



# The Hermes



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## Native American Culture

by Jane Eskildsen

Dr. Alan Ross, superintendent of education at Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota, presented a series of public lectures on March first and second about aspects of Native American Culture. Dr. Ross spoke on the teachings of Black Elk and Native American culture, history, and religion.

In his lecture on the "Original Teachings of the Red Man", Dr. Ross brought together ideas from various religions, psychology, parapsychology and science and related them to the understanding of Native American religion and ritual. He stressed the presence of a

spiritual and a material aspect of man and the need for a balance between self-satisfying activities and spirituality. He mentioned various aspects of the psychological theories of Carl Jung such as the presence of a collective unconscious with which we are born and the rest of our conscious and unconscious mind develops afterwards. He said that Native American fathers do not touch an infant until he develops his own personality because they do not want to hinder the child's spirit. Dr. Ross explained that Native Americans are similar to Eastern man in that their right brains, which control intuitive

creative thinking, is dominant over the left brain, which controls logical thinking and language skills. Dr. Ross feels that Western man has overemphasized the left brain activities in education and in society in general. He said that there needs to be a balance between both. Balance between all aspects of life, spirituality and self-satisfaction, logic and creativity, is necessary and is attained by living on what they call the red road. The red road is a concept involved in Native American religion which allows one's spirit to return to its source rather than be reincarnated into another life.

## Chairman of the Board Resigns

by Paul Snow

During the last meeting of the Board of Regents, held February 26th and 27th, the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Omer Reed of Phoenix, Arizona, resigned from his chairmanship. Dr. Reed, chairman through the Kallas years, was succeeded by Dr. Royce Ronning of Lincoln, Nebraska. Dr. Reed still remains a member of the Board.

In other business transacted during the two day meeting, the Board received a confidential report concerning former president Kallas from legal counsel to the American Lutheran Church. Specifics of this report were not released.

A committee of five Board members was set up to deal with the issues that were raised by this confidential report. The members of this committee, which will work closely with legal counsel, are David L. Graven, chairman, a Minneapolis attorney; Dr. Wayne Weissenbuehler, Bishop of the Central District of The ALC; Dr. Charles Maahs, pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas; William H. Gibbs, a LaJolla,

California businessman; and the newly elected Chairman of the Board, Dr. Royce Ronning, a member of the faculty at the UNL.

The Board issued a statement saying that, "We are determined to resolve the issues pertaining to Dr. James Kallas, Dana's former president, in a manner that is fair, protects Dana's interests, and enables Dana to put these issues behind it and focus the full energies of the Board, administration, faculty, and students on charting Dana's future."

Further statements about the Board's official reasons for firing Dr. Kallas have not been issued. Any such statement, according to one source, would have to wait until all of the legal issues have been resolved so as not to complicate any of the matters.

In other action, the Board authorized the forming of a search committee to find a permanent college president. The committee will be chosen during the next two months and will include members of the Board, faculty and staff members, students and alumni.

## Interim Campus Pastor Chosen

by Rene Rodenburg

Pastor Kip Tyler has been appointed as Interim Campus Pastor until the end of this academic year. Pastor Tyler is the pastor of Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, which is located northwest of Fremont. He will be in the campus pastor's office Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Church services on Sunday morning will be held at 9:00 am to accommodate Pastor Tyler's schedule. The search for a permanent campus pastor will continue.

## Art Competition Exhibit

The Second Annual Nebraska Art Teachers' Association (NATA) Undergraduate Art Competitive Show has been on exhibit in Parnassus. Sixty works were selected from nearly one-hundred and eighty submitted by art students from Nebraska colleges. The schools with works displayed were University of Nebraska at Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Dana College, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wayne State, Midland College, and Hastings College.

The Dana students with works in the show are Joel Barratt,

Lisa Bilek, Jan Byre, Stacy Crossland, Clifford Glasgow, Diane Elise Hansen, Karl Hermanson, Lynette Laubscher, Michelle Michaelson, and Veronica Rief. The Best of Show award went to Catherine Pacotte of UNO. The first award of merit went to Scott Udey of Hastings. Clifford Glasgow of Dana and Rene Witherwax of UNL both won a second award of merit. Those receiving honorable mention were Paul Berger of Midland, Lisa Bilek of Dana and Ellie McBride of Wayne State. The exhibit ends today, March 8th.

*That the poor  
may inherit the earth.*

by Mike Hennick

The subject of "liberation theology" was addressed by Reverend Joel Mugge on February 25th following a banquet aimed at contributing to the continuing theological development of the Dana faculty. Mugge is director of the Center for Global Service and Education at Augsburg College, which, among other things organizes trips to third world countries in order to share Christian concerns.

Liberation theology stresses the theme of liberation from economic, political, and racial oppression, and it has become a very powerful movement in Latin America. Mugge, who has spent time among our southern neighbors, encouraged we Americans not to write off this

theology that sees God as being on the side of the poor; and indeed our mission is not to take God to the poor, but rather see God in them.

This is a challenging movement and its desire to throw off oppression is stirring, but is also threatening in that we Americans and capitalists are most often seen as oppressors.

The following morning a panel questioned Reverend Mugge on liberation issues. The discussion was open to the public and the audience was allowed to put forward questions as well. The panel members included Professor John Bienz, as moderator, Jan Funk, Michael Hennick, Reverend Kurt Sormland, and Professor John Nielsen.

## We Can Make You Laugh

by Jane Eskildsen

The comedy team of Joe Dunckel, Danny Ballard and Chas was here on campus on Feb. 28 to perform in PAC. The first half of their performance was stand-up comedy by each of the three. Joe displayed his acute awareness of the North Dakotan farmer youth while Danny showed off the amazing things a bald head can do. Chas made use of his imagination and sound effects to shoot down a pile of laughs.

The second half of the show was game-show style, calling contestants from the audience to come and try not to laugh for six minutes while each comic performed for two minutes. Prizes of \$25 were won by two

contestants and the others who couldn't hold their laughs recieved "We Can Make You Laugh" tee-shirts.

## ARC

A new organization, Activities Representative Committee (ARC), has been organized on campus by Dita Dau together with volunteers from each dorm. The purpose of this group is to help communication between SAB and the student body by posting SAB minutes and activities announcements on the dorm floors. ARC was organized as a separate group from SAB so that activities for individual dorms and floors could be planned without involving the whole campus.

## Give the Gift Of Life

by Jane Eskildsen

The annual Red Cross Blood Mobile will come to Dana College on March 21 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The Blood Mobile will be set up on the first floor of Argo Hall. Members of Dana's medical arts student organization, Ars Medica, will be recruiting for donors and volunteers to help with the Blood Mobile.

The entire process of giving blood takes about forty-five minutes, and for many is a small sacrifice for the life-saving miracle that blood can provide. The blood gained from the blood drive is used to help people who desparately need blood transfusions and blood by-products to survive.

Volunteers are needed to help keep records, carry and package blood, and other jobs. For further information about the Blood Mobile, contact any member of Ars Medica.

# Religion In Our School

by Paul Snow

Last issue, a letter written by James and Lynne Walck was printed in the *Hermes*' Letters to the Editor section. Although it was inappropriate to print a response by any member of the *Hermes* staff in that issue, I would now like to respond to that letter.

The main thrust of the Walcks' letter was that they felt that Dana was not living up to her obligation to stress Christian morals and faith and that most professors in the classroom ignored Christianity and the 'superiority' of the Christian world view. I would like to take an opposing view to their's on many points.

First of all, in order to determine whether Dana does or does not stress Christianity as it should, one must define how a college such as Dana should, or even if it should, stress the Christian faith. On the one hand, Dana is a Christian college, owned and operated by The

American Lutheran Church and committed by its Articles of Incorporation to offer a Christian atmosphere to students, faculty and staff. Christianity should therefore be stressed here at Dana. On the other hand, Dana is neither a Bible School nor a theological

assure that students have a well-rounded background to go along with their specific course of study.

Dana is a college of the church, true, but it is not here to cram Christianity down the throats of its students. It is here to offer, as opposed to require,

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seminary, and therefore should not be viewed as such. The educational program at Dana is not singularly pointed towards theological or biblical study, although courses in this field are offered, but rather the educational program has a multiplicity of facets, preparing students for a diversity of careers. Dana's function is not to prepare missionaries or even to assure that all students are highly conversant in theology and the Bible, but rather to

an exposure to and an opportunity to participate in the Christian religion. That is her Christian mission; not to convert heathen students, or to stuff into students' minds fundamentalist tenets, which are subscribed to by only a fraction of the Christian community.

Dana fulfills this mission, not to perfection admittedly, but no human institution can really claim perfection in its mission. She fulfills it through her regular chapel and church

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# Freshmen Are People Too

by Trudy Williams

When one graduates from the high school environment, which contains great class rivalry, there are many things he or she hopes to never see or experience again. If one goes to college, he or she expects the new environment to be more intellectual, more mature, more friendly and more respecting. To my surprise, there exists

food. This same particular clique. Only an extremely low percentage of upperclassmen that I have come in contact with took time out to get to know me as an individual and to respect me as an individual. Contrary to popular belief, not every individual between the ages of seventeen and twenty is a thoughtless jerk. I know

freshmen or sophomores? The ability to know and treat others according to their individual personalities is a major part of being level headed young adults.

later talked about and gave dirty looks to underclassmen who were doing just as they had done.

Some upperclassmen cannot be spoken to by those in lower grades without behaving as if they were doing the individual a big favor or as if they were experiencing great pain. Freshmen and sophomores are stereotyped as boisterous and childish, while juniors and seniors are thought of as young mature and responsible adults.

I came to Dana College because it was and is a small liberal arts college that has much to offer to those willing to take advantage of its educational benefits. I came expecting to be treated as an individual not as just another immature low-life. I came expecting eye to eye contact, but it's hard to look eye to eye with someone who has to look down their nose.

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here on the Dana campus that same class rivalry that one associates with high school.

Freshmen and sophomores are treated as if they have the plague, while the upperclassmen go through phases of maturing and snobbishness or immaturity and silliness. I have witnessed juniors and seniors sitting in the cafeteria laughing, talking loud and throwing

various underclassmen who have their college career well planned and are very responsible individuals. Yet, students who are upperclassmen have not given them a chance. I have been patronized, stereotyped, bullied, belittled and ignored because of my class ranking. Doesn't anyone have the guts to simply get to know underclassmen as persons, not as

# Don't Escape, Expand

by Dr. Larry Stone

The LARP book that many of us just finished reading, *A SAND COUNTY ALMANAC* by Aldo Leopold, is one that should be read and enjoyed by everyone on campus. It not only provides insight into a great number of environmental concerns, but it also shows the emotions and sensitivities of a man who obviously discovered what it means to participate with nature instead of constantly exploiting nature. I think that another more subtle point made in the book is the act that Leopold found tremendous excitement and meaning for his existence in nature's vicissitudes and interrelationships. He learned how to incorporate his interests into a way of life that not only satisfied his personal needs, but also provided him with countless hours of pure enjoyment and relaxation.

I get tremendously upset and dismayed when I hear students complain that there just isn't anything to do for fun. This attitude is most unfortunate, because it implies that the individual hasn't taken the time or effort to develop any interests of the type that will make his or her life richer and more meaningful. It has been my

natives, since you may find that it becomes increasingly more difficult to replace it with other activities as you begin to encounter new stresses and tensions associated with a career, marriage, and a variety of other future responsibilities.

A successful career is one that not only involves the work place, but it also means developing and enjoying a life style that has both meaning and purpose.

The Dana liberal arts experience is a great way to expand your mind and get exposed to the world around you. Art, literature, music, philosophy, science, physical education, etc. can all be very interesting and exciting if sampled with an open and inquisitive mind. In addition an inquiring mind will begin to develop new interests that can lead to exciting activities or hobbies that in turn will develop into fascinating adventures and rewards you never dreamed were possible. I am confident that anyone who is willing to expend some effort, cultivate the proper attitudes, and learn from daily experiences can develop a life style that has more excitement and adventure than daily stops at the local bar could possibly ever provide. The type of excitement and joy that

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experience that those individuals who really enjoy all the fullness and richness that life has to offer seldom have enough time to participate in all of the activities they desire.

I know not everyone can be expected to experience the kind of excitement that Leopold apparently found in his observations of nature. However, there are so many other varied and interesting ways to enjoy every minute that God gives you on this earth, if you will only open your mind to the variety of things around you and expand your interests by sampling the smorgasbord that life has to offer. Too often individuals take the easy way and turn to alcohol and other drugs as a means of relaxing and escaping from the stress and tensions of daily chores and problems. I do not mean to imply that social drinking can not have its place in today's society, but the daily habit of making a local bar the center of one's free time is not only very unhealthy but also terribly unrewarding both to the individual and to society. If alcohol has become the center of your lifestyle today, then it is imperative for your future well-being to examine other alter-

Leopold experienced with his observations of nature on his Wisconsin farm can be yours if you only take advantage of the wealth of opportunities available to you. The areas of interest that can open up to you and provide new and exciting experiences are almost limitless. For example, you may learn to enjoy the thrill of exploring a library and discovering a new book, on the other hand you may find that sharing your time and experiences with the elderly, handicapped or youth may bring new meaning to your own life, or maybe you can find great delight in putting your experiences and thoughts down on paper or canvas. You may even find that relaxing in front of the stereo listening to Bach or Brubeck can make your entire day more relevant and rewarding and can even put you in the right mood to face the next one. The key is attitude, and learning to develop a mature and positive attitude can bring a whole new meaning and purpose to your life. In addition, if enough individuals on campus do the same, it can bring a whole new meaning and exciting spirit to the Dana Campus.



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# Laughter....

by Meridith Dunn

In this world torn apart by diverse cultures, religions and languages, there is one sound which everyone can understand and enjoy, laughter. Each day people find something to criticize, ridicule or abuse but only the lowest form of life would ridicule the sound of laughter.

There are many ways to describe and interpret laughter but the majority of the definitions by students come to the consensus that it is a sporadic outbreak of a sound that is the embodiment of happiness and enjoyment. Because it is so spontaneous it is impossible to control how it comes out and often when it comes out. But why would

anyone need to or want to do that. To try and control the sound of laughter would destroy the beauty of it.

When a child laughs only the most controlled adult can stifle a smile and yet for some strange reason as people grow older and attempt to mature, they feel they have a right to criticize someone's laugh. From the very beginning of a person's life they are endowed with a distinct voice and a distinct laugh, and these are true gifts to be appreciated and respected.

Laughter is the sound of love, friendship and joy, so laugh on and fill the world with music. Look on those who can not accept these sounds with pity because they are missing out on life's greatest gift.

# An Axe-iting Story

This story is just a stab in the dark about the latest talk here at Dana. Apparently Johnny Carson revived a prediction made seven years ago. As the story goes, a prediction was made that seven people would be killed by an 'axe-murderer' in Neihart Park in Nebraska. The ironic part is that Blair's park had not been named yet seven years ago.

The prediction, if anything, has sparked a rash of nighttime walks to the park to 'tempt' the axeman. So far this man has disappointed the wierdo watchers.

Now don't lose your head over this story, just keep a sharp look-out for things that glisten in the night.

# Who's

# Independent?

by Al Gibbs

Independent study is a course in which there are no week by week classes. The requirements and objectives of the course are made up by the instructor and the student to be fulfilled working independently. Most students participating in independent study are upperclassmen. In some instances independent study takes the form of a series of "Readings".

Two students from the Art Department participated in independent study. Veronica Rief did a series of studies and drawings of toys and dolls. She examined these forms to come up with an idea for her painting. Lori Vogt worked in the commercial art section of a department store's advertising department as an internship.

From the Science Department were three students. Beth Gibson worked as a physical therapist at Nebraska Hospital in Fremont. Pam Pekarek and Deb Dill worked as lab

technicians at Nebraska Community Hospital in Blair.

From the Communications Department were two students. Michelle Christensen worked as an assistant in the whole sale department at Burt Toyota in Denver, Colorado. Scott Doksansky worked for the radio station KHUB in Fremont.

Four students from the Language Department did a study of French language and theatre from medieval times to the 20th century. These students were Lee Vogt, Christine Swank, Sherri Hannigan, and Sherryann Hann.

Brenda Petersen and Brenda Myers did work on International Finance as independent study in mathematics.

Many other students have and are participating in independent study. Independent study is available in many other areas from the respective departments here at Dana College.

# Quotable Quotations

Euclid

Pupil: "Is it known, sir, whether Euclid personally bore the character of a trustworthy man, careful in his statements?"

Tutor: "Well, I cannot say that his private life is a matter of history, but..."

Pupil: "But from his writings sir, would you say he was to be depended upon?"

Tutor: "Ah-yes, certainly, I should. But why do you ask?"

Pupil: "Well, in that case sir, don't you think we might accept this proposition without further discussion?"

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*A mule makes no progress when he's kicking. Neither does a man.*

—E.H. CUMMINGS.

*Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.*

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU.

# Did You Know?

by Trudy Williams

In 1978 Doctor James T. Olsen sculptured a bronze bust of Grace Abbot for the Nebraska Hall of Fame. Miss Abbott, a native of Grand Island, was one of the most famous American social workers. During the mid 1930's she fought for federal legislation to protect the rights of child laborers as well as accomplishing other achievements in the area of public welfare and social service. Miss Abbott was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1976. Doctor Olsen was asked to sculpt the bust for the installation service which took place in 1978. The bust is in cast bronze and took Dr. Olsen approximately three months to complete.

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# Letters to the Editor

A View Of Lent

An introductory religion class can define Lent as a season of the Church year, beginning on Ash Wednesday and extending over forty days to Easter. Of course there is a great deal of history behind this time of year, and a complete definition is perhaps appropriate but not altogether necessary. The important factor is understanding what the season of Lent can be to people living in our world today.

Lent is a time in which one should prayerfully and penitentially prepare for the great celebration of Easter. It is an important and necessary time to focus our thoughts upon the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This six weeks is a journey from darkness to light, from death to new life, from the desert to Jerusalem, from penitence to pardon, and an ascent from the

ashes of the cross to the dawn of Easter.

Lent is intended to be a journey of faith for each individual as well as for all humanity. This is a season of learning and growing in faith as the celebration of Christ's resurrection approaches. It is a time of spiritual cleansing, prayer and strengthening of faith. Through a better understanding of the Lenten season, one can gain a greater knowledge of Christ and oneself.

Lenten services are being held on campus every Wednesday night at 10:00 pm in the chapel (PM 318), as a means to share in the journey through Lent with the Dana Community. Speakers include: Ann Burgard on March 13, Mike Hennick on March 20, and Tim Weltzin on March 27.

Sonja Johnson

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## Lady Vikes

## Makin' History

by Sue Kallman

This has been a year of firsts for the Dana Women's Basketball team. It was the first time they ever came close to beating conference champion Midland, the first time they placed second in the conference, and the first year they made it to the playoffs.

They had hoped it would also be the first time they would go to Nationals, but those dreams were cut short by Kearney State last Wednesday.

The game was close throughout and their chances seemed very real. It was a back and forth battle; neither team led for long or by more than four points. Dana was up by one at halftime but mid-way through the second half the Lady Lopers pulled away by six and, aided by

their experience, held on to win the contest 56-49.

Coach Foley was very pleased with the Lady Vikings effort. She said, "We did everything we wanted to do, except win. We contained their outside shooters, we didn't let them fast break, and we controlled the tempo."

Dawn Elliot led Dana with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Janee Pannkuk added 11 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists. Rhonda Fritz and Payton Ricker each added 10 and 6 points respectively.

Statistical leaders for the season were Elliot with a field goal percentage of 43.7 and 42 steals, Pannkuk with 74 percent from the free throw line, Ricker with 192 rebounds, and Fritz with 88 assists.

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services, as well as through organizations such as Fellowship for Christian Athletes, Ministry Teams, and Opus IV. More informally, Dana also fulfills this mission by being actually committed to the ideals stated in the Articles of Incorporation. This commitment is manifested in its general operation and atmosphere. Although there are some admittedly un-Christian aspects of the operation of this college in the past, (and probably will be in the future), and the atmosphere that it projects is not always a prime example of what it should be, as a rule the commitment to these Christian ideals is genuine.

Secondly, the charge that the professors do not teach Christian morals and the 'Christian world view' has two answers, true and false. True, the professors as a rule do not expound upon those things in the course of study, mainly because that is not the course of study. And false, the professors do not neglect to teach Christian morals or Christian viewpoints in the classroom, for although they may not specifically state that this or that is good or evil, godly or worldly, they teach by example and by inference. In some situations Christian

morals and-or viewpoints might be specifically referred to, the majority of 'Christian learning' takes place under the surface, in the way in which a professor conducts himself or herself, and the way in which material is presented. Of course in courses such as Math, such teaching is more lacking than others, by the nature of the material covered, but the example set by the professor is still there. I cannot categorically state that all professors on the Dana campus act with a Christian attitude, but those with which I have come in contact with in my three and a half years here have.

Dana may be, and in fact is, committed to Christian ideals, but it is most basically an institution of higher learning whose purpose is to teach students all it can before sending them out in the working world. Some students may have their Christian faith strengthened here, some may find it here. Others may in years down the road see Dana as a turning point in their quest for faith, and others may not find their faith here at all. Dana is not here to preach but to teach. If some of that learning is Christian oriented, fine, but Christian faith is not and never should be a requirement for graduation.

## Dana's Danish Student

by Tricia Bonauto

As many Dana students already know, we have a special student this semester. His name is Kim Gottlieb and he's visiting from Denmark. This is his third visit to America. During his previous trips he visited New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., Louisiana, Florida and Ohio. In other words, he's seen more of America than most Americans! He was in England for four months, and he got to visit home before coming here. His home is in Copenhagen, where he works at the 1 disco, Daddy's, and Tivoli as an accountant. He graduated this last spring from Faarnby "High School" (they call it Gymnasium). After this semester, he will go to New York for about a month and then he will return home. He will have about two months of rest and relaxation before starting at the University of Copenhagen where he will study business.

Dana welcomes it's Danish student.

## Heart Answers



### Aneurysm

An aneurysm is the result of a weakening of the wall of an artery which balloons out in a bubble-like protrusion. It may rupture under the pressure of blood flow—this could cause sudden, potentially fatal loss of blood, or stroke if it occurs in the brain. Aneurysms may develop in any artery, but the abdominal aorta is the most common site. If the aneurysm progressively increases in size, it should be removed despite the risk. Treatment involves surgical removal of the aneurysm and replacement of that section of the artery with a graft.

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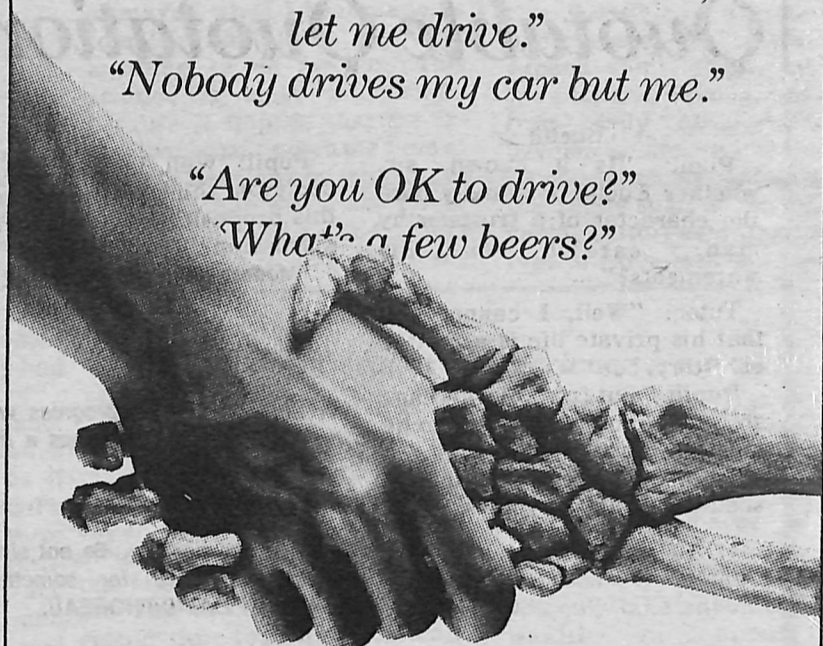
"Are you in any shape to drive?"  
"I've never felt better."

"I think you've had a few too many."  
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