

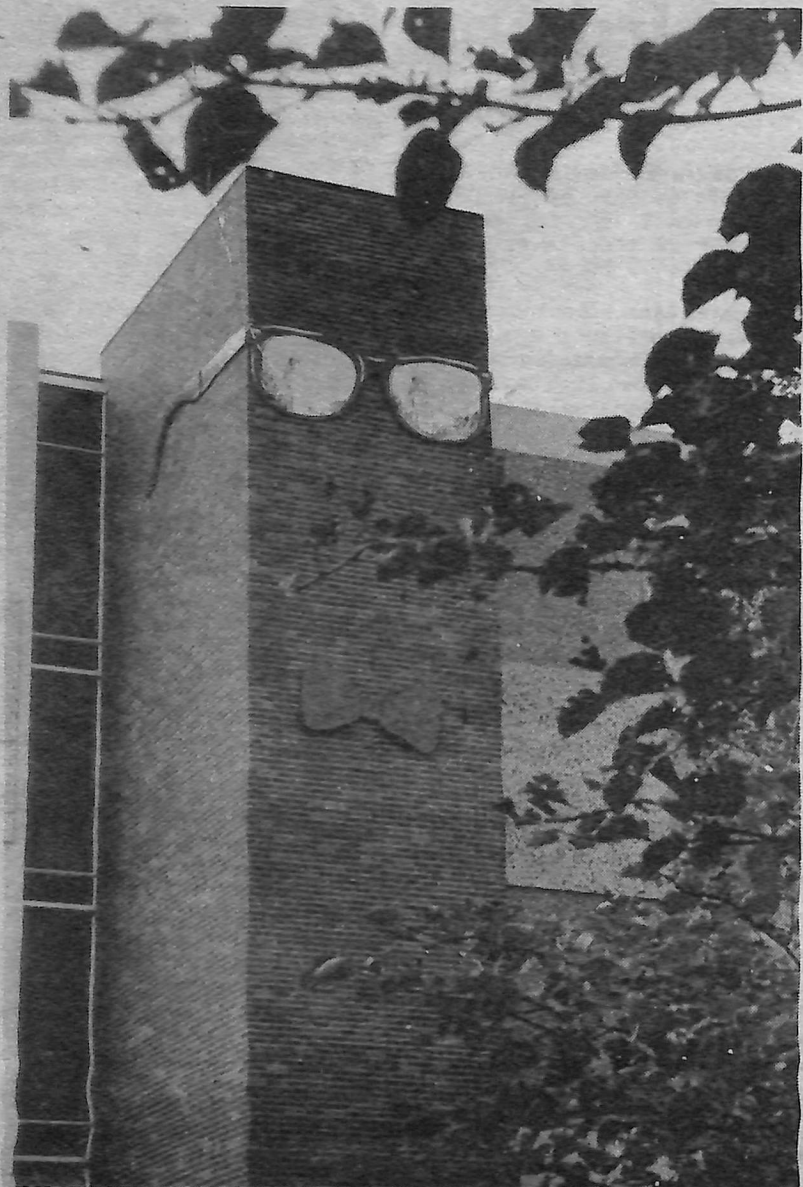
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Blair Hall spruces up for Homecoming Week. Photo by Grant Mathies

Dana Fares Well at Forensics Competitions

By Gina Roden

Christa Johnson joined a group of students from UNO this weekend to participate in a forensics tournament held at Kansas State. During Homecoming, some members of the forensics club represented Dana at a tournament hosted by Creighton University. Johnson, Vince Orduna and Gina Roden traveled to Wayne State to compete in their first forensics tournament of the year on October 1st.

Forensics is very similar to a speech contest. A person may choose to compete in a variety of categories ranging from impromptu speaking to poetry interpretation. Impromptu speaking is an event that requires no preparation prior to the contest.

Other categories include informative and persuasive speaking, prose interpretation, poetry and drama interpretation, dramatic duo, extemporaneous speaking, after dinner speaking, sales speaking, and communication analysis.

What goes on in a forensics tournament? After two rounds of competition in each of the eleven categories, the top six people in each event are eligible to compete in the fi-

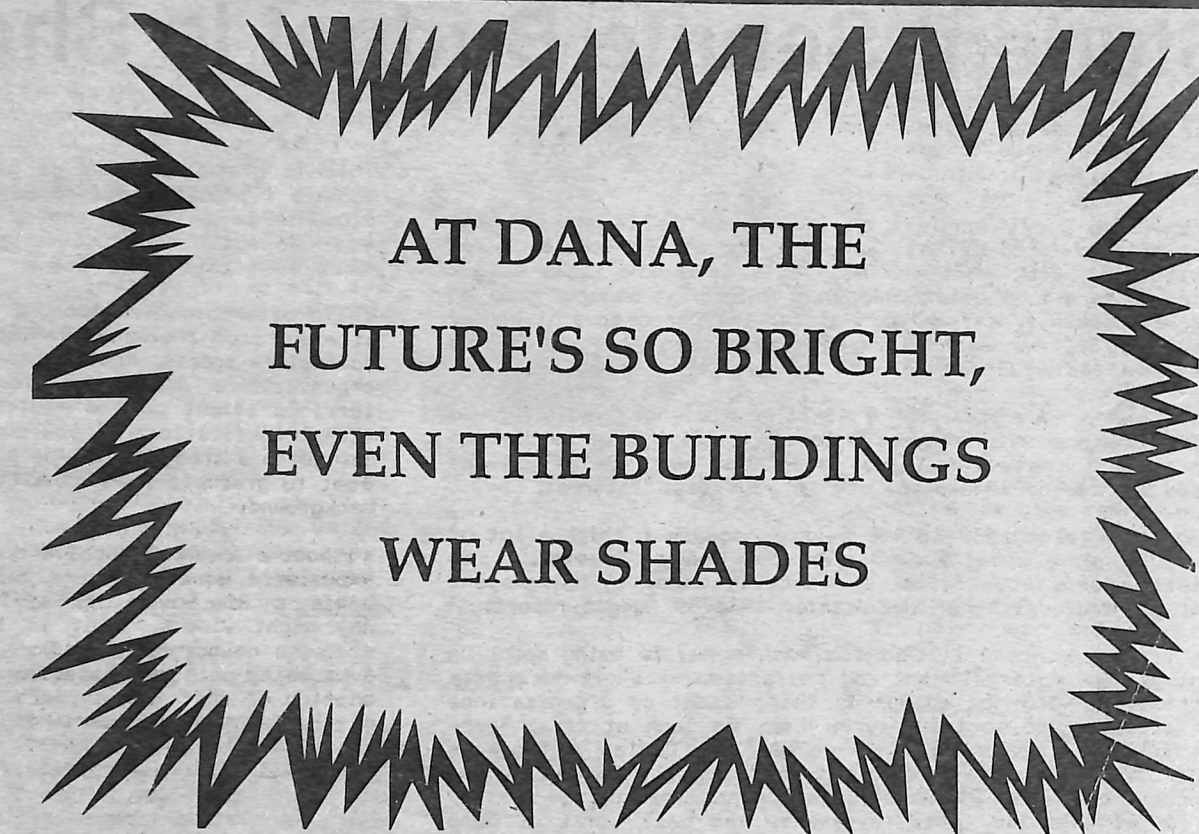
nals. The six contestants from each category then perform for three judges, who rank them from first to sixth place.

Immediately following the finals, an awards ceremony is held. Plaques or trophies are given to all first, second and third place winners in each event. An award is also presented to the student and college team who has earned the most cumulative points in the tournament.

Sieg Krueger, Dana's forensic coach, commented on the way home from the Wayne State tournament, "The first tournament gives students an incentive to work harder on their material because that is where they find out what kind of competition they're up against."

At Wayne, two of the seven events entered by Dana qualified for finals. Johnson and Orduna finished fourth in the impromptu duet category. Johnson also placed sixth with her selection in dramatic interpretation.

Krueger would like to encourage any students who are interested in joining forensics to get in touch with him. Forensics is an extracurricular activity that allows students flexibility in choosing what times are best for them to work on their material.



AT DANA, THE
FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT,
EVEN THE BUILDINGS
WEAR SHADES

What's Up DOCS?

By Teresa Coenen

A dormitory room is more than a place to hang a hat. The residence halls provide students with a number of services that often go unnoticed or unappreciated. Students exchange information on classes, instructors, and extra-curricular activities. They share books, ideas, and common interests. At their convenience, students can use campus resources such as the library, the computer system, laboratories, and recreational and athletic equipment.

At this time, over 25 percent of Dana's student population is not able to experience these "hidden assets". More than 130 students are currently classified as commuting or non-traditional students.

DOCS, Dana Organization of Commuting Students, recognizes this problem and offers a networking system for these students. DOCS members meet informally every day at lunch in the Dragon's Head. Discussions at the Round Table vary widely from Humanities, Larp, and the teaching block to jobs, children and in-laws. Most importantly, students are

given the opportunity to "plug in" to Dana through the experiences of other students: something that traditional students take for granted.

DOCS is more than lunches and networking. In 1987 DOCS became a more active organization. Members worked hard to earn money to provide a \$400 scholarship to a non-traditional student with financial need. This year's recipient was Russell Snyder, who resides in Omaha Village.

Peg Crannell, a senior from Tekamah, is chairman of the scholarship committee for DOCS. She says that DOCS will again sponsor bake sales and rummage sales to provide another scholarship, but the major fund raising efforts this year will be targeted toward a \$5,000 endowment fund.

Working in conjunction with the development office, Crannell says that DOCS members are soliciting funds from former commuting students. Crannell is heading the mail, phone and personal request campaign in hopes of having the full \$5,000 in place by the end of the academic year.

In the future, Crannell said, commuting graduates will be encouraged to earmark any gifts made to Dana to be donated specifically to the DOCS Endowment Fund. "The older, returning student is a growing trend. Projections say that in 10 years, nearly half the student population will be the non-traditional student. With that in mind, a scholarship for these people is more than appropriate, it's a necessity," she said.

In addition to the endowment fund drive, DOCS members are busy working with other organizations on campus to

research the possibility of starting a day care program on campus for students, staff and faculty. DOCS recognizes the problems of finding quality, convenient day care in Blair, and is trying to determine the feasibility of a college-sponsored program. Considering that 25% of Dana students commute to school, the demand for such a program is great. Currently, Dana provides up to \$25 per week per child for a full-time student's day care expenses. DOCS members plan to prepare a solid presentation for the Dana administration later this year.

On the social side, DOCS members are becoming well-known for their pot luck dinners. Every spring, they honor non-traditional seniors at a pot luck banquet. This month they surprised the 16 professors who lost their offices in Old Main. The teachers were invited to a pot luck dinner, where they received a special, limited-edition, commemorative Old Main brick.

With each year, DOCS expands its horizons further. This is the first year that DOCS has been represented on Student Senate and Crannell said she would like DOCS to be represented in the yearbook also.

With all of the commuting and non-traditional students attending Dana, DOCS could become one of the largest organizations on campus. Any commuting student who would like to experience the benefits of this networking organization is encouraged to contact DOCS president, Angie Trask, from Blair.

What's the one thing that DOCS can't provide for the non-traditional students? Enforced quiet hours, especially during Finals Week.

SEE PAGE 4
AND PAGE 5
FOR
HOMECOMING
COVERAGE

Student Senate Budget is Shortsighted

By Mark Olson

Recently, I picked up a copy of Dana College's student organization 1988-89 Fall Semester Budget. For those of you unfamiliar with what the budget is, and how it is established, here is a brief rundown. The Student Senate, made up of representatives from each class, and off-campus students, is given \$60 for each full-time student to allocate in the Senate's best judgement.

This year, Dana has 414 full-time students, which gives Dana's campus organizations a total of \$24,480 to be divvied up amongst themselves. This means that each one of you has paid \$60 to the Senate for use in your best interest.

I'm happy to pay \$60 to the Senate because I think a lot of good things are being done with the money. However, I am disillusioned when I look at what the money is being spent on, and the quality of the printed 1988-89 budget report.

My primary concern is that too much money is being spent on things like entertainment and recreation -- short-term gratification, and not enough is being spent on organizations of literary and social nature. When we look at these "academic" organizations what do we see? The Danian yearbook, a publication in dire need of student support, whose budget was cut back 15%. The Sower literary publication, an artist-oriented magazine, that represents the best works of Dana students, whose budget was cut 12%. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes--budget cut 35%.

Other organizations whose budgets were cut include: Dana Women Student Leadership Association--15%, Student Awareness Organization--16%, Dana Organization of Commuting Students--6%, Cheerleaders--57%, and Drill Team--50%.

How can these organizations hope to raise their standards of performance without monetary support? Without quality work, student and faculty interest wanes drastically. And without campus support, money is channeled elsewhere, while apathy increases -- a vicious, vicious circle.

Compare Dana's newspaper, The Hermes, budget with that of the Midland College newspaper. The Hermes receives \$1800 per semester from Dana Student Senate, while the Midland budget is approximately \$11,000 per semester for their newspaper. Granted, they have a larger enrollment, but not six times larger. In proportion to Midland's paper, the Hermes should receive \$5,500 per semester. Where are Dana's priorities? Obviously not with our literary publications.

Further, while these organizations of academic stature are being neglected (including others who don't even bother with the Senate's red-tape), other organizations of shorter-term appreciation are being allocated huge amounts of money. For example, the Student Activities Board has a budget of \$11,885. This is 47.8% of the total 1988 semester budget. The Intramural budget is 2.1%, and combined, these two organizations receive one-half of the entire money placed in the Senate's care. By the way, neither of these organization's budgets were cut, and it would be a safe bet that they were raised over last year's.

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This is great, because we get intramurals, bands, movies, videos, hypnotists and comedy acts. But do half of all Dana students to every one of these events? Put it another way, do all Dana students go to half of these events? I don't even think it's close.

While other organizations on this campus are allotted money straight from the Dana Administrative budget, such as Inter-collegiate sports, speech-theatre and many others, important organizations are being shortchanged, which is having a terrible effect on the status of Dana College as an educational institution. If you don't care what Dana's reputation is, go to a trade school or business college, but many of us want to graduate from an elite college, with a well-rounded background.

Without a doubt, I receive much more gratifying, worthwhile experience working on, or reading a copy of the Hermes, the Danian or the Sower than seeing a whole semester of Wednesday night videos. What is happening to the rest of the students on our campus? Does anyone care if this article is even being printed? Does anyone care about seeing a quality edition of next year's yearbook? If so, please examine some of the judgements made by this year's Student Senate. If the apathy on the rest of the campus is any indication, the Senate is a prime candidate for a new evaluation.

Here is a student organization, containing the most disciplined students on campus, representing all of us, who don't even care that their meeting agendas are handwritten, rather than typed -- whose budget is handwritten and as confusing as a dictionary full of typos. Please obtain a copy of the 1988-89 budget for yourself and note the quality -- words like "Intermural" and "spagettii," not to mention the handy, undecipherable format. It took 20 minutes to interpret the columns and budgeting -- and the mathematics were incorrect. It seems as though the money we spend on word processors and printers is only a classroom facade.

An organization with such impact upon the student involvement in campus organizations should take a little more pride in its responsibility. If these decisions are the best that can be made by our representatives, future leaders, and intellectuals, I'm ready to move to Australia.

Presidential Race Dead Heat

By Darrell Smith

Recently, the Hermes staff conducted a political survey among the Dana student body. The purpose of the survey was to get a better understanding of how the community of Dana feels about the upcoming elections.

The first question students were asked was "Are you registered to vote?" The final tally was that for every two students who were registered to vote, one was not. Sixty-seven percent were registered. Although 3% were not registered to vote, we feel that this survey will be a fair estimate of the political feelings that expressed on the Dana campus.

When asked which presidential/vice-presidential ticket they would vote for, the Dana community chose Dukakis/Bentsen over Bush/Quayle by only 4%. Eight percent of the students said they would vote for some other candidate. That leaves 26% of the students who were undecided. This sets up a situation where if those students were forced to make a final decision, the end result could be changed drastically, with either Dukakis/Bentsen running away with the elections or Bush/Quayle taking the final victory.

Another question asked on the survey was whether or not students agree with media's exploitation of the candidates. The students of Dana overwhelmingly disapproved of candidate exploitation, with 72% voting no to the question. Some students expressed their opinion with voting yes, and others just answered with sometimes. But the general consensus on the Dana campus was that candidate exploitation was not something that should be done.

When asked what the most important issue of the '88 election was, once again the students' vote was very lopsided. Forty-nine percent agreed that the deficit was the main topic that the presidential candidates should cover. Only one other category was expressed in the ratio of a double figure as far as percentages go. That was the Iran-Contra Affair which pulled in 10% of the vote.

The one conclusion that can easily be drawn from this survey is that those students who voted in the undecided category for the presidential/vice presidential ticket could very easily change the outcome of the results. Remember that there was only a 4% difference separating the two tickets. If just a few people would have

WHY NOT?

By Christopher Heinrich

With the presidential election fast approaching, political activist groups are making their last ditch efforts to encourage the public to vote. Unfortunately, Americans would rather watch Monday Night Football than take 10 minutes to vote on the most important issue in four years, the presidential election.

The stats are not pretty. The Hermes Presidential poll shows one-third of those polled not registered to vote. Is there not one issue that should compel every student to consider the candidates? A few are in order.

Education is a big issue that is plagued with Reagan's "voodoo economics." Bush and Dukakis lack the substance to pull off the needed reforms. Bush is passing the buck to the state and local legislatures. Dukakis scores only slightly better with incentives to Education majors.

And what about taxes? Most of us will be forking out money to Sam. Reaganomics will strike again with Bush & Co. and the burden will fall on the middle class. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Dukakis portrays himself as the middle class man but his V.P. pick leaves me skeptical of his image. Both receive an "F" for failing to boldly confront the tax issue.

Partisan politics aside, these issues require strength in numbers. Make the student voice heard.

voted under a definite category, the outcome would have been turned around. Before anyone votes in November, the candidates and their platforms must be studied. It's from this that the voters of America will make their final decision. They need to be aware of what they are voting for, so as not to vote for something they don't want.

Even if all the students who voted under the undecided category would vote for the other candidate, Dukakis/Bentsen would still win the election. But the final vote of those undecided could be very vital in the outcome of the campus survey. The same holds true for the general public. Those people who go to the polls still undecided, but make the final decision at the poll, are very often the deciding factor in the Presidential elections.

Therefore, everybody needs to be looking for the qualities they want in a president and need to make the decision beforehand. If they wait until later and end up making a decision they aren't sure about, it may be a decision that they regret.

NO MEDALS AT DANA OLYMPIAD

By Melissa Reinikainen

Seoul, Korea and Blair, Nebraska became sister cities for a day, as Olympics fever spread from the XXIV Olympiad to the Dana Campus. The Vikings joined the rest of the world in competition, but with a twist. The Dana Olympics didn't give gold medals for the 200 Meter Freestyle or Bantamweight Boxing, but competition was stiff for the highest points in every event.

Throughout the games, athletes had their minds focused on the ultimate goal -- the highest number of points and the GOLD. Teams got points for first, second and third places in each event. The events included the Lifesaver Pass, Orange Pass, Three-Legged Race, Tug 'o War, and the dreaded Water Balloon Toss.

Not only was winning the Water Balloon Toss important for points, but for two teams, it was their last effort in the struggle for the GOLD and their monetary and food prizes. When the final points were tallied, there was a tie for first place -- two teams had 33 points each. The deciding tie breaker was a Water Balloon Toss.

However, the final balloon toss was not the end of the fun. All of the participants had the chance to throw pies at each other. Some of the athletes thought the Pie Toss was the best of all.

Becca Brabec, a senior from Clarkson, noted, "The Pie Toss was the most fun because it felt good having permission to throw a pie in someone's face." Though the Pie Toss seems like a lot of fun, each

contestant was on the receiving end as well. Brabec added that it was also her worst experience because "I had to wipe whipped cream out of my eyes."

Overall, the Dana Olympics were a success, but more involvement on both the organizing and participating ends would increase the success. The first Dana Olympics had a small start, and not quite the spectator turnout as the Seoul Olympics, but we have only begun.



Rob Bara takes it in the face. Photo by Grant Mathies



Mark Clements and Cami Christensen skillfully ring a Lifesaver in Olympic competition. Photo by Grant Mathies

Organization Improves Leadership

By Emily Kurth

It's new, it's growing, and it plans to positively influence all the organizations on the Dana campus. It is the Dana Women Student Leadership Association.

The idea for the association originated last year. Dana student Cathy Keck formulated the concept and received input from interested students. From these efforts she was able to establish the organization.

The purpose of the organization is multi-dimensional. The main objectives are to provide workshops and seminars on campus to promote leadership and to increase awareness of the special needs and abilities of women in leadership positions.

The organization is taking a different approach to organizational hierarchy than other campus groups. The association doesn't have appointed officers. According to Keck, an executive committee will share responsibilities equally. The executive committee consists of five core members who Keck felt were among the best women leaders on campus. They also exhibited an interest and willingness to commit time and effort toward the organization. The core members are Angie Johnson, Cathy Keck, Paige Kostboth, Carolyn Lauer, and Cathy Morrison.

The organization also has advisor Paula Hanley and assistant advisor Dr. Ruth Sather. Other faculty members are also being very supportive Keck said. She named Dr. Sybille Bartels and Dean Kathy O'Connor as two who are involved. The advisor's function will be to guarantee that the organizational process is carried out properly, said Hanley.

The remaining members of the association are delegates. Those eligible for membership must be a member of a campus organization and be selected by that organization as a delegate. Members may not hold office in the organization they represent. "The members consist of men and women interested in the pursuit of better leadership within their organizational and personal life," stated Keck. The organization is accepting the membership of those not participating in campus organizations, upon committee approval.

There is a yearly \$10 membership fee. This allows the members free admission to all workshops and programs by guest speakers held on campus. Every delegate will also receive a T-shirt.

Another aspect of the organization which makes it unique from other campus organizations is the enforcement of a dress code. This is implemented during meetings and other organizational functions. Jeans, shorts, and tennis shoes are not allowed. Keck said the purpose of the code "is to make people feel better about themselves and to take pride in the organization."

The core members expressed positive views about the Dana Women Student Leadership Association. "I feel really excited about the organization, because it could bring a lot of improvement to the organizations at Dana," said Lauer. "I feel a lot of good can come from this organization. It can benefit everyone either directly or indirectly," added Kostboth.

Keck feels the association has great potential, but this can't be realized unless the campus will be receptive to the idea. "The association can be successful, only if the other organizations on campus have a genuine interest in improving and re-energizing their own groups," she said. Keck continued to emphasize the importance of having an association like this. "No one can be a successful leader without knowing about all the issues concerning leadership," she said.

Presently, the core members are attending meetings held by other organizations in order to recruit delegates and to share information about the association.



Siri Vollan and Sean Haight "neck" an orange. Photo by Grant Mathies

Candidate Profiles

By Dawn Preston

The 1988 Homecoming candidates were selected from the entire Senior class and the Homecoming committee selected the top five men and women. The five who were nominated for king were Griff Dunlop, James Cloyd, Scott Walker, Paul Sanders, and Rob Bara. The five who were nominated for queen were Lisa Overlie, Shari Bohling, Angie Johnson, Rebecca Brabec, and Patty Dunlop. Each candidate was asked to give his or her greatest accomplishment while at Dana.

Griff Dunlop is a Social Work major from South St. Paul, MN. "I would say my greatest accomplishment has been being assistant hall director, because it bestows a lot of confidence in me and it's been a growing experience," said Dunlop.

Overlie is a Biology major from Sioux Center, IA. "Being able to do a number of things such as a trainer for the football team, and learn more about myself by being president of FCA, and learning to enjoy my studies," said Overlie.

Cloyd is a Commercial Art major from Omaha. "I've been able to break barriers and set new goals, and be an active member in campus life as well as a role model and friend for other students. By my achieving my goals maybe I've encouraged other students to go after their goals," said Cloyd.

Bohling is a Physical Education major from Elk Creek. "I've been in three sports and stayed on the Dean's list. I'm hoping for Academic-All-American," she said.

Walker is a Business Communication major from Plainview. "Getting close to graduation," said Walker when asked about his greatest accomplishment.

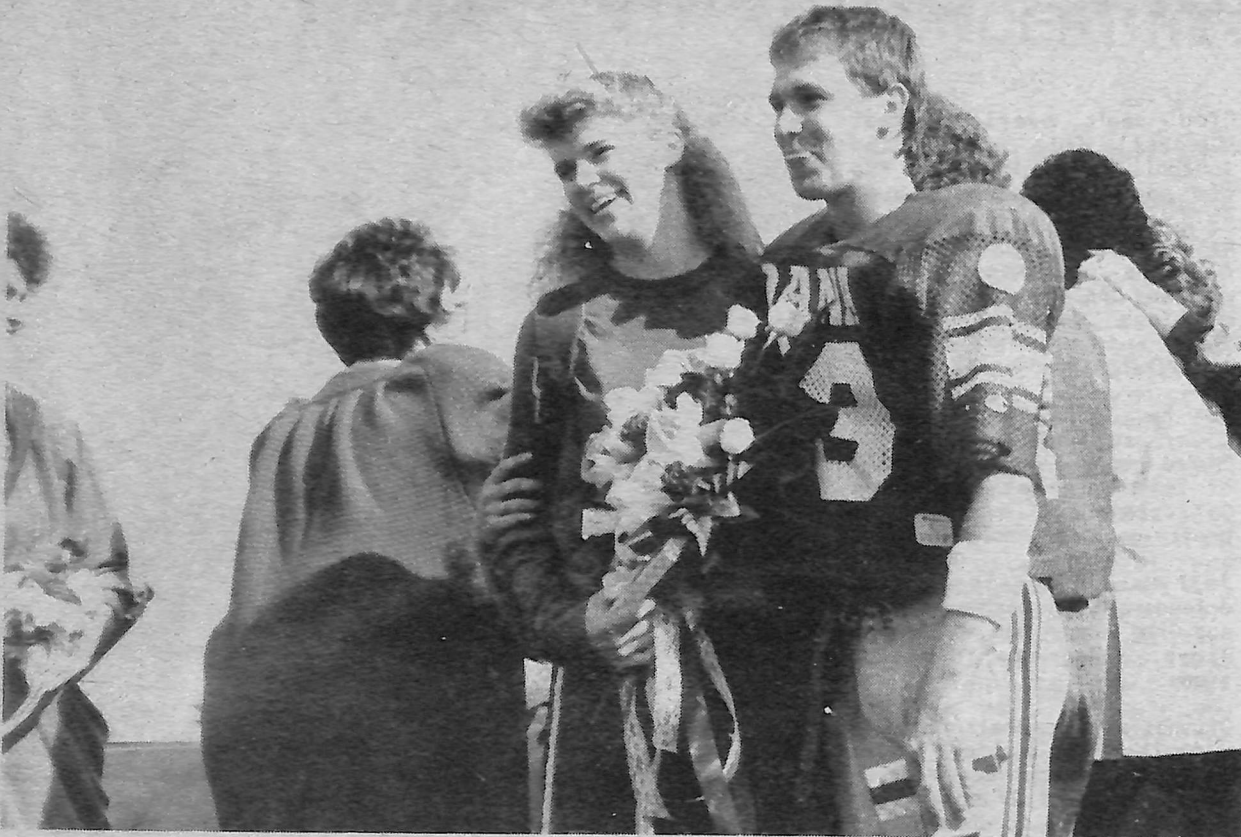
Johnson is Social Work major from Belvidere, IL. "To be a Senior," said Johnson when asked about her greatest accomplishment at Dana.

Sanders is a Business Communications major from Summerville, SC. "Playing football with no serious injuries and making it through school," commented Sanders.

Brabec is a Social Work major from Clarkson. "Serving four years here and sticking through the hard times," said Brabec.

Bara is a Child Psych major from Chicago, IL. "Adjusting to the smaller society at Dana," was Bara's response.

Patty Dunlop is a Social Work major from South St. Paul, MN. "I think it's an accomplishment to get through four years of school in three," said Dunlop.



Homecoming Queen Shari Bohling and King Paul Sanders were chosen from ten royalty candidates. Photo by Grant Mathies



My Most Embarrassing Moment...



Jennifer Barabas
Freshman
Fort Calhoun

While I was an exchange student in Australia, I was asked a very embarrassing question. I was sitting in class, and a boy seated next to me asked, "Pardon me, would you happen to have a rubber?" The shock finally faded when someone explained that when Australians say rubber they mean eraser!



Kent Emswiler
Sophomore
Dunlap, IA

Once when I was travelling with my best friend and his family, a very embarrassing thing happened. We were coming back from the Iowa State fair and were about 10 miles from the nearest town. I was in dire need of a restroom, so they pulled the car over to the side of the road.



Professor E. Linblad
Science Department

In a chemistry class I was talking about electron orbitals which can be labelled S & P. I explained that the resulting chemical bond can be said to have s-characteristics or p-characteristics. In other words, they would have s-ness or p-ness. The class found that quite funny.



Kitty Norbeck
Custodial Staff

A couple of years ago I was visiting a friend in the hospital. When I left to use the restroom, I accidentally went into the men's restroom and to my surprise, a man walked in on me.

What's that? Girls on the Gridiron

By Kevin White

The quarterback fades back and fires to the wide receiver, who hauls it in for a 30-yard completion.

James Anderson to Paul Sanders you might guess? No, this time it was Shari Bohling to Daylene Perrino in the 1988 Powder Puff football game.

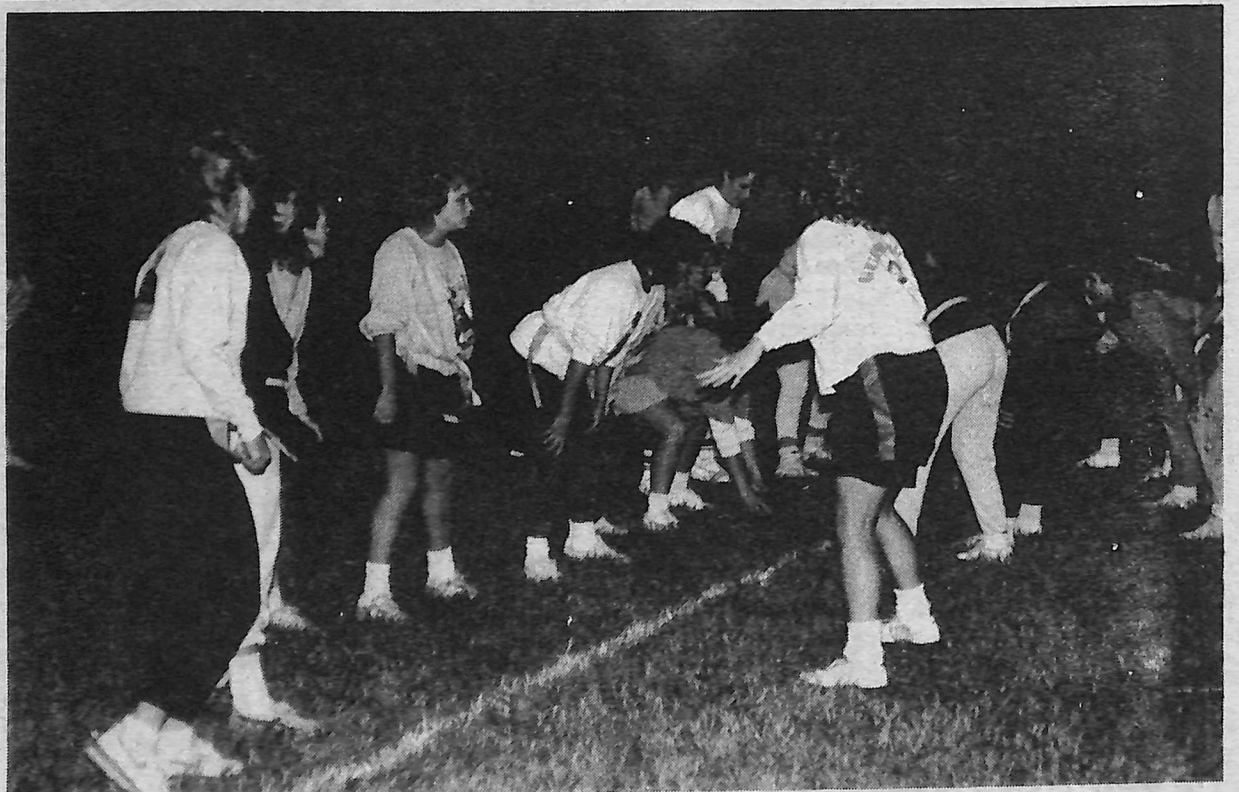
The Powder Puff game gave these 25-30 coeds a chance to show their stuff on the gridiron during Homecoming Week.

The game was played as flag football, although it was hard to tell as tackles were as common as flags being snatched.

With no lights to be found on the Dana intramural field, the game was called on the account

of darkness with the volleyball players leading Holling-Blair Halls, 13-0.

Now as the Viking football team prepares for its next game, these coeds can sit back and remember how they threw the key block or caught the winning pass in their Super Bowl.



Hut one, hut two ... Kim Gosch, Deb Rife and Lori Scott are among other competitors in Powder Puff football. Photo by Grant Mathies

Dana Football - Another Dramatic Finish

By Kevin White

The never-say-die Dana College football team continues to do one simple thing better than any other team in the NIAC: win.

The Vikings used a dramatic 95-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run by junior running back Bryan Muschall to edge Doane College 31-26 before a Homecoming Day crowd that included 1988 Presidential Candidate Paul Simon.

Special teams errors were key in the opening stanza. A blocked punt in the end zone and a long punt return for a touchdown gave the Tigers a 14-7 lead after one quarter.

"We were pretty generous in the special teams area," commented Head Coach Leo McKillip. "We're really going to have to work on that this week."

The Dana offense sparkled in the second quarter, taking advantage of some crucial Doane turnovers.

Quarterback James Anderson found a wide-open Terry Barber for a 51-yard scoring pass that tied the game at 14.

Marvin Peterson then rambled 12 yards for a score to give the Vikings their first lead at 21-14. Mark Weber finished the first-half scoring by booting a 34-yard field goal as time expired.

Doane dominated the third period. A 26-yard touchdown pass moved the Tigers within four at 24-20. Doug Estrada then scooted three yards to put Doane back on top, 26-24.

Dana prides themselves in their fourth quarter performance, and Homecoming Saturday, the final 15 minutes again decided the outcome of the game.

Backed up inside their own 10-yard line, the Viking offensive line opened up a huge hole for Muschall. The All-American then avoided several would-be tacklers, finally driving into the end zone for the winning score.

"You can't overlook what Muschall did running the football," added McKillip. "We had some bad things happen early, but the guys didn't give up."

As Dana prepares for its second conference game at Hastings College, McKillip found another area in which the Vikings need work.

"We had 145 yards in penalties," said the head coach. "We're going to have to work at lowering that statistic. Our defensive line did do a pretty good job though."

Jeff Nelson led the Viking defenders with eight tackles, and Greg Hansen had six. Scott Bloyer added two interceptions.

Offensively, Muschall finished with 212 yards rushing, including two touchdowns. Anderson completed 14 of 27 passes for 229 yards and a touchdown.

Dana moves to 4-1 on the year, 1-0 in the NIAC. The Vikings opponent this week, Hastings, currently stands 3-3 and 0-1 in the league.



Pre-game excitement as Dana takes the field for their Homecoming matchup against Doane. Photo by Grant Mathies



Junior running back Marvin Peterson takes a handoff from quarterback James Anderson and tries the left side of the Dana line. Photo by Grant Mathies

Homecoming Success

By Kim Farmer

The women's volleyball team is 1-3 in conference play. They suffered losses to Doane, Hastings and Midland. Overall the Lady Vikings have a record of 14-16.

Shari Bohling, captain and only senior of the team, said "We have been playing inconsistent from game to game."

Last Saturday's Homecoming volleyball game was a victorious one for the Lady Vikings. Dana defeated the Westmar Eagles in three out of four sets.

"After we lost the second set, I felt we really needed the third set, in order to win the match," said Coach Kathy Foley.

The Lady Vikes captured their win in the first set with a score of 15-10. After losing the second set 4-15, the women rallied to 15-12 and 15-2 wins respectively.

Contributing to these wins were 18 kill spikes by freshman Elizabeth Felker, 24 assists by freshman Kristi Waurzyniak, freshman Kris Skelton had three blocks, and three service aces and 19 digs were given by captain Shari Bohling.

Having the home court advantage and a big crowd may have been another factor for the win. "It's always good to have support at our games, but seeing a bigger crowd than usual was especially pleasing," said Coach Foley.

Banned Substances and Players

By Randy Hollowell
Sports Editor

Drugs in sports has always been a big issue, one that nearly every so-called "expert" has addressed. I don't consider myself to be an expert, but I do have some strong beliefs on this subject.

I am with those who feel very harsh penalties are needed to stop the problem. I think that some people are also doing a very good job with this.

When I speak of drug use, I'm talking about all drugs: alcohol, steroids, cocaine, etc.

For instance, the National Basketball Association has started to address the issue with fervor. They have abolished players from the league for life. I think it would be good to see other leagues and organizations do the same types of things.

The NFL this year has decided to do its part as well. Players testing positive on a drug test are being sidelined for 30

days. Already because of positive tests, around 15 players have had to watch their teammates from the sidelines for a month.

I don't know how widespread drug use is in sports, many people believe it is less in sports than in the general population. The problem is that these people are in the national spotlight. They also are one of the main influences on the youth of this country. If we show that it is bad and unglamorous for athletes to use drugs, hopefully the youth will get the idea to stay away from them.

The main problem is that for many years the individual leagues left the testing and punishment up to the particular clubs. The fact is, they just weren't doing the job. It's about time the league commissioners step in and take control of the situation.

Hat's off to commissioners David Stern of the NBA, and Pete Rozelle of the NFL. Keep up the good work.

CHEEVERWOOD



Olympics Provide Plenty of Excitement

By Randy Hollowell

The two-sided Games of the XXIV Olympiad came to a close in Seoul, Korea on October 2. Controversy and records are the best description of these Olympics.

First of all, controversy. One of the biggest stories entering the Olympics was the expected dual between American Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson of Canada in the 100-meter dash. As the games came to a close, the biggest story was the finding of steroids in Johnson's drug test. Johnson was subsequently stripped of his gold medal and the world record he established in the finals.

The Johnson story took a further twist when the Canadian Track Team banished Johnson from competing for them. The story is not over yet, and could go on for quite some time.

The boxing ring also produced some added excitement. It started with American Michael Hembrick being forced to forfeit his first round match because of a scheduling misunderstanding. Hembrick was 10 minutes late for his fight, so his opponent was awarded a walk-over victory.

A small riot took place after a South Korean was defeated, after receiving two, one point deductions from the referee. The referee was attacked after the decision was announced. He was attacked by an angry mob of coaches and fans. The boxer then sat in the ring by himself for over an hour, protesting the final decision. He finally got up and left the ring without any further incidence.

The United States basketball team had some problems of its own, losing for the second time in Olympic history. The first time was the infamous 1972 Gold Medal Game against the Soviet Union. This time it was the Soviets again, only this time there was no doubt about the outcome.

Records was also a popular word for the final two weeks in September. Many Olympic and world records fell during these games.

American swimmers did especially well at these games. Individually, Matt Biondi set several world standards on his way to seven medals, including five golds. For the women, it was Janet Evans who swam the best, but not quite as good as East German Kristin Otto. Otto won six gold medals and was named MVP of the games.

In track, Carl Lewis won two golds and a silver in the games. However, the American story was a pair of sisters-in-law. Florence Griffith Joyner swept through the sprints, gaining a world record in the process. At the same time, Jackie Joyner Kersee won both the long jump and the heptathlon, setting a world mark in the latter.

The emotional story of the games had to be Greg Louganis. During the preliminaries of the springboard diving event, Louganis hit his head on the board and required four stitches to close the gash. He came back to not only win that event, but also gained the gold in the platform, in dramatic fashion. Louganis was the first diver to win two gold medals twice in Olympic competition.

The final medal standings were very close to pre-Olympic expectations. The Soviet Union won a total of 132 medals, including 55 golds. East Germany totaled 102, and 37 of those were gold. The United States came in a close third with 36 golds and total count of 94.



Peggy Sorensen, Hall Director. Photo by Mark Olsen

Welcome Back

By Craig Daw

As the second oldest child in a family of 16 children, Peggy Sorensen is familiar with the position of being a role model. Her newest roles are Hall Director, Coordinator of the Counseling Center, and Coordinator of Programs for International Students.

Sorensen received her B.S. from Dana in 1984 with double majors in Psychology and Sociology. Then she received her masters degree in Social Work at Colorado State University.

Sorensen said that she believes in the Dana atmosphere, community, and values. "While I was studying here, I got a lot out of a small liberal arts school and I want to give that to other people," she stated.

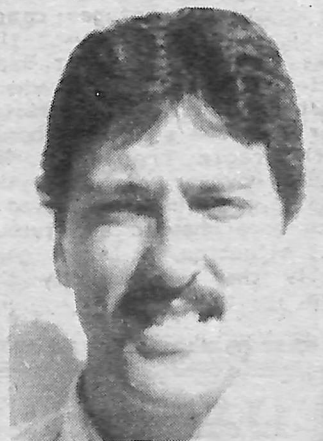
Sorensen served six months in Thailand with the Peace Corps prior to coming to Dana College this fall. With the Peace Corps, she was doing extension work with 4-H clubs. Thailand is not her only journey abroad. She also spent six weeks in Sierra Leone while visiting a friend who also was in the Peace Corps. Her foreign adventures have helped her decide that she would like to teach abroad.

Intending to be at Dana for at least a couple of years, Sorensen hopes to gain satisfaction and job fulfillment "with the one to one interaction and to see people grow and improve their life and how they feel about themselves."

A familiar face in a new position

By Craig Daw

A 1988 Dana College graduate, Bryan Daum is back on campus. With a B.S. in Physical Education and Health, and a coaching endorsement, Daum has returned to assist Coach Leo McKillip.



Bryan Daum, assistant coach. Photo by Mark Olsen

At 24, he is the oldest of Larry and Karla Daum's three sons. His hometown is Emerson and he studied at Yankton College before coming to Dana.

Planning to go into coaching at the college level in the Midwest, Daum said, "I like the rewards from seeing student/athletes going through the highs and lows." He feels that everything in life is worked for -- not given. So learning to handle the highs and lows with sportsmanship is a great accomplishment.

Getting to Know Maria Amakali

By Gina Roden



Maria Amakali, International Student from Namibia, Africa. Photo by Mark Olsen

Even though home is thousands and thousands of miles away, Maria Amakali doesn't seem to mind. Amakali, a 21 year old junior at Dana this fall, comes all the way from Namibia, Africa.

When asked why she chose Dana, Amakali replied, "My country is not independent and has no colleges. The Lutheran Church of America sponsored a program called Namibia Higher Education and I applied for it. I was one of 10 applicants to be chosen for this special program."

Amakali has four brothers and five sisters, but has lived with her aunt ever since she was six years old. It is a custom in her village for people to live with the person from whom they were named.

Asked about the biggest adjustment she had to make when coming to the United States, Amakali explained it was the "free spirit" shown by Americans. She said, "If you don't ask questions, you'll never know anything." Another adjustment Amakali had to make was getting used to the weather. She doesn't like cold weather because Africa has a warm climate, lots of rain and no humidity.

Amakali also pointed out how different the U.S. really is as compared to how the movies in Africa portray it. She expected to see lots of violence that occurs in big cities like Chicago.

Amakali is majoring in Chemistry, so it comes as no surprise that her favorite class this semester is Organic Chemistry. The rest of Amakali's schedule includes Introduction to Religion, Humanities, Communications, Readings in Mathematics, Western Cultural Heritage, and Larp. Besides taking several classes, she belongs to the International Student Organization and is planning to serve as a campus host.

Amakali likes Dana because the people are friendly and the classes are small. She said having small classes makes it easier to see teachers when she has problems with homework.

Before coming to Dana as a freshman, Amakali taught math and science to first year high school students for six months. She said the schools in her village are small with only a few students in each class. Amakali also explained that the rich people send their children to schools in a big city rather than sending them to the small schools in the village. The school year is divided into quarters so that at the end of every quarter, the students are given a two week break.

Asked to describe American food, Amakali smiled and said, "It tasted pretty good the first time." Without a doubt, she admitted her favorite American food was pepperoni and sausage pizza. The food in Amakali's village consists of porridge, rice and macaroni (with lots of tomato sauce).

Whenever Amakali gets free time, she enjoys going to movies and visiting with her friends. Amakali's favorite American movie is *Three Men and a Cradle*. Her favorite movie stars are Tom Selleck and Michael J. Fox. One of Amakali's new friends, Ginny Ward, said, "Maria is a blast to be around! Whenever she doesn't believe what you say, she looks over her glasses at you."

Amakali felt that a person from the U.S. visiting her village would be very surprised how different it is. For example, "It is a law in my village that people can't drive at night. If a person breaks this law, South African soldiers will shoot them." Also, animals aren't supposed to be killed because they are becoming extinct in parts of Africa. Amakali told about the village chiefs being the only people allowed to have horses. She stated that it is very common to see elephants and giraffe walking along the busy African roads.

Amakali will return to Namibia after graduation in 1990. She plans to use her Chemistry degree to do research analysis in the African diamond mines. Shana Creger, who visited with Amakali only a few times expressed, "Maria is great! I hope she sticks around long enough for everyone to find out how much fun she is."

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Reflections on Israel: Summer 1988

By Delvin D. Hutton
Professor of Greek & Religion

Six weeks in Israel studying the history of the Jewish people, Zionism, the Holocaust, and the Arab-Israeli conflict does not make one an "expert" on the Holy Land. The issues are too complex and events change too rapidly.

For example, since I left Israel at the end of July, two major developments have taken place which will have significant impact on the Middle East. The first was the tenuous cease-fire agreement between Iran and Iraq, which many Israelis fear will allow Arab nations the possibility of redirecting their hostility toward Israel. The second was the unexpected announcement by King Hussein to sever Jordan's links with the Israeli-occupied West Bank, thus clearly recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people with whom Israel must negotiate if it wants peace in the region.

Nevertheless, in spite of rapid changes of events in the Middle East and the complexity of the political situation in Israel, I will try to convey some basic impressions stemming from my participation in the 1988 Fulbright Seminar on Ancient and Modern Israel.

- Safe to Visit -

My first observation is a word of endorsement. The Palestinian intifadeh or "uprising" notwithstanding, Israel is still a safe and fascinating place to visit. Our seminar spent four weeks in Jerusalem at the Hebrew University, made numerous excursions into the Old City, traveled extensively throughout Israel for two weeks from border to border, visited Jewish, Arab, Druze, and Bedouin communities, and encountered no immediate violence or personal danger.

Admittedly, we did not visit the deplorable refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, nor the more radicalized West Bank cities like Ramallah, where roadblocks, stonings, riots, tear gas, and shootings occur with tragic frequency. My point, however, is that the foreign media have portrayed a much more chaotic and turbulent situation in Israel generally than is actually the case.

Of course there is tension between Jews and Arabs. Of course there is the possibility of violence erupting. But in my experience (and this was my fourth visit since 1971), study and travel in Israel is safer than in many U.S. cities and far more rewarding. Israelis, who live every day with security risks, have difficulty understanding the reluctance of European and American tourists to visit their country. Palestinians are eager to share their stories and perspectives with potential friends and supporters from the West. In short, if you have the opportunity to visit Israel, don't hesitate because of the current unrest in very restricted areas of the country. Your genuine interest in the State of Israel, and your support for peace and justice for all its inhabitants is communicated by your physical presence.

- Tensions -

When you visit Israel, be prepared for a lively exchange of opinion, not only on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but about other issues as well. It is often said that when three Jews get together there are at least four opinions, and that is certainly true of Israelis! Major debates are taking place between "religious," i.e., observant Jews, who constitute 25% of the population, and "secular," i.e., non-observant Jews, who make up 45% of the population, over what it means to be both a Jewish and a democratic state in which the rights of non-Jewish minorities must be protected.

There is also tension between Israel's Jewish population with European ancestry (40%) and those with Asian/African ancestry (45%). Although the major political, educational, industrial, and human services institutions were begun and dominated by European Jews, the influx of Asian/African Jews since the State of Israel was established in 1948, plus their higher birth rate, has shifted the balance of population in their favor. Gradually the social and economic disparities are being eliminated, although the lower classes still tend to be Asian/African and the upper classes tend to be European.

Not surprisingly, the Asian/African Jews also tend to be more politically conservative

vis-a-vis the Arabs, probably because of their negative associations with life in Moslem countries before emigrating to Israel, while the more highly educated European Jews tend to support the social-democratic policies of the Labour Party.

- Political Extremes -

There is also a lively debate between the political right and left in Israel, a spectrum that extends from Meir Kahane's Katch Party on the far right, which would annex the West Bank and expel those Arabs not willing to accept Israel's sovereignty, to Mapam and the Communists on the far left who advocate Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and negotiations with the PLO for self-determination of the Palestinian people.

Most Israelis find themselves somewhere in between these two extremes and support either the Likud block (conservative-liberal) of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir or the Labour Alignment (social-democrat) of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. For the country as a whole, the November elections will be crucial and the key issue will be whether "land," in this case a portion or all of the occupied territories, shall be exchanged for Palestinian recognition of Israel's right to exist within secure and guaranteed borders.

- Paranoia Lingers -

Another observation is the extent to which the Holocaust of World War II still lurks in the shadows of the collective Israeli psyche. Not only did six million Jews perish, one-third of the world's Jewish population; not only are there some 250,000 survivors of the Nazi camps still living in Israel today; not only is it a law that Holocaust studies must be taught in government approved school; but the experiences of five regional wars since 1948; the persistent refusal of Arab nations to recognize, negotiate and make peace with Israel; the indifference of much of the world to Israel's plight -- all of this has resulted in a national paranoia concerning the survival of the Jewish State.

When we in the safe and comfortable West have difficulty understanding the anxiety of

Israelis over secure borders or their survival as a people, let us keep in mind their tragic history in this century.

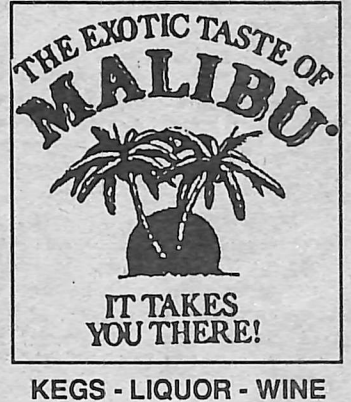
- Support is Needed -

As Christians we worship the one true God of Jesus, Abraham, and Mohammed. Surely, then, we can affirm our common Christian, Jewish, and Moslem ethical values of justice and compassion by praying and working for peace in the Middle East. We can support the peace process by urging the U.S. government to bring pressure upon all parties involved to work toward peaceful co-existence within the framework of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and the Camp David Agreement of 1979.

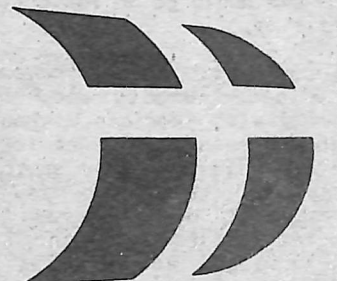
We can support the convening of an International Conference which will bring Israeli and Palestinian leaders together for face to face dialog and which may, with international support, result in the recognition of Israel's right to exist within secure and guaranteed borders and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in their own land. Until then both Jews and Arabs are "wounded spirits in a promised land," to quote the subtitle of David Shipler's 1986 Pulitzer Prize winning book.

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