

Merry Christmas!!



The Hermes



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Sights and Sounds Forever

by Michelle Weaver

The traditional Sights and Sounds of Christmas rolls around once again here at Dana College. This year it will be held this Sunday, December 2.

The day begins with the Christmas Festival Worship Service with the Reverend Greg Witte as the speaker. There will also be special music by the Dana College Choir under the direction of Dr. Richard A. Palmer.

Following the worship service, the Christmas Smorgasbord will be served from 11:00am - 3:00pm at one-half hour intervals in the main dining room of the E.C. Hunt Campus Center. An added attraction of the Smorgasbord this year will be a dazzling array of imported Danish cheeses provided through the courtesy of the Denmark Cheese Association.

From 11:00am to 6:00pm, various activities will be taking place. The Harry Truman Exhibit will be displayed in the lower level of the library. The Dana Student Art Exhibit and Sale will also be taking place. This will be a selection of work done by Dana art students and will be held in the Gallery of the Performing Arts Center. The Fairy Tale and Masterpieces of Christmas Art, a special exhibit from Dana's own collection, will be exhibited in Parnassus.

At 11:45pm, "The Second Shepherds Play" will be

presented by the Dana Players on the main stage of the new theatre in the Performing Arts Center. The performance will be repeated again at 1:45 and 2:45pm.

At 12:45pm, several exciting events will be taking place. Julestuen will feature samples of Danish Christmas foods, music and traditions. It will be held in the first floor lounge of Argo Hall. Storytime will be held in Parnassus and will focus on selected Christmas prose and poetry for children and everyone who is young at heart. There will also be Folk Dances of Scandinavia performed by the Danish Dancers in the Drama Rehearsal Hall in the lower level of the Performing Arts Center. Christkindmarkt is a German celebration with music, food samples, and decorations. This will be held in the first floor lounge of Mickelsen Hall. "Let's make it Danish" is an informal instruction session on making Danish Christmas ornaments and will be held in the first floor lounge of Elk Horn Hall. These programs will also be repeated at 1:45pm and 2:45pm.

Also at 12:45 the Santa Lucia Ceremony will take place. This is an impressive candlelight version of an ancient Swedish custom and will be held on the main floor of Borup Coliseum. A repeat performance will be at 1:45. Joyeux Noel A La Fran-

caise features French music, food samples and holiday decorations. This will take place in Old Main 110.

At 1:45pm in the lower level of the C.A. Dana Hall of Science, "An Elizabethan Christmas" will be taking place. This will feature Old English Christmas Carols performed by Pro Musica. There will be a repeat performance at 2:45pm.

At 2:45pm, Feliz Navidad will be held in Old Main 110. This will feature a Spanish Christmas celebration presented by the Spanish students.

At 3:45pm, "The Sounds of Christmas" will be presented in Borup Coliseum. This will feature a concert of Christmas music presented by the Dana College Wind Ensemble, Directed by Dr. William Mayson, and the Dana College Choir, directed by Dr. Richard Palmer.

At 5:30pm, Storytime will be repeated once again in Parnassus. Also, running from 5:30-7:00pm, the second session of the Christmas Smorgasbord will be held in the dining hall of the Campus Center.

The closing ceremony will be held at 7:00pm in the Campus Center by the large Christmas tree. This will be a final performance of the Santa Lucia ceremony. All in all, the day will be filled with many exciting events.

Sinfonia Performs

by Mark Juergens

On Monday, November 19 at 8:00pm the Dana College Performing Arts Center played host to The Nebraska Sinfonia as a part of the grand opening activities of the Performing Arts Center. The Nebraska Sinfonia is the Chamber Orchestra of The Omaha Symphony. The Sinfonia, conducted by Maestro Bruce Hogen, performed a free, two-part program of typical Sinfonia music, however this program emphasized Scandinavian composers.

The first two selections comprised the first part of the concert and opened with "Marriage of Figaro Overture" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The second composition, by the Scandinavian composer Edvard Grieg, was "Holberg Suite for Strings." The second part of the concert began with "Concerto for Clarinet, op. 57" by another Scandinavian composer, Carl Nielsen. Carl Nielsen is a twentieth century composer and this composition represented a less typical classical style, featuring a clarinet solo by John Ziegler. The next number was "Symphony No. 41, K. 551, ("Jupiter")," another composition by Mozart. The concert

concluded with two encores: "Norwegian Dance No. 2." by Grieg and "Turkey in the Straw," an arrangement of the traditional folksong in the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday.

A ten minute intermission separated the two sections of the concert. Just prior to the intermission, Dr. Kallas made presentations of the 99th and 100th Dana 100 Awards. Several other recognitions and honors were made in connection with the Centennial Fund Drive, the Performing Arts Center, and other events. After the concert there was an informal coffee hour in the PAC lobby, giving the concert guests a chance to visit with the Sinfonia musicians.

This free concert by The Nebraska Sinfonia was made possible through grants from Omaha National Bank-Blair, the Nebraska Arts Council, Dana College Student Body and Special Events Committee, and the Blair Chapter of American Scandinavian Associates. The concert was well attended by Dana students, faculty, residents of the Blair community, and residents of the surrounding area.

ALC Colleges

Increase Enrollment

The Office of Communication of the American Lutheran Church recently released a report on the enrollment figures of the 12 colleges owned by the ALC. The report states that total enrollment has "increased by 1.2 percent over 1983, and the number of first year students increased by 7.5 percent."

Eight of the twelve colleges are in the four state area of Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. One of these, Waldorf College in a 2 year, junior college. In the remaining seven four-year colleges in this area total enrollment has remained almost constant as compared to 1983-- an increase of only 0.26 percent.

Three of the seven colleges have decreases in enrollment, with the other four showing increases. Dana has a 10.51

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percent decrease in enrollment, the largest decrease in this area and among all of the ALC colleges. Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota also have decreases in enrollment-- 3.93 percent and 1.56 percent respectively. Augsburg College, Minneapolis and Wartburg College share the distinction of the highest increase in this area with 3.17 percent each. Pacific Lutheran, Tacoma, Washington had the highest increase overall with an 8.02 percent increase.

Dana's share of the incoming freshmen class for the seven area colleges was 4.48 percent, down from 5.28 percent last year. Dana's share of the total enrollment in this area was 3.77 percent, down from 4.22 percent last year.

Mid-Year Graduation

by Belinda Cotton

Mid-year graduation exercises will take place in the Performing Arts Center on December 9, at 2:00pm. Ten seniors will be receiving their diplomas at an informal ceremony. They are: Gina Marie Brunk (BS, Social Science), Timothy Collins (BS, Business Administration, Economics), Cory Curran (BS, Business Administration, Economics), Peter J. Fromm III (BS, Biology, Environmental Studies), David J. Hansen (BS, Business Administration), Daniel Kalal (BS, Business

Administration), Chere Fox-O'Reilly (BS, Commercial Art, Art Education), Julie A. Pedersen (BA, French),

Christine M. Roth (BS, Business Administration, Economics), and James H. Walck (BS, Religion).

New Light

by Jane Eskildsen

For the first time in three years, the lights between the library and the Campus Center have shed light on the pathway in front of Mickelsen and Blair Halls. This accomplishment is part of the general reworking of the campus lighting system which has been taking place over the last month. New lamps have been placed alongside herebefore dimly lit sidewalk

going from Elkhorn to Old Main and down to Pioneer Memorial. Also, two of the antique gas lamps which were given to the college by the city of Copenhagen on the occasion of Dana's 75th anniversary have been converted to electricity and placed in the newly remodeled patio in the front of Old Main.

What We Don't Know

French-Spanish Survey

GUEST EDITORIAL Could Hurt Us

by Terri Pedersen

by John Mark Nielsen
The news early Monday morning that the World Court had decided that it did have jurisdiction over Nicaragua's case concerning the mining of their harbors by forces supported by the United States did not surprise me.

the wide range of opinions held by different peoples, nor do we particularly encourage straying from the middle of the road.

That Europeans have greater access to a variety of opinions and interpretations was evident as we followed the subsequent story of Grenada on radio and television and in news magazines and newspapers. Perhaps most interesting was the differences between stories filed by two reporters who had landed on Grenada in the same boat and who were together for much of the time during the first several days.

It is not that we don't care; it's so often that we just don't know. But more troubling is the fact that we don't have access to the whole story. A case in point for us last year was the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Earlier this semester a French-Spanish survey was circulated. Its purpose was to find out the approximate number of students interested or involved in either or both of the languages. The results are as follows:

- 108 surveys were returned
32 people have taken French
46 people have taken Spanish
5 people have taken another language

violated international law and had stooped to committing actions similar to that of the Soviet Union when they shot down the Korean airliner that had strayed into Soviet airspace. They saw two super powers willing to take actions unacceptable to the rest of the world community.

When viewing Americans, my Danish colleagues and students made one crucial mistake. They assumed that we were exposed to the variety of opinions that they were, or that we took the time or had the interest to follow these issues. It was almost impossible to make them understand that many Americans read only a local newspaper and watch only local television news programs where coverage of international events is minimal at best.

On returning to Dana, I am convinced that we Americans continue to be ignorant and isolated as a people when it comes to foreign affairs. I see no evidence that this will soon change, and I find that a very frightening and frustrating prospect.

38 people haven't taken a foreign language

In French 12 people are at the beginning level (1st year)

9 are at the intermediate level (2nd year)

11 are advanced students (3rd year or more)

In Spanish 18 people are at the beginning level

18 are at the intermediate level

10 are advanced students

Out of these French and Spanish students 52 are interested in continuing. That is almost 50 percent of the returned surveys and 67 percent of the language students.

17 students expressed interest in French Civilization

12 in French Readings

10 in French Literature

11 in French Theater

27 in Spanish Civilization

20 in Spanish Readings

19 people said that if Beginning French had been offered this year (1984-85), they would have taken it. 27 people have expressed interest in taking Beginning Spanish next year (1985-86).

The above numbers help prove the interest in the languages that the administration would like to cut and the survey only covered two of this college's present languages. In order to change the decision to cut the languages, we, the students, must come together and fight for our right to a truly liberal arts education.

21 people who have never taken a language have considered it. Of these 5 expressed and interest in French and 15 in Spanish.

Save Our Foreign Languages

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Jolynn M. Oliver

Sights and Sounds of Christmas is an exciting time on the Dana campus. It requires a lot of extra work for everyone involved. However, it seems to be worth it. We get a chance to show off our beautiful campus. Saga Foods prepares a meal that people look forward to every year.

Again this year, we find ourselves faced with the possibility of further cuts in the foreign language department. This will mean that French, Danish and Spanish will be offered only on alternate years.

How can a department survive with such a program? We will lose even more students if we cannot offer at least the first two years of the various languages in succession. There is no stability in a program which is arranged in such a manner. Such a program also presents many scheduling problems for students.

say "part-time", it's usually necessary to put in full-time preparation hours.

I think the Dana community has to evaluate priorities once again. Dana is a Liberal Arts Institution. We have to realize how important foreign languages are to our Liberal Arts program, and then make every effort to encourage students to broaden their horizons by taking a language.

Not many institutions offer five languages. We are very lucky to be able to have instructors to teach so many languages. So let's take advantage of this. The student interest seems to be there, but we have to work together to create a program that is appealing to students.

Efforts are being made to increase enrollment in the foreign languages, but let's not stop there. If you are interested in the program, if you would really hate to see the program fade away or if you would like to take a language while you are here at Dana, speak up! Let your advisors know how you feel. Tell your friends about it. Visit with the language teachers on campus to find out what Dana has to offer, or tell Dean Hansen and other members of the faculty, staff and administration how you feel.

We need support. We need students. We need you!

Mange tak, Merci, Gracias, Danke

Send your letters and suggestions to: Hermes, Box 1259. Your ideas are welcomed. All letters must be signed and under 250 words in length.



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Comes

by Steve Tillman

Dana's Art Department has expanded its faculty to include the new commercial art instructor, Ryle Smith. Smith graduated from Dana in 1973 with a bachelor of arts. He went on to receive his masters degree from U.N.L. in 1977.

While in Blair, Smith worked at eh Schmidt Monument and was active in the Blair Community Theatre. He went on to teach art, K-12, and to teach painting and drawing at U.N.L. Later Smith was a radio announcer with area radio stations KBWH, KHVB, and KESY until he got a job with Bozell and Jacobs.

Smith was asked to teach the commercial art class because he was currently working in the field, had teaching experience, and the proper degrees.

On Sunday November 18th, 13,500 fans were rewarded with a pure Rock-n-Roll Show from THE BOSS, Bruce Springsteen. Some of the fans had waited in line for tickets for upwards of 5 days and they were not disappointed as Bruce was onstage for 3 hours and 20 minutes of power rock and roll.

The show started 40 minutes late but it started with a bang as Bruce and the E-Street Band roared into the title track of "Born In The USA". After about 45 minutes Springsteen told the audience, "Just sit down and enjoy because we will be here a long time." The crowd roared its approval. The first 1 1/2 hours of the concert was heavily laden with songs from "Born In The USA" and "Nebraska".

After a 30 minute intermission the show started again with a bang as the band and Bruce soared through renditions of "Cover Me", "Dancing in the Dark," "Hungry Heart", and "Cadillac Ranch". After that 30 minutes of Rock-n-Roll of Monumental Proportions, the crowd was ready to go all night.

The first encore was a fantastic eleven minute rendition of "Jungleland" in which Bruce and master saxophonist Clarence Clemons romped all over the stage and the crowd reaction proved that they loved every minute.

The band left but the crowd and the band wasn't finished as they came back, turned up the house lights and struck up with "Born to Run". After that the jammed with some oldies that included "Devil With the Blue Dress On", "Good Golly Miss Molly," and "Twist and Shout". Bruce then shouted, "No Mas--No Mas" which supposedly signalled the end to the concert. The crowd would not be denied, however, as they roared for Bruce to sing more, and the band responded in style as Clarence put on a Santa hat and they cruised through "Santa Claus is Coming to Town".

After this Bruce said goodbye and most of the crowd stood by their seats stunned by the notion of what they had just seen, probably the hottest rock-n-roll show to ever come to this area in many, many years.

by Rene Rodenburg
Dr. Ruth Sather is the new Sociology Professor. She received her B.S. in social work from U.N.O. in 1971 and her Masters in Social Work in 1975. In 1984 she received her Ph.D. from the Department of Education at U.N.L. in Community and Human Resources.

She is also an R.N.

Along with her teaching here, she also works at the Immanuel Alcohol Treatment Center in Omaha. She has four children: Matthew (11), Elizabeth (8), Rebecca (5), and Andrew (3). She lives with her husband and children in Omaha. Welcome to Dana!

Dana

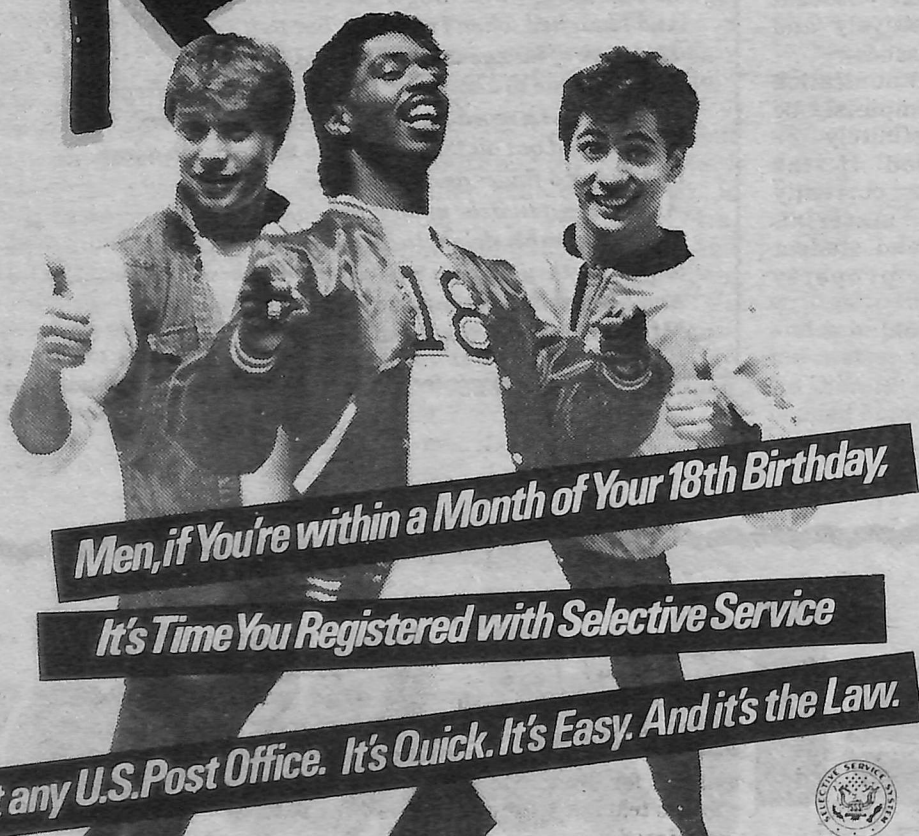
Mourns

Death

November 26, 1984 was a dark day for many Dana College students as the funeral for Mussorgsky was held on campus. Mussorgsky passed away at 10:20 am on November 24th. It was a painful death due to illness that ended his short life at the age of 1. He was among friends when he passed away, visiting people in Audubon for the Thanksgiving holiday.

It was a small, private funeral with only eight close friends in attendance, although many more would have liked to attend. Music was provided and appropriately it was "Pictures at an Exhibition", a composition by the Russian composer which Mussorgsky was named after. The grave site is being kept a secret to avoid desecration by over-anxious admirers and by stray cats.

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Enrollment Report For ALC Colleges

	Freshman Enrollment				Total Full-Time Enrollment			
	1984	1983	Change	Percent	1984	1983	Change	Percent
Augsburg College Minneapolis, Minn.	361	327	+34	+10.40	1,238	1,200	+38	+3.17
Augustana College Sioux Falls, S.D.	408	448	-40	-8.93	1,514	1,576	-62	-3.93
California Lutheran Thousand Oaks, Calif.	368	413	845	-10.90	1,359	1,396	-37	-2.65
Capital University Columbus, Ohio	513	484	+29	+5.99	1,812	1,808	+4	+0.22
Concordia College Moorhead, Minn.	723	688	+35	+5.09	2,405	2,443	-38	-1.56
Dana College Blair, Neb.	156	177	-21	-11.86	443	495	-52	-10.51
Luther College Decorah, Iowa	610	614	-4	-0.65	2,072	2,037	+35	+1.72
Pacific Lutheran Tacoma, Wash.	1,124	797	+327	+41.02	2,870	2,657	+213	+8.02
St. Olaf College Northfield, Minn.	836	744	+92	+12.37	2,945	2,870	+75	+2.61
Texas Lutheran Seguin, Texas	337	345	-8	-2.32	963	906	+57	+6.29
Wartburg College Waverly, Iowa	387	355	+32	+9.01	1,138	1,103	+35	+3.17
Waldorf College Forest City, Iowa (Junior College)	248	252	-4	-1.59	406	434	-28	-6.45
	6,071	5,644	+427	+7.57	19,165	18,925	+240	+1.27

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is written in response to the review of the "Threepenny Opera" in the last edition of the "Hermes", regarding the opinion that the make-up design and "overdone" application seemed to be a serious drawback.

In the first place, the effect was not "due to the intensity of the lighting" --which was professionally done by Ms. Kibbe. The design and effect of the pale, mask-like make-up was done for a purpose.

One of playwright Bertholt Brecht's major theories of drama was to see the acting as such and not become emotionally involved. Rather, the observer should sit back, view what was put before him, and form his own conclusions. Designing the make-up to give the mask effect rather than a more realistic nature was a vehicle to help prevent such empathy and involvement on the part of the audience.

The reviewer did admit to being inexperienced. Hopefully,

* Dear Editor,

* I feel compelled to respond to the November 11th articles in the "Hermes" regarding campus lighting.

* I wish first of all that the writers had bothered to stop by to ask questions or express themselves. The issue could have at least been made clear. The intent is neither to "save money" nor to "ruin" the lamps. Quite the contrary, the change was made to provide better lighting of the walkways and to preserve and make better use of the lamps-- nothing else.

* In years past the lamps have deteriorated, principally due to falling tree branches during storms and being bumped by mowers, etc. The easy path to

other inexperienced eyes didn't also view the make-up as a drawback. What was done was done for a purpose.

Members of the Make-up Crew
* Keith W. Hansen
* Business Manager

take would have been to let time take its toll. The lamps would have eventually fallen to "ruin", money would have been "saved" and there would have been little controversy. But, that course of action would not have been a responsible one. It has taken three lamps to provide enough parts to make two good ones. And, that was what was done. Contrary to the statement made, one is not being stored-- only the unused parts are being stored for possible future need.

The purpose was not to "save money" or to "ruin" the lamps-- and neither was done. The purpose should be clear-- to better light the walkways and at the same time preserve the lamps, and both have been done. The lamps are to become more functional and more attractively displayed-- to compliment the patio and entrance to Old Main. This change was in no way intended to slight our Danish heritage, but instead, to enhance it.

An unfortunate lack of effective communication. That, quite simply, is one of the major problems which needs to be confronted at Dana College. Individuals and groups do not effectively and concisely communicate their ideas, concerns, or recommendations to those who need and want to receive that input.

While it will take quite some time to solve this problem, there are two steps which students can take to begin addressing this issue. First, and of particular value to students who have a question about college policies, or an individual question or problem, utilize the resources which are available to you. What resources? Those which are frequently over-looked -- printed material such as the Dana College Bulletin (catalog) or the Dana College Student Handbook, and the Dana faculty, and administration. Through printed material a strong attempt is made to communicate college policies, fees, objectives, procedures, etc. to the students. However, if you have a question

concerning how a policy, procedure, or other item affects you, ask your adviser or another member of the faculty or an administrator. If you are not sure who to approach with a particular question, consult your Student Handbook. The handbook does have a section advising students where to go for answers.

Through the methods addressed above, the Board, Administration, and Faculty of the college are trying to communicate to the students. However, students also need to effectively share their ideas and concerns to these groups. If a particular group of students has an issue which they feel must be addressed, or a policy which needs to be implemented or revised, a service which they feel should be offered, or an idea which they feel will improve either student life or the academic program, they need to deliver their thoughts to the proper authority. How can that be done? Through the second of the two steps which students can use to help improve communication, again utilize the

resources available to you--use student government effectively. Student Senate is the campus organization which is charged with the responsibility of representing the interests of the student body to the Board, Administration and Faculty. Student Senate, however, cannot execute their responsibility without input from students. Therefore, individual students and groups of students with common concerns, should use the opportunity made available to them through Student Senate if they have a concern which they want brought to the attention of the Board, Administration, or Faculty. Student concerns brought to the Board, Administration and Faculty through the Student Senate can be positively and constructively discussed.

Though our communication problem will not completely be solved, it can definitely be positively addressed if the resources that are currently available--printed material, college personnel, and student government--are properly utilized.

Robert Arnold

The opinions in these articles are those of the author and in no way reflect the official position of Dana College or the *Hermes*.

'Twas the Night Before Hum

With Apologies to Clement Clarke Moore,
Dr. John Nielsen and Hum 107 and 205

by Thomas Quale

*'Twas the night before Hum final when all through the palace
Not a creature was stirring, not even Jim Kallas.
The test grades were all left in the mailboxes with care
In hopes that they'd turn into 9's by just staying there.
The students were nestled all snug in their dorms
While Descartes and Greek drama tormented their forms.
With Greer and with Longaker me and my buddy
Had just settled down for a long winter's study,
When out on the oval there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.
So I went running from where I had been,
Fell over the heater and pushed out the screen.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of midday to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight lecturing Reindeer.
With a lithe old driver so lively and long,
I knew in a moment it must be Pope John.
More rapid than graders his courses they came,
And he twitched and he shouted and called them by name:
'Now, Brucie! Now, Normie! Now, Donnie and Rich!
On, Jimmy! On, All On, Edvige and Luella!
To the top of Old Main, to the top of DHA!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash all away!'
As students that quiver before teacher's eye
And flee, as these they mount to the sky,
So up to the dorm-tops his coursers they flew
With a sleigh full of finals and old Pope John too.
And then down at Saga I heard in the trough
The stepping and slipping of each little prof,
as I hit my head on the window and fell into Dream,
I saw the Pope on testing day, or so it would seem.
He was dressed all in grey from his head to his boot,
And his clothes were comprised of a neat three-piece suit.
A bundle of finals he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a mail clerk just opening his pack.
His eyes--how like Jove's! His feathers--so classic!
He looked like a man who belonged in a cassock.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a sickle,
And his square, Nordic chin was as bare as a nickel.
The stump of a pencil he had on his ear,
So that it would be close when grading grew near.
He had a long face and a long, lanky frame
That would put even old Ichabod rightly to shame.
He was upright and proper, a right stately old gent,
And I laughed when I saw him, but that's not what I meant.
The wink of his eye and the twist of this head
Soon gave me to know that I had something to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And handed out all the finals; then turned with a jerk,
and laying a finger aside of his nose,
And giving a twitch, up to Parnassus he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave the test,
and away they all flew to give him their best.
And I heard him claim as he straightened his vest:
'Merry Christmas to all and don't flunk your test!'*

Fourteen seniors have been named to the 1985 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They are: Barbara Lynn Anderson, Jon Bansen, Stacy Crossland, Chere Fox-O'Reilly, Sonja Hansen, Irene Inman, Ann Klein, Julie Frisk Pedersen, Terri Pedersen, Paul Snow, Michael Soe, Marty Stessman, James Walck, and Heidi Winkle.

Feliz Nav

Carol of the Season

by Terri Pedersen

Just as the clock chimed eleven, Clyde Hidebound looked up from his work. Usually he didn't stay this late but tomorrow was a special day and he had piles of work to clear up. He glanced at the calendar making a mental note of the date, December 1, 1984. Tomorrow was the Celebration of the Season, one of Liberal College's biggest days. The campus would be filled with tourists bustling from place to place. He smiled as the image of an ant colony entered his mind.

Mentally he looked over the events scheduled for the following day. This year's celebration was going to be the best yet. Over four thousand people had already responded, and the many organizations involved had spent the week busily preparing for the final show. The band and choir had their music ready for the concert that night and the language clubs were all set to share customs from Germany, Spain, France and Denmark. Suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by the chimes ringing in the half hour. Shamefully he glanced back to the paper he had been reading before his thoughts had wandered. He had been looking at the students' latest plea to save the foreign language programs from extinction. He had heard this plea before, in fact many times since his decision to cut the languages had become public knowledge. It was over a year ago that he had said that he wanted the languages offered only every other year. In his mind he saw no alternative. Not enough students were benefitting from the money spent, and, after all, money was the most important consideration. Clyde decided to finish things up quickly and head home to his wife Flora.

He often thought how different they were from each other. Flora was a small bundle of energy with gray hair still sprinkled with youthful brown. Clyde was definitely the more serious of the two, standing well over six feet tall with gray hair and a palid complexion. He had been the Dean of Liberal College for the past six years, a job that he enjoyed immensely. His association with the college went farther than that though,

since he had also been a student and then later on a professor.

Just as he was finishing things up, a shadow fell across the desk. Slowly he lifted his head to see who had entered the office and as he did so the chimes began to ring signaling the beginning of a new day. Bewildered, he gazed at the odd woman who had entered. She was clothed in a long dress constructed of various fabrics in diverse and vivid hues. Around her neck were several gold chains and a pair of gold earrings dangled from her ears. Her hair was a tangled mass of curls covered by a scarf and surrounding her worn and tired face. On each finger she wore a ring and in her hands she tightly clutched a glass ball. Noticing his astonishment, she spoke first. Her voice was husky as she said, "I have been summoned to let you recall the past and look into the future."

"But who sent you?" he stammered.

"That is not for you to know," she replied as she found a chair, lit a candle and turned off the lights. As she sat down she said, "Now, shall we begin?" Still stupified, Clyde nodded and the gypsy continued, "Gaze with me into my crystal ball." Mystically she began, "I see a calendar that reads December 8, 1974. I also see many people walking around a campus. Yes, it is a campus; it's this college."

Clyde interrupted her, "December 8, a lot of people, why that must be the Celebration of the Season weekend." Excitedly he added, "Please continue."

"Well, I can see a tall lanky man sitting next to a Christmas tree. He has a scarf around his neck and is wearing a stocking cap, concealing curly gray hair that peeks out, creating a fringe. He seems to be talking to a group of children, possibly telling stories," the gypsy told Clyde.

"You must be talking about Dr. Pontiff and his storytime. I remember that celebration. It was the first year that Mrs. Ledchior had the German and Danish clubs perform." Clyde began to reflect on the past. "We served foods from both countries at the dinner and the day was concluded with the annual concert."

"Will you please allow me to go on?" the gypsy said, annoyed at the interruption. Clyde still stayed lost in his reverie. He began to remember how each year more events had been added to help keep the crowds busy. They now had four language clubs performing and over three performances of Santa Lucia, the folk dancers, and Pontiff's storytime. The buffet was bigger and better, and thousands of people thronged to the campus every year. He was brought back to the present when the gypsy said, "I think that you are ready to look at the future now. I see a date December 2, 1990."

"A Celebration of the Season that is to come?" questioned Clyde.

"Yes," answered the mystic, "I see people, although it isn't as many as I saw earlier. They all seem to be going the same way. One of them is holding a piece of paper, but I can't read it yet."

Anxiously Clyde said, "Hurry, I want to know what it says."

"I think that it is a schedule. Yes, it is. It has some listings on it. Hold on, I almost have it. 12:00 to 5:00 Buffet (\$20 a plate); 3:30 and 4:30, folk dancers and storytime (Adults \$2, Children under 12 \$1.50, Infants 1 mo.-1 yr. \$1); and 7:00 p.m., Christmas concert (donations are required)," the gypsy continued.

"Is that all?" Clyde exclaimed. "Where are the programs the language clubs put on? Where are the clubs? Oh, my God, what have I done! How can I change this, gypsy?"

"I don't know," she replied calmly, "that is for you to discover." After speaking, she stood up and was gone as quickly as she had entered, leaving a very disturbed man. He sat deep in thought until the phone rang, bringing him back to reality. It was Flora wondering where he was and why he was so late. Before he hung up, Clyde said, "I'll be home soon, dear; I have a lot to tell you. Before I leave though, I have something to do."

Clyde then ripped up the answer he had previously written to the language students and scheduled a time to discuss the matter with them at length. He then turned off the light and headed home with a clear mind.

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OBITUARIES

Mussorgsky, the goldfish, died at age 1 last Saturday in Audubon, Iowa. His hometown was Blair, although he summered in Weeping Water, Nebr. Mussorgsky left all his belongings to his closest friend and mentor Ruth, since he had no known relatives. Priest Mike presided over the graveside services.

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Truman Exhibit Comes To Dana

New Alumni

Director

by Alan Gibbs

Mr. Bob Schmoll, a 1983 graduate of Dana College, has resigned as Director of Alumni Affairs, to take a job here in Blair.

Replacing Mr. Schmoll as alumni director is Mrs. Kathy Potter, wife of Dana professor Richard Potter. Kathy and Richard Potter both went to Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She brings with her eight years of experience as a social worker. She said that her main goals are to get to know the students by meeting them in freshmen orientation, rather than just after they have become alumni, and to talk to alumni.

"Harry Truman: A Centennial Remembrance," an exhibit about the life and presidency of Harry S. Truman, will be on display at Dana College from November 27-December 15 and from January 7-10.

A touring exhibit of Mid-America Alliance, the Harry S. Truman Library Institute and the Nebraska Arts Council, "A Centennial Remembrance" is a collection of photographs, documents, cartoons and other graphics that illustrate the issues and events--both public and private--that shaped Truman's life.

The exhibit is in the lower level of the C. A. Dana-LIFE Library. Hours are 1-4 daily. Admission is free. Dana is the only site in the metropolitan

Omaha area where the exhibit is being shown.

May 8, 1984 was the one-hundredth anniversary of Truman's birth. His life spanned a period of enormous change and growth in this country. Truman himself spent his early years on a Missouri farm where mules pulled the plow; as President, he would announce that "now we have entered the atomic age."

The images in the exhibit have varied sizes and shapes, suggesting a scrapbook filled with the memories of a rich and varied life. The exhibit covers Truman's entire life; some of the photographs that are included are being exhibited for the first time.

There are pictures of a very

young Truman with classmates, one of whom is the girl he would marry years later. Truman the businessman, the soldier, the county judge and the senator--each a phase of his early life that would contribute to his performance as President--are all represented in the exhibit. The presidential years are illustrated by the important issues and events of the time: ending the war, civil rights, and the Middle East.

The retirement years were active and productive, as the exhibit illustrates. Throughout the exhibit, Truman's own words are used to augment the narrative on the labels for he was an astute and witty observer of people and events, and his comments add much to the visual information.

On January 10, the last day of the exhibit at Dana, Dr. Niel Johnson of the Truman Library will speak at 8 p.m. in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium on "The Human Truman." Johnson is a former Dana history professor.

"A Centennial Remembrance" is a touring exhibit of Mid-America Arts Alliance, a regional partnership of the five state arts agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma; individuals and corporations in mid-America; and the National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibit was produced with funding provided by the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, a non-profit organization that promotes the study and research of Truman's life and presidency.

Blair Merchants Offer Christmas Discounts

Blair merchants are giving Santa a helping hand this year, by offering Dana students a special discount for doing their Christmas shopping in Blair. Many of the businesses are offering a special 10% discount to Dana Students who present their Dana ID's and this ad.

To make your shopping spree even easier the Dana Optimists will be offering free shuttle bus rides to downtown Blair and Blair Plaza. The van will shuttle

students on Thursday evening December 6 and 13 and Sunday afternoon Dec. 9. On Thursdays the van will leave from the Campus Center at 6:30 p.m. and will return at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday the van will leave at 2:00 p.m. and return at 4:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet for the free rides is posted at the Center Information Desk.

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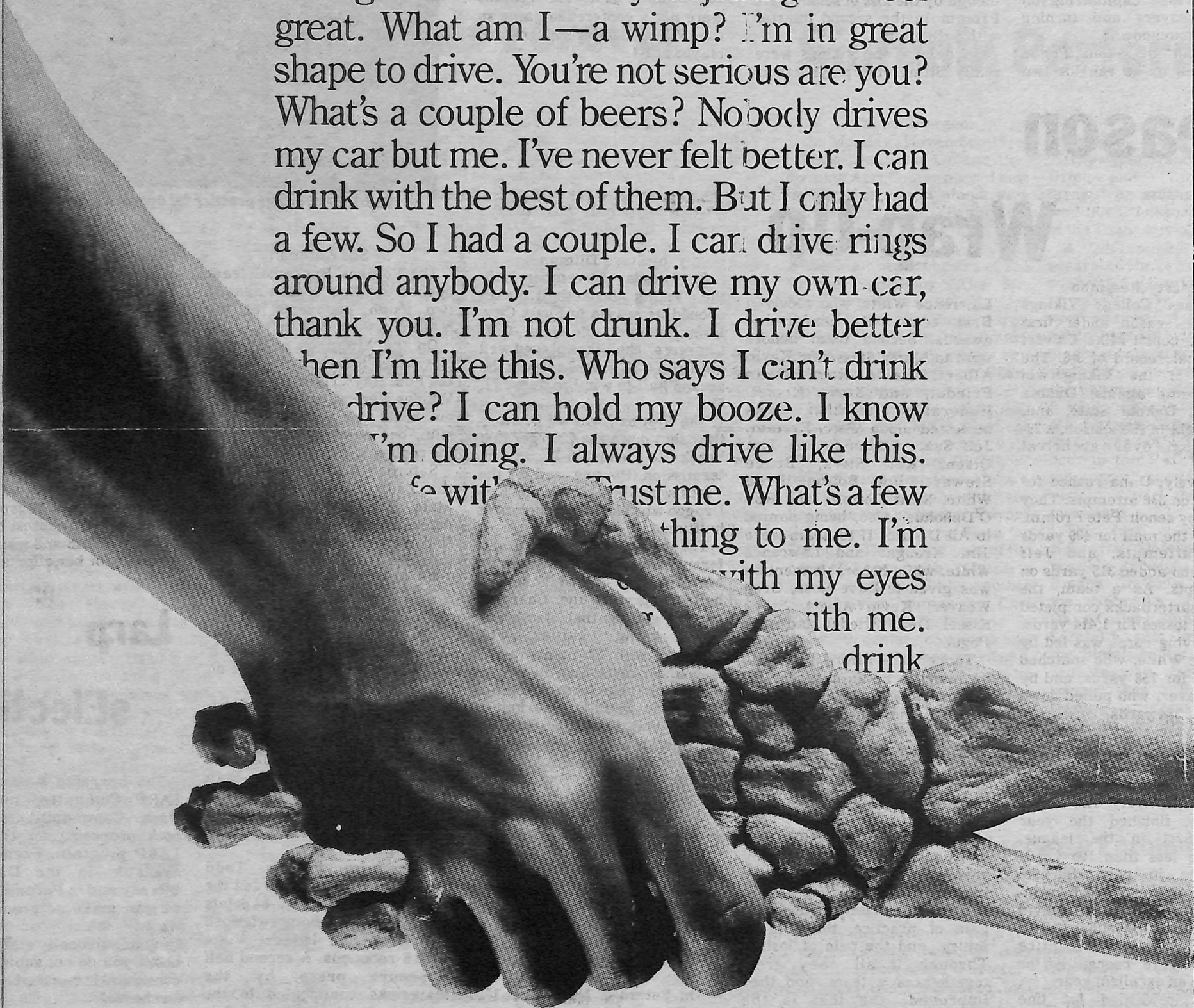
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Vikings and Season With Victory

Lady Vikes

Not Discouraged

by Steve Tillman

On Thursday night, November 8th, the Dana Vikings travelled to Vermillion, South Dakota to take on the Dakota State Trojans in the beautiful Dakota Dome. A good crowd from Dana followed the team and they came home happy following a 20-9 Viking win.

Once again the Viking defense played well as they forced numerous turnovers but what was pleasing to see was the Viking offense capitalizing on those turnovers and turning them into touchdowns.

Freshman QB Alan Pogue played well as he ran for two

touchdowns of 3 and 8 yards and threw for another one, a 36 yard strike to senior WR Lawrence White. White had another good night catching the ball as he hauled in 7 passes for 172 yards. His first catch being a 69 yarder that set up the first Dana touchdown. The Vikings showed a good running attack led by freshman Jeff Searcy who ran for 48 yards on 11 carries. The ground game was hampered though by the loss of senior Pete Fromm in the second quarter with a rib injury.

On defense the Vikings were really hitting while playing their

usual fine defense. Leading the defense were seniors Jim Kreugar, Marty Stessman, and Dan Kalal. Kreugar finished the game with 12 tackles, Stessan had 10, along with a superb interception with an over 25 yard return, while Kalal added 9 tackles.

The win boosted the Viking record to 3-6 for the year. This was the first time that the Vikings had won 3 games in on season since 1981. The Trojans were not a conference game so the Viking conference record stayed at 1-4.



Photo by Kevin Hernes

The Lady Vikings practice for upcoming games.

Season

Wrap-Up

by Marty Stessman

The Dana College Vikings closed the season under first year head coach Mike Calvert with a final record of 3-6. The numbers in the Viking win column came against Dakota Wesleyan, Dakota State, and, the highlight of the season, a 28-23 decision over archrival Midland.

Offensively, Dana rushed for 829 yards on 336 attempts. They were led by senior Pete Fromm, who toted the mail for 409 yards on 100 attempts, and Jeff Searcy, who added 315 yards on 66 attempts. As a team, the Viking quarterbacks completed 109 of 247 tosses for 1,414 yards. The receiving corps was led by Lawrence White, who snatched 50 passes for 758 yards, and by Greg Weaver, who pulled down 31 balls for 384 yards.

Defensively, the Vikings were led by Jim Kreugar and Bill Bussey. The pair of linebackers were responsible for 119 and 88 tackles respectively. The Viking secondary finished the year ranked first in the league, averaging less than 100 yards per game in pass defense. Stalwarts in the secondary include Mike Stessman, David Ross, Rob O'Donohue, and Bobby Bolton. The entire defense deserve recognition for turning in an excellent year.

Vikings rewarded for fine performances this season were Jim Kreugar, Greg Weaver, and

Lawrence White, who received first team all conference awards. Second team honors went to Marty Stessman, Kevin Albert, David Ross, Dean Friedel, and Steve Kissel. Honorable mention was bestowed upon Pete Fromm, Jeff Searcy, Alan Pogue, Tim Olsen, Ken Sliva, Bruce Stewart, Bob Bolton, Fred White, Scott Cortese, and Rob O'Donohue. Also, being named to All District II 1st team were Jim Kreugar and Lawrence White, while honorable mention was given to Dave Ross, Greg Weaver, Kevin Albert, Steve Kissel, Dean Friedel, and Alan Pogue.

Though a 3-6 record is deemed by many to be an unsuccessful season, this is not the case. The Vikings won their first conference game in 5 years, beating Midland for the first time in 10 years. But, most importantly, they established themselves as a competitive team in the conference.

The '84 Vikings came together in August. They worked; they cared; they sacrificed. They improved with every practice, every game. They endured the pain of practice, the pain of injury, and the pain of losing. Through it all, they grew together as a team, and they improved, and that is the standard by which true success is measured.

by Steve Tillman

On Tuesday November 13th, the Viking basketball team opened its season at Sioux City, Iowa taking on the Briar Cliff Chargers. The Vikes played well but Briar Cliff pulled away in the second half to win the game 71-53.

The first half was all Dana as they shut down the Charger fast break to lead 30-22 at intermission. Playing well for the Vikes were Todd Hinkle and Ken Dragoo who each had 9 points at halftime.

The second half was a different story as All-American Mario Galvez scored 20 second half points and the Chargers started getting their fastbreak game going. Galvez, who finished with 32 points and 8 rebounds, controlled the second half with help from freshman Fernando Pinnillo who had 22 points and 11 rebounds. Foul trouble also hurt the Vikings as starters Bill Gavers and Dan Vorthman fouled out in the second half.

Statistical leaders for the Vikes were Kirk Trotter and Todd Hinkle who finished with 16 and 14 points respectively. Junior transfer Ken Dragoo led the Vikes with 6 rebounds to go with his 11 points.

Mavericks Stop Vikings

On Saturday November 17th the Vikings went to Omaha and took on the much taller UNO

by Sue Kallman

* The Womens' Basketball team * opened up their season against * two tough opponents at the * NAIA classic in Hastings.

* On the afternoon of Friday, * November 16th they met up with * the Fort Hays Tigers. The Lady * Vikings were ahead at halftime, * but could not hold on to their * slim, one point lead. They lost * the contest 57-43.

* Saturday night Dana took on * the Lady Lopers of Kearney * State. The Vikes played well * defensively but couldn't seem to * find their offense as they were * defeated 64-28.

Mavericks. The Vikings gave it a tough game but came out on the short end of a 66-44 score.

A 43-24 rebounding disadvantage hurt the Vikings as UNO, led by 6-9 forward Terry Sodawasser with 12 points, held a 32-20 halftime lead. Both teams played aggressive defense and that showed in the fact that both teams shot about 40 percent from the field.

Sophomore guards Todd Hinkle and Bill Gavers led the Vikings with 13 and 8 points respectively. Sophomore forward Dan Vorthman led the Vikes with 6 rebounds. A second half full-court press by the Mavericks contributed to the problems for the Vikings as they committed 18 turnovers.

The women weren't discouraged by the weekend's results, however. Co-captain Dawn Elliot reflected the positive attitude of the squad, "We are already a better team than we were last year. We have a good defense and if we improve on offense, I think we'll do well this season."

Elliot participated in a free throw contest on Saturday morning which was sponsored by Hastings College. She and one player from each of the other nine teams shot 25 free throws. Elliot won the contest by sinking 24 out of the 25 and was awarded a plaque for her efforts.

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Tom Richardson, Chairman, LR/LARP

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