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NEW LIBRARY COMPUTER SPEEDS RESEARCH

BY Teresa Coenen

If you're under the impression that Dana College is behind the times, maybe you should look again.

State-of-the-art technology is being used at the library to speed periodical research. A new computer system, called Academic Index, retrieves references to thousands of articles from over 375 scholarly and general interest publications, as well as the New York Times.

The system is on loan to Dana for a trial period of one month. According to Librarian Ruth Rasmussen, the equipment has proven to be very effective. "We are trying to help people find research material quickly and easily," she said.

Rasmussen said that they are testing this particular piece of equipment because the system has most of the periodicals that Dana stocks.

The Academic Index is different than other computers on campus. The database is recorded by laser on a compact disc, similar to those used for audio recordings.

Instead of thumbing through numerous print

indexes to gather information on articles published on a specific subject, Dana students can sit at the computer terminal, type in the subject they wish to search, press a button, and almost instantly they'll see a listing of articles on the subject. The program will also suggest other related topics that the user may wish to view.

The student can scan the lists, selecting specific references to be printed, or choose to print all of the references. The printed reference gives the entire citation. Students can use this citation to look up the periodical in Dana's collection, or it can be used to request an inter-library loan.

Rasmussen said that she is disappointed that this particular system does not offer Boolean Searching. It will not check for cross references to see if a certain subject is located under two specific headings. Boolean Searching would really speed the research process.

Rasmussen doesn't think that the computer is the answer to all research problems, however it is a good place to start. The periodicals referenced



Dana runningback Bryan Muschall dives for the end zone against Concordia in a game played at Viking Field on October 22. Dana finished their season last week at 6-4. Story on page 4. -photo by Grant Matthies

on the computer only date back three years, so the list is not in its entirety. Dana students would be able to start their research using the computer, but would have to continue their research using the traditional periodical indexes.

Rasmussen said the Academic Index is user friendly and that while it is technical, it is not inhibiting in any way. The subject

headings range widely, including current affairs, performing arts, travel, people, business, education, social sciences, consumer reports, reviews of books, movies, and restaurants.

Although a great deal of interest has already been shown, Rasmussen isn't certain whether or not the library will keep the equipment. She would like to purchase

a system that can use a variety of different compact disc databases. The funds for the equipment will have to come from the library's existing budget, and Rasmussen wants to make a cost efficient decision.

The Academic Index will be in the library until the 20th of November. Students are encouraged to make use of the system and begin research papers early.

HAS THANKSGIVING BECOME PASSE?

by Gary Korisko

The first thanksgiving was a celebration between the pilgrims and the native American Indians, giving thanks for the pilgrims' safe arrival to the New World. It was also a peaceful and friendly gesture toward the Native Americans.

What does Thanksgiving mean to modern day America? It has become non-standard. Most families do little more than stop over at each others' houses, yet some have very unique traditions.

To some people, Thanksgiving is little more than the over-eating of turkey and watching a football game or two according to Junior, Randy Hollowell.

"We usually get

together with the relatives and eat a lot... I think Thanksgiving has lost a lot of its true meaning, like everything else, it's gone commercial, it's not centered around tradition and it's deteriorating," said Hollowell.

For some, in fact, the traditional type of Thanksgiving was little more than a hectic, inconvenient day. Academic Dean, Kathleen O'Connor, feels relief that Thanksgiving this year will be non-traditional.

"Growing up as a little kid, my family and I were always together for Thanksgiving, but since I've reached adulthood, I don't think I've spent any two Thanksgivings alike for the past 25 or 30 years," said

O'Connor.

"This particular Thanksgiving I won't be with any family member... I'm meeting some friends in an out of state location for a short vacation, so in a sense there will be no traditional service this year, but a personal vacation," said O'Connor. O'Connor added, "So my tradition has become, in a sense, a non-tradition and that to me is joyful."

It seems that many of Dana's students, faculty and staff maintain no remembrance of the original Thanksgiving and what it stands for. Instead, most see it as a time to get together with not so long-lost relatives, eat turkey and watch football games on T.V.

That in itself is the new tradition surrounding Thanksgiving according to Senior, Griff Dunlop, "Usually, our tradition is that all of our relatives, around 70 of them, pile into our house, eat, and then we watch bowl games." Dunlop added, "You've got to watch the bowl games, I think that's the biggest part of Thanksgiving... the All-American Thanksgiving is not turkey, it's a pig skin."

Perhaps the next Thanksgiving tradition to take America by storm is now observed by Dawne Preston's family. "If it's snowed already by Thanksgiving, we go tobogganing and if it hasn't snowed we play soccer in the backyard," said Preston.

The traditional giving

of thanks has apparently faded out in contemporary American society. However, everyone seems to have their own traditions surrounding Thanksgiving and that's what's important. The fact that Thanksgiving means SOMETHING to everyone shows that the holiday hasn't been forgotten, but maybe its original meaning has.

This year, when you're watching the games with all of your relatives, before you take that first bite of turkey, take a moment to remember what Thanksgiving really means. Give thanks that the pilgrims arrived here safely and founded this great land of ours, give thanks for all the things you've received, then... KICK-OFF!!!

THE PLIGHT OF DANA'S LITERARY SOCIETY

by Mark Olsen

It seems my last editorial created a slight stir, or at least made some people aware of the way that their money is being spent. I'm kind of honored that the article generated such a response from the Senate—even though my article did appear slanted.

In case you haven't noticed, a great deal has been done in the past weeks to give Dana students an opportunity to express their opinions on money matters. Posters and memos have popped up asking students to voice their concerns on the issues.

To prevent any counter-productive misconceptions, I'd like to declare my support for the Senate and SAB. I have not been trying to antagonize or belittle these organizations. On the contrary, these organizations are hard-working, trying to accomplish important things.

Perhaps this is where I go wrong. I believe that a strong literary society is just as valuable as a strong activities program, to a school like Dana. SAB should not be robbed of money it

lobbied to receive. SAB has a strong program and needs the cash. But Dana's literary organizations, including The Hermes, are not strong and need money just as badly.

I suppose my last editorial was an appeal to other members of the institution, who also share this view, to champion this cause. In the four years I have attended Dana, strong literary publications have not been a part of the experience.

Considering the monumental issues which face our generation, the need for informed, responsible communication is imperative to our survival.

Steps are being taken to improve the situation. We now have journalism classes and a modern photo facility. But we can't stop there. Somewhere, somehow, more money needs to be allocated to Dana's literary publications.

Whether it comes from the Administration, raised student fees, or work-study, the editors need money to upgrade the quality of our school's newspaper, yearbook, and literary annual.

Number one. People

cannot expect editors of these publications to spend time working virtually for free. If you had a choice, would you spend 20 or 30 hours a week working on the paper for \$100 a semester, or at Pizza Hut for \$100 dollars a week?

My point is that these editorships should be competitive with other part-time jobs. They certainly require more skill than flipping burgers.

Number two. Dana is large enough to publish an eight-page edition of The Hermes more than once a month. There are enough people and events to justify an eight-page edition once a week.

Further, wouldn't the sense of unity created by a weekly newspaper combat student retention problems? It might be worth a try.

To crystallize, I'm asking you to determine the significance of strong literary publications. If you agree with my assertion that they are quite important, please mention it to a member of the Senate or administration. If not, please respond. Isn't that what college is about—critical thinking and forming opinions?

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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CAMPAIGNERS RECOVER AFTER EXHAUSTING ELECTION

by Cathy Morrison

It's over! We can go back to watching T.V. without interruptions, without seeing candidates' faces at every flip of the dial, and without getting into those friendly squabbles about who the best candidate is.

What does it really take to get a candidate elected? Quite a bit of hard work," said Betty Rogert, Campaign Chairperson for Washington County. Mrs. Rogert worked to help get Bob Kerrey and Peter Hoagland, both Democrats, elected. The "Get Out and Vote" campaign was held all over Nebraska, and included phone banking, and foot canvassing.

"The effort started way before November 8," Mrs. Rogert stated. During September, phone bankers called all registered voters in Washington County to identify Kerrey and Hoagland supporters.

"This was a major effort by itself," Rogert said, the feelings of a Kerrey victory were already starting to develop at that time. A good

percent of registered Republicans supported Kerrey already, but popular support for Hoagland was slower coming.

Mrs. Rogert worked for months trying to coordinate efforts between volunteers and staffers. She hadn't planned on such a major undertaking when she became involved, but it ended up being a tremendous learning experience.

Two weeks before the November 8th election day, Madelene O'Donnal was sent from Washington D.C. to help with the campaign. Miss O'Donnal works for Congressman Jim Moody of Wisconsin. She works as an aid to Foreign Defense. O'Donnal was sent to work full time on the Washington County area. Miss O'Donnal stayed in Omaha and worked in Blair out of houses and a local insurance agency.

She did all of the major coordinating and leg work to get volunteers to help man the phone banks, and canvas areas. O'Donnal came to Dana to get

student helpers. She spoke with Student Senate and other organizations. She was very impressed with Dana as a whole, she said, and was very excited about all the help that she received.

As election day neared, things started to get more intense, to look like victory was a very real possibility. On election day, volunteers went into action, walking house to house hanging door signs, a notice reminding residents to vote on one side, and Bob Kerrey's name on the other. Phone bankers called all registered Democrats, reminding them that Tuesday was the big day.

Politics have been put on hold for about a week, to allow for some needed rest and relaxation. Mrs. Rogert added. There is a lot of work that goes into making a politician that people don't see. It's all worth it in the end, when your candidate is elected and begins to accomplish not only their goals, but ours. Excitement was in the air at all of the polling stations. Finally, at 8:00 p.m. the polls closed and was in the hands of the Nebraska voters. The final task of the day was to attend the victory rally at Peony Park!

When it was announced

that Bob Kerrey was victorious, the crowd of approximately 3,000 went wild. Mrs. Rogert said she felt just wonderful! All of the hard work had paid off. Mrs. Rogert was extremely excited also to learn that Peter Hoagland had been victorious. She expected Kerrey to win, but was a little more nervous about the Hoagland race. Mrs. Rogert's efforts really paid off for Hoagland in Washington County. He received more support than any other Democrat in recent history.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Meet Lucky Sagay

by Gina Roden

What influenced the decision of a 6'8" basketball player from Nigeria to come to school at Dana College? Prepared to attend college in South Carolina, a simple phone call from Dana quickly changed Lucky Sagay's mind.

It was Dana's basketball coach that brought Sagay to Blair. He said that coach Baird "was a nice guy on the phone."

The thing that impressed Sagay the most was that coach Baird stated his top priority was to make sure all his athletes received a degree.

Sagay liked being assured that he would get a quality education. "Basketball is just a stepping stone to life," he mused.

Asked if he liked Dana, Sagay replied, "So far it's good. The people are friendly."

His major complaint was that he hated winter and snow; the 80's are preferred temperatures for him.

Sagay is a senior working on a double major in Accounting and Marketing. Aside from playing basketball, he keeps busy with homework Intermediate Accounting, Cost Accounting, Computers in Business, Finance, Production Management and Larp.

Presently, Sagay is contemplating whether or not he should go on to graduate school.



Lucky Sagay, an international student from Nigeria. -photo by Mark Olsen

The Nigerian schools use the British System. This means that all tests are comprehensive, with 70% of the exams consisting of essays.

Sagay said that this method works well because by constantly having to explain yourself, the "material stays with you longer."

When children reach the age of five or six in Nigeria, the parents must decide how to send their children to primary school.

One system requires the teacher to come to the house and take the child to school and then bring the child home again after school.

The system Sagay's parents chose for him was to let him live in the dormitory at school. "Going to school like that, you learn good values," Sagay recalled.

In Nigeria, children attend school for 15 years. Unlike American colleges, the Nigerians interview students before they accept them.

Sagay also compared the ways he spends free time in the U.S. and Nigeria. In Nigeria, he spent a lot of time playing soccer and ping-pong with friends; whereas, in the U.S. he spends a lot of time watching television.

Sagay works in the library helping Mrs. Jensen. She mentioned that it was great it was to have Sagay around last summer because he was the one who moved all the periodicals down to the main floor.

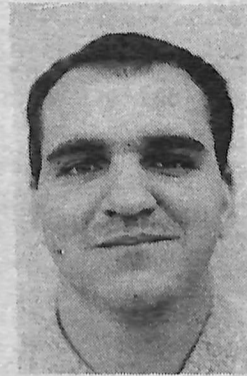
Jensen added, "We're very fortunate to have Lucky work for us. He's very careful and precise. He also takes a lot of pride and care in his work."

Among the things Sagay appreciates about the U.S. are freedom of speech, freedom of the press, pop and country music, pizza, shrimp, fish, Eddie Murphy movies, basketball and football.

On the other hand, there are a few things Sagay dislikes about the U.S. For example, he feels that Americans don't respect other cultures and often portray themselves as living in a "perfect society."



STREET BEAT -- If you found out that you had one day left to live, how would you spend that day?



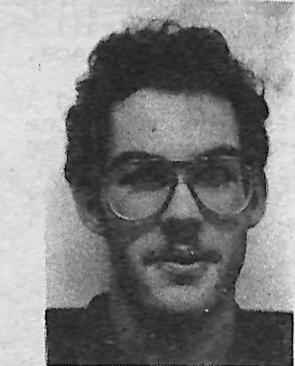
Ernie Henry - junior

by Ernie Henry

"If I had one day left to live, I would get together with my closest friends. We would listen to our favorite music and talk about the good times that we've had. This would make it easier for us to accept the situation."



Cami Christensen - sophomore



Mark Rothfusz - sophomore

by Mark Rothfusz

"I would spend time with my friends and family recalling all the good times that I had experienced during my life."

I would take a long walk around my hometown to remind myself of all the people I had known and the places where I had spent time growing up."

by Cami Christensen

"I would go on one last shopping spree, take my family to Disney World and spend the night dancing and having fun with my closest friends."

KDCV UPDATE

by Dawne M. Preston

"This is 91.1 FM, KDCV with Tom 'The Bone' Morrow." Morrow is Chief Announcer this year at KDCV, the campus radio station.

The rest of the Executive Staff includes Griff Dunlop, Program Director; Angie Johnson, Music Director; James Cloyd and Greg Diehl, Assistant Music Directors; Ernie Henry, Promotion Manager; Andrew Madsen, News Director; and Mike Davenport, Production Manager with Darrell Dibben as Advisor.

Dibben wants to increase the use of the campus station. He thinks it could be used for much more by professors and for special announcements.

Dunlop asked people who are interested to contact Dibben, Morrow, or himself to start training right away. The radio is a lot of fun and is a good experience said Morrow.

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District Playoffs End Volleyball Year

by Kim Farmer

Another long and competitive volleyball season has come to an end. The Lady Vikings finished their regular season 18-22 overall and 2-8 in conference.

They were eliminated in the first round of the District Playoffs. The Vikings were seeded eighth and had to play Hastings, seeded first.

The Lady Broncos defeated Dana 15-6, 15-5, 15-13. "You have to give credit to such a young team for just going to the playoffs," said Coach Kathy Foley. Elizabeth Felker led the team in kills with 12, while Deb Keller led in digs with 21.

Freshmen saw a lot of action throughout the season. Playing time for Sarah Masker helped her earn a spot on the All Conference team. Masker is a six foot freshman from Neola, IA. All Conference Honorable Mention was awarded to Freshman Elizabeth Felker.

Contribution by senior captain Shari Bohling will be greatly missed by Coach Foley. "I wish Shari had another year. She's a good competitor and contributed a lot on and off the court."

Five of the six starters will return next year and already Coach Foley is looking forward to it. "We had a good year and the sky is the limit for next year."

Football Season Comes to a Close

by Randy Hollowell

The Dana football team ended the season much differently than they began it. The Vikings finished the year at 6-4 overall, but also with three consecutive losses.

The first came at the hands of Nebraska Wesleyan University. A bitter 17-14 loss gave Wesleyan the inside track on the NIAC title.

It was billed as the key game of the NIAC season. Both schools were 3-0 in the conference, and rated 1-2 in both total offense and total defense. Something would have to give.

Dana struck first in the opening period. Following a Mark Havermann interception, James Anderson found Bryan Muschall in the end zone for an eight yard pass play. Jade Wagner connected on the PAT, and it was 7-0 Dana.

Wesleyan cut the lead late in the second quarter when Lee Jameson hit a 27-yard field goal. Dana went to the locker room with a 7-3 advantage.

The key to the ball game as far as the Plainsmen were concerned was turnovers. There were a total of nine in the game, but Wesleyan capitalized on more of them than Dana did. Dana quarterback James Anderson threw five interceptions before suffering a knee injury late in the game.

In the second half, Wesleyan took the lead

early. Runningback Roger Olsen punched the ball over from the three, and gave the Plainsmen a 10-3 lead.

However, they didn't stop there. With 31 seconds to go in the third, Gary Fate ran a quarterback option in and Wesleyan lead 17-7.

Dana's comeback started immediately. Marvin Peterson returned the kickoff 58-yards to set up another Anderson to Muschall touchdown pass, this one of 20-yards. Weber's PAT cut the Dana deficit to 3, 17-14. But that is as close as Dana could get, and that stood as the final.

The next week Dana, again hit the road, this time being hosted by the Midland Warriors. The key to this game was the weather. Heavy winds and cold temperatures kept the game scoreless in the first half.

Dana hit paydirt first, in the third quarter. Marvin Peterson blasted over from the one and then Weber PAT put the Vikings up 7-0.

Midland countered with a rushing TD of their own late in the third. Brant Anderson waltzed in from the four and the extra point knotted the game at seven.

The Warriors put the final points on the board with three minutes to go in the game. Doug Harrington turned a short middle screen pass into a 75-yard touchdown. Jay Pilkington missed the PAT, but that was all Midland needed for the 13-7 victory.

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Vikings Open Hoop Season in Tennessee

by Kevin White

There's a saying that in order to be the best you have to play the best. Well, the Dana Viking men's basketball team got a first-hand glimpse at the best as they opened their 1988-1989 campaign against the NAIA's number-one team in the nation, David Lipscomb (Tenn.) University.

Lipscomb, the NAIA national champion in 1986 and a national quarterfinalist last year, downed the Vikings 115-71. Two days later Belmont College breezed by Dana 120-65.

David Lipscomb earned their number-one ranking by employing a pressure defense, a strong inside game anchored by All-American Phillip Hutcheson, and outstanding three-point shooting.

Dana played well early against Lipscomb, trailing only 13-10 five minutes into the game. A quick flurry of points by the Bisons put the game out of reach by halftime.

Hutcheson led Lipscomb with 31 points, and

Darren Henrie added 26, including six three-pointers.

Kevin White led Dana with 21, and Jerrod Lawrence had 13.

Belmont College was the second opponent on the Tennessee trip for Dana. The Rebels were 22-9 a year ago and return an All-American of their own, 6-7 junior center Joe Behling.

Dana got off to a slow start and never really got into the game. Belmont shot 61 percent from the field and raced to a 53-32 halftime advantage.

Lawrence did have a good game individually for the Vikings, finishing with 26 points and five rebounds. White added 12 points. Scott Corley led the Rebels with 23.

Dana will host the NIAC tournament this weekend. The Vikings will play Hastings College Friday at 8 p.m. The Broncos were a national qualifier last season and return their starting front line. Saturday, Jim Mather leads the Doane Tigers into Borup Coliseum for an eight o'clock matchup with Dana.

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