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New President Chosen

FROM THE ALC NEWS SERVICE:

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, professor of communication and associate dean of the college of fine arts at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, has been named president of Dana College. He will begin his duties no later than July 1.

Christopherson will succeed Dr. James Kallas, who left Dana in 1984. Dr. Elwin Farwell has been serving as interim president.

The new president is an alumnus of Dana. He received his doctorate in communication and philosophy from Purdue University, writing his dissertation on Kierkegaard's dialectic of communication.

"I am excited about returning to my alma mater," Christopherson said. "I had an outstanding undergraduate education there, and one of my major goals is to make sure that

generations to come will have the same privilege. Dana had an excellent faculty and physical plant, and I am excited by the contribution that Dana can bring into the new Lutheran Church."

Christopherson announced that his three immediate goals are to maintain excellence of program, to increase enrollment, and to secure additional endowments.

Christopherson and his wife Anne are parents of three daughters, Kirsten, 17, Berit, 13, and Nisse, 5; and one son, Bjorn, 9.

Christopherson has held various positions at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, and has represented the Northern Wisconsin District on the Standing Committee for the ALC's Office of Communication and Mission Support.

Just Clowning Around

by Angie Ferguson

Actually, Dana College's own Clown White Ministry Team would like to believe that they do a little more than just clowning around. In the past few years Clown White has been instrumental in reaching out to the Christian community through their own special kind of ministry. This year the team continues its goal of outreach by bringing to Dana College The Floyd Shaffer Clown Ministry Workshop. The workshop is being organized entirely by students and is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 19, 1986.

Reverend Floyd Shaffer will head the workshop. Reverend Shaffer is a pioneer in the field of Modern Christian Clowning who began clowning in 1969. He has led numerous worship services, as well as many

workshops on Christian Clowning across the country. Reverend Shaffer will present several sessions on the many aspects of the Christian Clown. Clown White will lend a hand in the operation of the workshop by conducting two presentations entitled "Creativity and the Clown."

Karen Antons, another guest artist, will make two presentations in the area of mime. Karen is currently an instructor at the Omaha Community Playhouse whose professional objective is that of movement theatre instructor. Among other various organizations, Karen is a member of the National Mime Association and the Midwest Mime Association.

In addition to the workshops, activities will include a worship

service and a concert featuring Jackson and Almeda Berkey. The Berkeys are keyboard artists for Mannheim Steamroller, producers of *Fresh Aire*. The concert will take place on the day of the workshop in the Performing Arts Center at 4:00 p.m. The audience will be treated to a variety of vocal classics, piano classics, and original compositions by this gifted duo.

The workshop is free to all members of the Dana community. Tickets for the concert will be free for students, and may be obtained by faculty and staff at a cost of \$2.00 per person. All tickets may be picked up after April 1, 1986. Look for more details later concerning location and amount of tickets available.

Clown White Performs

by Angie Ferguson

Clown White, a Dana College ministry team, will give a public performance in the Lauritzen Theatre of the Performing Arts Center, on Sunday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The clowning and mime performances, which will be both sacred and secular, will demonstrate the team's special kind of ministry. Although the performance will deviate from the usual liturgical service which the clowns are used to, it promises to be enjoyable for kids of all ages.

Guest artist Karen Antons, a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, will perform several pieces from her pantomime and movement repertoire. Karen is currently an instructor at the Omaha Community Playhouse, and has acted as a consultant for Clown White in the past.

Dana students performing in the Clown White Ministry Team will be Sonya Johnsen, Jill Jorgensen, Lara Jean McBride, Lisa Erickson, Nathan Kramer, John Hollingsworth, Tim Hanssen, Shannon Haley, Denise Iskra, Angie Ferguson, Steve Godwin, and Brenda Meyer.

Admission will be free, but a freewill offering will be taken.

Prof. Broz Recovering

by Jane Eskildsen

Professor Thomas T. Brosnihan is recovering from a heart attack suffered on Monday night, Jan. 20. Prof. Brosnihan drove himself to Bergen Mercy Hospital where he is listed in fair condition. He will be in the Coronary Care Unit until Sunday when he is scheduled to be transferred to the Post Critical Unit. His condition is improving and he underwent an angiogram to determine if surgery is necessary (results unavailable at press time).

Cory Curran has been asked to finish coaching this basketball season in the place of Prof. Brosnihan and the P.E. faculty are sharing the responsibility of traveling to games off campus.

Liturgical Choir Starting

by Pastor Terry Cassell

The campus Ministry will be starting a liturgical choir for use in chapel and Sunday Services. The purpose of a liturgical choir is to help the congregation to worship through music. The choir will assist the Dana community in learning new liturgical and folk music. The choir will rehearse with Pastor Cassell weekly. The first rehearsal will be held on Feb 6 at 7p.m. in the Neve Room. Please contact Pastor Cassell if you are interested or have any questions.

Lenten Services

Our evening Lenten Services this year will be about a half hour in length and center on the theme "The Lord is My Shepherd: Reflections on Psalm 23". Pastor Terry Cassell will lead the services with student assistance. There will be a different preacher every night from the Dana faculty. Pastor Cassell and Pastor Carl Schattauer from First Lutheran Church in Blair will also preach at one of the services. The entire Dana community is welcome. On Feb.12 Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10a.m. in

Chapel with Imposition of Ashes in PAC and at 10p.m. Communion service in the Neve Room. On Feb.19, and 26, and Mar 5, 12, and 19 Lenten services will be held at 10p.m. in the Neve Room.

At Wednesday chapels during Lent we will be learning the Morning Prayer Service from the Lutheran Book of Worship with the assistance of the liturgical choir. Daybreak, one of Dana's Ministry teams, will be presenting various Lenten Dramas during chapel.

Alumni Career Night

by Michelle Krenke

The second alumni career night of the '85-'86 school year will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium. After a general forum the group will break up into smaller, closer related groups to answer specific questions. Math and Science careers will be the main area of concentration as attending alumnus will be asked questions such as: What courses at Dana benefitted you most? What are the career options that your professional degrees offer? What would be an entry-level position in your profession? Also, the application processes for these jobs will be discussed along with a description of a typical day on the job.

This semester's career night is sponsored by the Career Information Center, the Alumni Office and Ars Medica. Participants are Jaeque Husk, '79, a

pharmacist at Fremont Hospital; Jeff Levine, '84, a production lab technologist with Drosynth Inc. in Sioux City; Jerry Schmidt, '80, a computer scientist at Mid-America Computer Corp. here in Blair; Jeannette Seburg, '83, a medical technologist in a hospital in Lincoln; Gail Thormahlen, '83, a nuclear medicine technologist at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha; Dave Wallman, '71, Vice President and Actuary Security at Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Lincoln; and Chauncey Wilkins, '83, a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Med. Center in Omaha.

There will be a wide variety of occupations represented. Math and Science as well as undecided and all other students are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Ups & Downs of Enrollment

FROM THE ALC NEWS SERVICE:

A heavy enrollment of 4,492 part-time students enabled the colleges and universities of The American Lutheran Church to report a total enrollment of 23,367 in September of 1985, an increase of 67 over the previous year. However, the number of full-time students decreased by 1.5 percent, and the enrollment of full-time first year students decreased by 3.9 percent, according to figures released here by the ALC's Division for College and University Services.

Full-time enrollment totaled 18,875 in September, a decrease of 290. Total number of full-time first year students this year was 5,552, compared with 5,776 in 1984, a decrease of 224.

Dr. Glenn Nelson, director of the ALC's Division for College and University Services, listed two factors as contributing causes for the decrease in full-time enrollments. "The chief reason probably is economic," Nelson said. "The institutions located in the Upper Midwest are impacted by the depressed farm economy. Also, as costs are going up, the federal government's share of student aid is decreasing."

"A second reason," Nelson said, "is the changing pattern of education, as is reflected by the fact that a larger number of people are enrolling as part-time students."

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Vision of Renewal

by Jan Funk

Dana College is in a state of transition. In the atmosphere one feels despair, and yet one also perceives the beginnings of hope as we sense the presence of possibilities to which we could give life. Part of our current task seems to be that of choosing from among the many possibilities which present themselves to us. It is not simply an issue of choosing this and discarding that-- if Dana's future is to be a viable one, our choices must fit together in some sort of pattern which carries with it meaning, purpose, and the power to unite us in our work.

How do we find a pattern? If we look only to the past, we risk losing ourselves in the intensity of our need to preserve ourselves. We risk suffocating within the fortresses which we build to protect ourselves from the world. Yet if we throw our traditions to the winds, we risk the danger of losing our center and dissolving into the chaos of the times.

Perhaps the Native American concept of the seeking of a vision might be useful to us, for a vision is a powerful patterning of reality. The Sioux holy man Black Elk was one who experienced the power of the vision. In his vision, he saw the broken circle of the Sioux tribe around the "sacred center", the dying tree of life, which represented the heart of the people. Gradually the tree came back to life, and the brokenness of the tribal circle was replaced by the wholeness of a healed circle of all the nations of the world. Black Elk learned that it was his work to begin the healing process.

The patterning of Black Elk's vision offers some interesting possibilities. The idea of the "sacred center" is one shared with many traditions. The "sacred center" offers us a place from which we may meet the world and serve the world without sacrificing the sense of solidity and strength that comes from being rooted in a tradition. For many traditions, "the center" is the dwelling place of

the divine. For the individual, one might conceive of "the center" as being the human heart, a potential abode of the being of God. Black Elk saw "the center" as the sacred tree of life, the symbolic heart of the people of the tribe. He saw the "sacred center" surrounded by the circle of the tribe, yet in his vision the tribe became all the nations of the world. The brokenness of the circle of the unity of the tribe became in his vision the brokenness of the circle of the unity of humanity. The message of the vision was the glorious possibility of mending that brokenness by bringing "the center"-- the living tree, the heart of the people-- back to life. All great visions call us to some great work, and Black Elk's vision was no exception: his work was to begin the healing process. Perhaps he was ahead of his times, for few could understand the depths of his message-- that the brokenness of his people could only be mended by enlarging the tribal vision to include all peoples.

Black Elk's vision is now capturing the imagination of people around the world, not so much because of its originality, for the vision actually speaks in the symbols of the tribe, but because of its universality. Could Black Elk's experience point to the paradox of our own situation? Could it be that the answer to Dana's dilemma is as simple (and as difficult) as enlarging our vision to encompass the planet? The importance of Black Elk's vision for our times is partially captured in the phrase, "Think globally and act locally." Our "sacred center" need never change: our "center" is the Christian message of love and forgiveness. Its power to transform and inspire is beyond question. But perhaps it is not so important to proclaim it as it is to hold it deep in our hearts and to live it. From that space we can find the courage to let our vision expand to include all those who would wish to join us in our work. By shifting the focus from our own brokenness

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Members of the Dream

by Trudy Williams

On January 25, 1986 Ms. Yolanda King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., spoke in Omaha at the Holiday Inn Central. Ms. King stressed the need to continue her father's dream at home, abroad, individually and as a nation. In order for all people rich, middle class, poor, Indian, Spanish, oriental, black, white, American and European to live a fulfilling life, brotherhood must be practiced. It is time to live Dr. King's dream.

His birthday is not to be celebrated by blacks alone. Whites participated in the march in Washington as well as some of the marches in Alabama. King's dream needs everyone's involvement for his dream was meant for everyone. He looked for a day in which equality, liberty and justice was obtained by all races, nationalities and sexes.

Myth and ignorant pride would have one to believe his

own people are far better than others. How can that be? Most of the races and nationalities of the United States came from overseas in ships. Like it or not, we are now all in the same boat. If the boat is to be stable and keep afloat, all passengers need to work together.

One who stands on rumors and lies to hold on to his belief in his own superiority is heading for a fall. One should rely on his own abilities and intelligence to prove his humanity and manhood, not on the color of his skin or the lies of the past.

It is illogical to feel superiority over another who has different cultural traditions and different religious beliefs. Dr. King wanted all men to be able to stand together accepting each other individually. If one does not understand another's ways, then ask for an explanation. Seek to understand. Of course it is easier to laugh at someone than it is to try and understand him.

King's dream was for children, women, the elderly, all religious groups, and all races of men. He was a drum major for peace who beat out a universal theme of brotherhood.

As Black History Month approaches and as the month in which Dr. King was born comes to an end let us, both Christian and non-Christian, keep in mind the longevity of togetherness and the brevity of selfishness.

Harlem

What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?

Or fester Like a sore and then run?

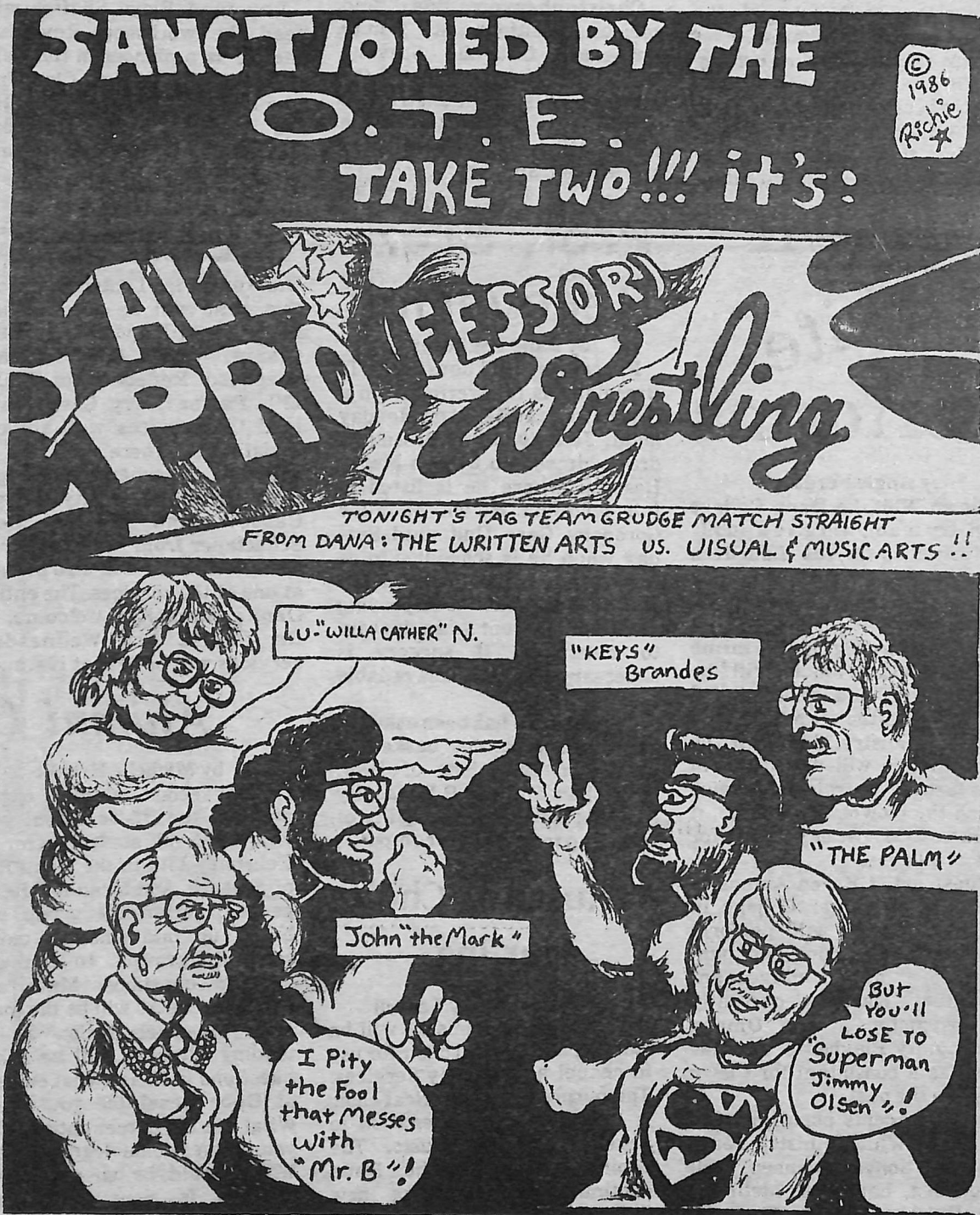
Does it stink like rotten meat?

Or crust and sugar over like a syrupy sweet?

Maybe it just sags like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

Langston Hughes



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Bach to the Future

by Michelle Krenke

The third presentation in the current Blair World of Entertainment Series was a concert by the Linden Woodwind Quintet which was held in the Lauritzen Theatre last Saturday, the 25th.

The ensemble played with definite clarity, precision and unity which was evident in many of their complicated pieces which they played with ease. Pieces performed ranged from music by Bach to current popular songs. Many who attended found it an enlightening evening of entertainment.

The Linden Quintet was formed in 1976 and set a new standard in the performance of quintet literature. The group's success could be partly due to

their outstanding education.

Wendy Stern, flutist, received her Master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music where she was a scholarship student and studied with the famous flutist, Juilius Baker.

Having made his first solo appearance with the Kansas City Philharmonic at the age of thirteen, William Meredith, oboe, proceeded to the Manhattan School of Music where he studied with Harold Gomborg.

Mitchell Kriegl, clarinet, is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music where his professional studies were with Charles Russo.

Richard Hein, french horn,

has studied with Richard C. Moore, Philip Farkas and Carmine Caruso, and has received his Bachelor of Music from the Manhattan School of Music. Richard is also currently on the faculty of Brooklyn College.

Wendy Large, bassoon, holds both a B.S. and a M.D. from the Eastman School of Music. While at Eastman, Wendy has studied with K. David Van Hoisan.

Next month's Blair Entertainment Series continues with the Luther College Orchestra in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3rd and Audan Ravnar, pianist, at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10. Both performances are free admissions.

No Strain, No Gain

by Carrie Martens

"To jog or not to jog?" That used to be the question. Now the streets don't seem to be so crowded with those slightly chubby, semi-bald men in running shoes and sweatsuits. We know the fitness craze is still around, so where have all those joggers gone? They are inside, dancing on carpeted floors to popular, upbeat music, doing AEROBICS!

Finally, a form of exercise that is almost fun, and oh-so-good for your body and circulatory system. Twist! Clap! Ski in place! What more could a person ask for? You can do it all by yourself, or you can get a whole bunch of people together and have a blast while firming your bodies up.

And it's not just for girls. Guys can do it too! Experts have proven that a good aerobic workout at least three times a week will not only help you lose weight and stay trim, but also will improve your cardiovascular system, give you extra energy, and put that old spring back in your step!

So come on. What are you waiting for? If you feel silly dancing around with other people, try a good swim or a brisk walk. It really doesn't matter how you do it, just get your heart going and have fun. (Four months more until you have to try your swimsuit on!)

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

New H.R.

by Trudy Williams

A new head resident has been in charge of Mickelsen Hall approximately for three months. Jill Jorgensen took over the position that was once held by Joyce Lee. Jill was a resident assistant during her junior year at Dana. She became an R.A. to help the freshmen make the difficult transition from high school days to college life. Some of Jill's responsibilities as the Head Resident of Mickelsen Hall include making maintenance requests, acting as a co-worker with the dean of students, and making room assignments.

Attention Popcorn Lovers: HIT THE BOOKS WITH VIC'S!

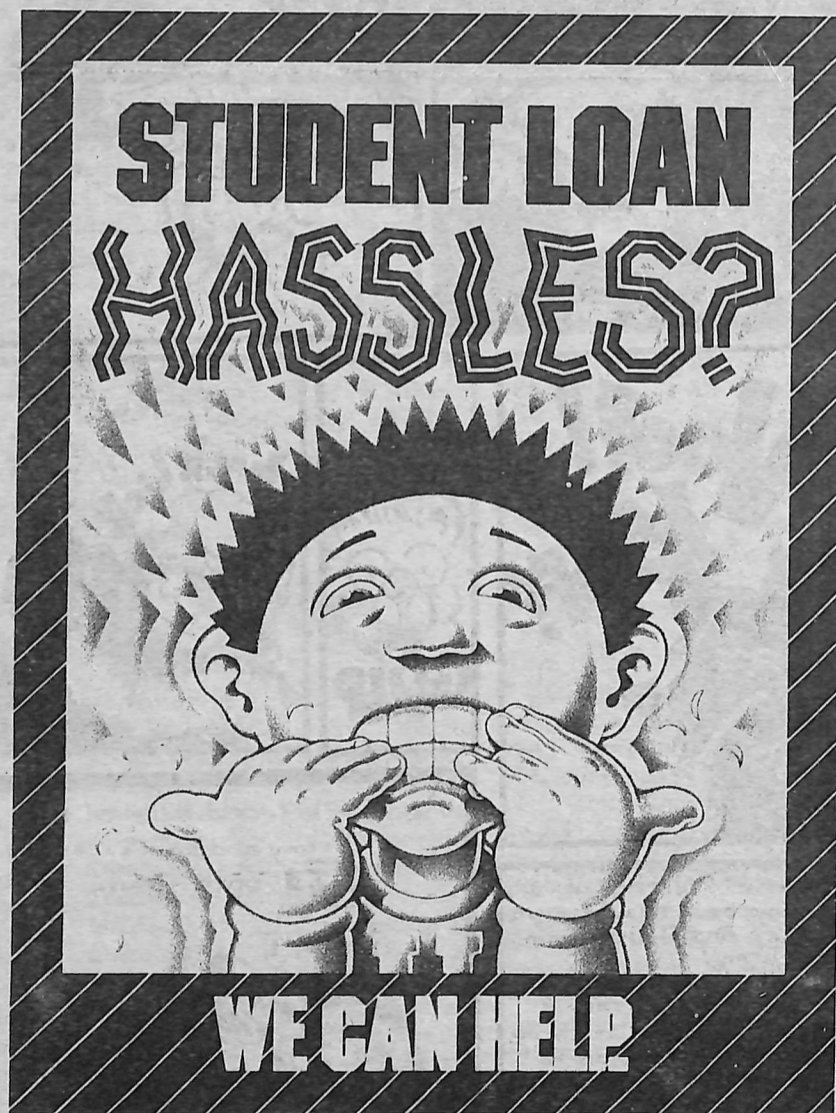
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For FREE information now instead of COSTLY payment troubles later on, come to the Student Borrowers' Meeting sponsored by the Nebraska Higher Education Loan Program.

The meeting will be in the Presidents' Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18th.

Lenten Reflections

(Contn'd from P.2)

by Pastor Terry Cassell
Lent - from Middle English *lente*, meaning springtime- is a season in the church year for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. You've all heard of "spring cleaning" (even if you've never done it!). Lent is a time for us all to do some spring cleaning in our spiritual lives by clearing away all those things that separate us from God's love.

People usually think of lent as a time to give something up that

they really enjoy like chocolate or ice cream or smoking. They play the martyr for 6 weeks and can hardly wait until Lent is over so they can return to their old pleasures/vices.

Instead of giving something up this Lent, why not take something on?...Discipline yourself to add time for prayer and meditation into your busy schedule, come to Lenten services, join the hunger group, sit with people outside your clique once a week...the possibilities are endless. Then after Lent is over, rather than going back to

your old ways, why not stick with your new ways?

The season of Lent calls us to change our ways, to change our hearts, to rid ourselves of those things that intrude between us and God, and to turn our thoughts and our lives toward God. The emphasis is less on what we give up and more on what we give of ourselves, less on staying away from fun and foods and more on staying away from those things that separate us from the love of God. When it works well, we gain much more than we give up.

to the brokenness of the world, we might find the beginnings of our healing. By opening ourselves to a larger vision, we might find ourselves enriched beyond measure.

Could Dana not become a rich, creative place where people of many traditions would join together in a great living circle, working and dancing around the "sacred center" of our Christian tradition of love and mutual forgiveness? What would it look like? Certainly it would include people from many parts of the globe, studying both the classics and professional approaches to meeting the world's problems. It would include a multiplicity of teaching/learning methods, from traditional lectures to innovative forms of experiential learning. The campus would be the center of the college, but the community and indeed the planet could be the laboratory. Students would go out into the community to talk with people about issues and to participate in projects related to the learning process. Community people would participate in seminars and be welcomed into the classroom. Non-traditional students, international students, and students from a variety of racial, cultural, and ethnic groups would be integral parts of a college community which valued them for their life experience, their unique per-

spectives, the wisdom of their cultures, and their ability to express their understanding in modes unfamiliar to us.

Perhaps one might be able to participate in a Native American festival right on campus-- students could learn how to beat the drum, how to dance, how to make fry bread, how to express gratitude to "all our relations", all living things. Perhaps there would be women's studies classes, where women could learn to value their forgotten strengths. There would be a strong athletic program for women as well as for men. Older people, farmers, pastors, and local business people would participate in planning and implementing workshops, classes, and seminars which would connect the college with regional communities, which would see the college as belonging to them and responsive to their needs.

The possibilities are endless. Even though we are faced with severe financial limitations, given a powerful vision, we could find numerous ways to begin. A shared, living vision acts as a magnet-- it attracts people as well as energy in the form of money and talent. What we need is a vision with the power to heal and transform the planet-- such a vision would necessarily heal and transform us as well.

Timmy and Laika

by Richie

THE SAGA THUS FAR: On Nov. 3, 1957 Young Timmy Jordoskov, angry at his nation for putting his dog companion, Laika aboard Sputnik II, Complains to his Uncle Gorbi. Timmy's Pa and Uncle Gorbi think it a good idea to send Timmy into the army. On his way to meet the army recruiter however, Timmy is attacked by the HORRENDOUS SIBER CAT and instinctively calls to Laika. And so Laika, risking the WRATH of the POLIT BUREAU....



News Cont'd

Junior Miss

(Cont'd from P.1)

Following are enrollment figures for the present academic year at the 12 colleges of the American Lutheran Church:

	First-Year Enrollment			Total Full-Time		
	1984	1985	Change	1984	1985	Change
Augsburg College Minneapolis, Minn.	361	379	+18	1,238	1,235	-3
Augustana College Sioux Falls, S.D.	408	404	-4	1,514	1,434	-80
California Lutheran Thousand Oaks, Calif.	368	350	-18	1,359	1,301	-58
Capital University Columbus, Ohio	513	473	-40	1,812	1,707	-105
Concordia College Moorhead, Minn.	723	753	+30	2,405	2,419	+14
Dana College Blair, Neb.	156	107	-49	443	392	-51
Luther College Decorah, Iowa	610	553	-77	2,072	2,008	-64
Pacific Lutheran Tacoma, Wash.	829	772	-57	2,870	2,860	-10
St. Olaf College Northfield, Minn.	836	805	-31	2,945	2,950	+5
Texas Lutheran Sequin Texas	337	342	+5	963	939	-24
Wartburg College Waverly, Iowa	387	385	-2	1,138	1,201	+63
Waldorf College Forest City, Iowa	248	249	+1	406	429	+23
Total	5,776	5,552	-224	19,165	18,875	-290

by Michelle Krenke

With Mayor Stan Jensen proclaiming the week of February 2 through 8 as Junior Miss Week, so must Dana prepare for nearly 100 young women to visit our campus during that time. Attending the event, also, will be the 1985 Junior Miss, Valerie Lowrance. She will be an honored speaker on the 4th when "Blair Meets the Nebraska Junior Misses."

The Nebraska Junior Miss Program will begin at 7p.m. in the Lauritzen Theatre on the 8th. Selection of the 1986 Nebraska Junior Miss will take place then, and she will represent Nebraska in the National Finals in Mobile, Alabama.

Hunger Group Started

by Pastor Terry Cassell

On the second and fourth Mondays of every month a group of students, faculty, and members of First Lutheran Church will be meeting in the Melchoir Room of the Library over the lunch hour. The purpose of the group is to gather for study, prayer and mutual support as they struggle with the problems of World Hunger. The group hopes that some action projects will come out of their group as well.

Bob Schminky, "Bread for the World" representative, will speak to the group on March 3 at noon. He will also speak in chapel that day.

All members of the Dana community are welcome to attend the Hunger Group meetings.

THE END (ROLL CREDITS)