the 1984-85 school year.

This process could include not only Senators, but the entire student body. Success and progress must first have a beginning.

One of my goals would be to open communication channels between Student Senate and the entire campus. Everyone needs to be aware of issues that concern them. If more are informed, then perhaps better plans could be formed for improvement. With communications opened Senators can truly be representatives.

As president, I would be representing you, the students, to the administration. This is a relationship that must be maintained. I have already established many communication ties during the past two years of being involved in Senate. I can build on those ties for improved communication and the needs of the students can be expressed.

I propose not any new programs, but rather a willingness to get the ball rolling. I have an open mind and the determination to get the job done. Dana needs direction, not empty promises.

## Dana Students Appear

by Jeff Levine

Dana's very own Alice Laaker will be taking to the stage tonight and tomorrow night, February 24 and 25, in the Blair Community Theater's production of *Pure as the Driven Snow*. Performances will be in the Blair Fire Hall. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the Country Cheese Corner in Blair and at the door.

Cast members include current Dana students Molly Sorensen and Joel Barratt. Several Dana alumni are also involved including Kevin Barratt, Brian Barratt, and Jennifer

Jensen, who is also co-director of the Community Theater.

Several prominent members of the Blair community will also be part of the cast. These include Stan Jensen, mayor of Blair; Rich Hansen, president of the Blair Chamber of Commerce; Mitch Mimes, the operator of Blair Cable; and Kent Petersen, a local auctioneer.

Independent humanities event credit is being given for students who attend the production. Those wishing to receive credit must turn in a completed independent event form with a program from the play to Parnassus.

# Viking's Season Nears End

by Jeff DeYoung

A slow start proved too much for the Vikings to overcome as they lost to the Hastings Broncos 87-77 February 8 in Borup Coliseum. The loss dropped Dana to 7-24 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

Traditionally, Hastings is a well-coached, well-conditioned team, and this year's Broncos are no exception as they came out of the blocks in high gear, jumping out to a 43-34 halftime lead behind the strong inside playing of Jeff Hayes. The Broncos' inside game was too much for Dana in the second half as they were able to keep the Vikings from coming within 10 points, and won 87-77.

Scoring for Dana was led by Ed Kaspar with 18 points, 16 for Todd Hinkle, Jon Hayes with 11, Dan Jensen off the bench with 10 counters, 9 for Rick Lee, Cory Curran with 6, Lawrence White with 4, Kirk Trotter 2 and Bill Gavers with 1 point.

### Plainsmen Rout Vikings

The eighth ranked Nebraska Wesleyan made it two in a row for the season as they jumped all over the Vikings 99-71 February 11 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The loss dropped Dana to 7-25 overall and 1-5 in the NIAC.

Wesleyan came out smoking in the first half as they scorched the nets for 68 percent field goal shooting to lead 55-32 at the intermission. Dana was close early, but a 12-0 run by the Plainsmen, combined with strong inside play from NWU's Dana Janssen and good outside shooting from Mark Graban and Randy Larsen put the Vikings away for good. Things didn't change in the second half as Wesleyan won it 99-71.

Jon Hayes led Dana with 14 points, followed by Cory Curran with 12 and Ed Kaspar with 10. Also scoring

for Dana were Todd Hinkle and Matt Peterson with 9 points apiece, Rick Lee with 7, Bill Gavers with 4, and Kirk Trotter, John Nagengast and Dan Vorthmann with 2 each.

### Dana Loses to Midland

The Dana Vikings travelled to Fremont February 15 to take on the Midland Warriors. Dana had defeated Midland earlier in the season in Blair, but the Vikings could not hold a halftime lead and lost to the Warriors 78-74. The loss dropped the Vikings to 7-26 overall and 1-6 in the NIAC.

Dana played an excellent first half of ball as they led at the half 44-41. Strong inside play from Ed Kaspar and hot outside shooting from Matt Peterson sparked the Vikings. Kaspar and Peterson combined for 23 first-half points. Dana held the lead the first ten minutes of the second half, but Midland bounced back, and took the lead at the 9:57 mark. A late effort wasn't quite enough, and the Warriors won the game 78-74.

Kaspar led the Vikings with 22 points and 12 rebounds as he turned in another strong performance. Peterson

followed with 20 points. Also scoring for Dana were Todd Hinkle with 11 points, Jon Hayes with 6, Bill Gavers with 5, Kirk Trotter with 4, and 3 each for Cory Curran and Rick Lee.

### Doane Nudges Dana

The Vikings found out how good Doane's Steve Bartek really is as they lost to the Tigers 65-55 February 19 in Borup Coliseum. The loss dropped Dana to 7-27 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

Bartek entered the game as the leading scorer in District Eleven, but the Vikings contained him fairly well in the first half as the score was tied at 26. Dana received fine offensive play from Todd Hinkle and Matt Peterson to counteract Bartek's 14 first period points. In the second half, however, it was another story as the 6'8" senior poured in 21 points in leading the Tigers to the 65-55 victory.

Peterson led Dana in scoring with 18 points. He was followed by Hinkle with 16, Ed Kaspar with 6, Jon Hayes and Rick Lee with 5 each, Bill Gavers with 4 and Cory Curran with 1. Bartek led Doane with 35 points. Also in double figures was Don Steffensmeier with 10.

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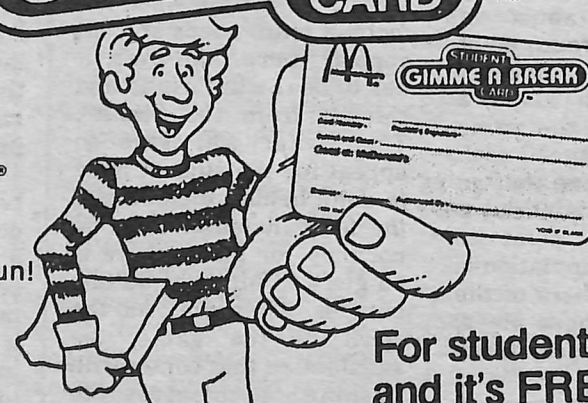
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