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Orr Named "Great Dane"

by Carter Hansen
Editor-in-Chief

Governor Kay Orr hit the ground running Wednesday, February 8th with an itinerary that would make your head spin. Her visit was highlighted by two awards, one given and one received.

Orr awarded Blair with the title "State Capitol for a Day," and in spite of her rigorous schedule, she made time to visit our campus and receive the coveted "Great Dane" award.

She passed lunch savoring the delicacies of our cafeteria, then began her speech on the subject of economic growth. *Turning from economics, she focused on the importance of education.*

"We are living in a rapidly changing society," Gov. Orr remarked, "and we must be prepared to meet new demands, and we must prepare our students to be competitive."

She added that Nebraska has effectively met these demands in the past, demonstrated by college entrance scores which rank among the highest

in the nation. However, she stated, Nebraska must continue its investment in education to ensure quality in the future.

Turning to Old Main, Governor Orr said she shared our loss, describing the grand old monument as a symbol of education, not just for Dana, but the entire state of Nebraska as well. Expressing both concern and optimism, she spoke of Old Main as a rallying point for supporters of excellence in education.

President Myrvin Christopherson began the "Great Dane" award ceremonies where Gov. Orr left off, with the subject of Old Main. He presented her with a memorial brick from Old Main's central tower, left over from the fateful fire of August 25th, 1988.

Pres. Christopherson then praised the "small but vibrant" community of Blair for its response to the tragic fire and its

crucial contribution to the Accelerating Dana's Development campaign.

Christopherson promised that this investment in Dana will have concrete returns, stimulating Blair's economy as the college grows and develops. Before presenting the award, he again expressed profound gratitude to all who flocked to the aid of Old Main and Dana College.

Christopherson then related the heritage of Dana College, the oldest Danish-founded University in the United States. In keeping with this heritage, Dana honors outstanding local Danish figures with the "Great Dane" award. Although Orr is not actually Danish, her Scandinavian blood was enough to qualify her for the award.

In addition to her commemorative brick, Governor Orr received the Viking helmet which accompanies the "Great



Governor Kay Orr modeling the Dana Sunglasses for President Christopherson and a score of shutterbugs. Photo by Carter Hansen.

Dane" award and a pair of the infamous Dana sunglasses. She proudly modeled the fashionable shades, but declined to don the helmet.

She accepted these gifts and the "Great Dane" award in good humor, breaking the rigid sobriety of her fast-paced

schedule and pausing a moment to relax, laugh and enjoy herself. Then, after a few brief closing remarks and the usual session of introductions, handshakes and pictures, she was off at a run to meet the remaining appointments on her intense itinerary.

Dana Recruits Presidential Scholars

by Chris Voss

On February 4 and 5, Dana hosted its first Presidential Scholarship Competition for high school seniors. A total of four scholarships will be granted, ranging from \$2000 to full tuition. However, all those participating were guaranteed a \$500-1500 scholarship just for competing.

Three requirements were to be met in order to compete: one must be (1) a high school senior, (2) have applied and been accepted by Dana by January 15, 1989, and (3) have a minimum GPA of 3.25, or a score of 24 on the ACT, or SAT composite of 1000.

Of the 91 confirmed competitors, 74 took part in the actual competition, representing nine different states. Each student was able to visit rooms in the residence halls, as well as



Mary Dokken sorts through a pile of essays from the Presidential Scholarship Competition. Photo by Carter Hansen.

take part in activities of the competition. These activities included interviews with Dana students, writing personal essays, and receiving awards for their participation.

Parents of the competitors were also kept busy during the weekend. Some of their activi-

ties included workshops on financing and a session with President Christopherson.

Mary Dokken, Director of Admissions at Dana, commented that the weekend was a complete success and "overwhelmingly positive." Mary said that the participation in the

competition was better than expected, even with the cold weather. However, next year she hopes to include more Dana students for support.

In conclusion, Mary Dokken hopes that most, if not all of the participants become a part of Dana life next year.

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Letters to the Editor

Frustrated Viking Discouraged With Dana Education

Dear Abby (or whoever can solve my problem),

I am a sophomore at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, and I have something on my mind.

Sometimes it feels as if my school does not challenge me, occasionally boring me.

The educators substitute my much-deserved education for a simpler, mediocre instruction, thereby making the students, as well as the professors, job unnecessarily easier.

I really do want to learn, because I am so terribly frightened of my future. I was hoping that Dana would better prepare me (for that future than would other schools).

I am not trying to put the

blame on all of our professors, nor only them am I attempting to judge. I simply want to say that for some reason I do not feel as if I am being properly prepared for the future. The school's sad defense that "Dana is whatever you put into it" only goes so far...

Students are the most noted hypocrites: we beg for light loads yet we deeply desire knowledge; we want to expand our horizons and cultivate our budding minds, but an unenthusiastic faculty prohibits this.

I realize that education takes both teacher and pupil: I am willing to be a student, but is Dana prepared to really teach me?

As biased as it sounds, the

school has got to take the first step and continue to walk with the student.

We pay a very high price to be a part of Dana. Are we getting our money's worth? When I graduate from here, I want to be sure that I did get my

entire \$32,000 of schooling.

I hear folklore that Dana was once a much larger institution that presented an education worthy of having. What ever happened to the "Dana difference?"

Yes, it is still a good college—an excellent one—but, who are we fooling? Dana could be so much better—something to really be proud of.

This is a joint effort, educators and students listen: Dana College will not survive if it fails to produce quality prod-

ucts. I dare everyone who is a part of the Dana community to raise their goals and reject the current lackadaisical attitude prevalent on campus.

Until we each boldly face the education problem at Dana, we students must endure an overall substandard college experience.

Can you help me Abby?

A Frustrated Viking,
Thom O. Morrow

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

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Hermes : Focus on Campus Issues

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to start off by affirming my support for the Hermes. It does a good job of reporting campus news. However, there is one aspect of the paper that needs to be addressed.

A campus newspaper of this type should not write stories about national topics, such as Randy Hollowell's December 15th article "Heisman More Than a Popularity Contest" and the article on the summer Olympics in the October 15th issue.

Here at Dana, students have access to big city newspapers like the Omaha World Herald and the Des Moines Register and also to television broadcasts, in addition to the Hermes. These mediums tell us all we want to know and more about national topics. We need not have a vague summary a week or two after the fact in the Hermes on these issues.

There are two exceptions to bring up. In the November 15th and December 1st issues, respectively, two articles were written on the recent Presiden-

tial campaign. The first had a local focus (the returns in Washington County) and the second was an editorial. I believe that if an article about a national topic is in the form of an editorial, and it is listed as such, go ahead and type away.

The Hermes does good work. If more stories dealt with campus news it would make the Hermes even better. Keep it up.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Neunaber
Freshman

CHEEVERWOOD



by Michael Fry

Skinheads, Go Home!

by Peter Sierant

A disturbing social issue has surfaced in the news media more often than is sadly needed. Gangs of youths have been related to racial violence around the nation, and is very prevalent in the upper Northwestern regions. These youngsters apparently shave off their hair, thus receiving the nickname "skinheads". What is even more disturbing is the organization of some particular skinhead groups by the National Aryan League and Neo-Nazi party into an effective coalition according to KlanWatch.

The news media and law enforcement agencies have kept one eye on this powder-keg situation for some time. My wonderment is in the ignorance of the American public who do not seem to look at the problem more aggressively. The issue of gang violence was never mentioned in the presidential campaign, nor was the education of our youngsters about equality stressed enough. It is easy to say there was the discussion on civil rights among the candidates, yet the Klan, Nazis, and racial violence goes on.

To date, most of the attacks seem to be leveled at blacks, Indians, Orientals, Jews, and people who attempt to support any of these groups. It is this writer's belief that skinhead violence poses a great danger for anyone. They are blatant about their violence they create, because they love it. No one is safe from psychopathic beliefs, especially if they are practiced religiously and with zeal. Beating on someone with their baseball bats and steel tipped shoes is "fun", an entertainment for week-end cheer. No milk or cookies for these guys, blood and guts is the order.

It is an acceptable argument that not all "skinheads" hold violent attitudes or anti-racial ideals. I am not trying to establish the provocation of the idea that all "skinheads" are bad ones. Violence still exists

though, and people are dying over their religious faith and skin color.

The big haunting picture that hangs over any racial hatred group is the beginnings: the "how's" and "why's" of existing attitudes and beliefs that have such violent tendencies. Parents, social status, childhood fears have been blamed—even sexual frustration. Perhaps instead of pointing problems out (which is far easier) constantly, the time for solutions and public awareness is in due order.

Outlawing these groups might be a possible solution. Counseling in schools, and more public education about the violence being exercised around the country is another

solution.

Legislators need to step wary in attacking a sensitive issue such as racism or anti social order groups. The possibility of creating a persecuted "sect" of America, and the favorable conditions for a martyr makes any group appealing to people who need purpose and identification.

However the people do indeed have a say in what the constitution consists in detail for the attainment of happiness for society as a whole. The outlawing of extreme right wing groups have been done in several European countries, where skinheads have their origins. The time has come for the legislative bodies of this nation to consider such a meas-

ure in order to protect life and national security. Perhaps education directed at stopping attitudes and beliefs such as these are needed. Commercials just showing black, white, and Asian children running around in diapers is just not enough public awareness. Concern for each particular individual along with the overview of society as a whole must be exercised passionately and efficiently by legislators and local governments. This problem is becoming a social issue and therefore makes it a political issue. Using the system accordingly: within the pursuits of Life, Liberty, and Happiness erected in the Constitution, people just might be able to live side-by-side in Peace.

When the Notes Hit the Fan

by Gum

Punky Brewster doesn't shave her pits.

Hello, this is the first installment of the new column.

The Editors here at the Hermes have made a decision. They have decided, in their infinite wisdom, to go ahead and let (almost) anything appear in this column.

My job, as I see it, is to produce "anything." Then the Editors will decide if it is "something" and if they want it to go to print.

It's a pretty good deal, really. Every-time I get a column printed, the charitable Editors double my salary.

Yes, I'm in clover. The Editors here at the Hermes are pushovers. I should be raking in the bucks in the weeks to come. God I love this job! Anyway, since this is the first column of the series, we need to set some rules and guidelines. We do this as a service to our readers and because it's fun to make rules that nobody follows (I think there might be a slam in there somewhere).

Here they are...

1. Forget the English language and start over.
2. Have your pet spade or neutered.
3. Feel free to respond to anything you read in this column, c/o The Hermes.
4. Be choosy, and then take it all.
5. Make nonsequiturs a part of your normal speech pattern. Unless, of course...
6. Just read the column, don't eat it.
7. Use your head, but not as a doorstep.
8. If you don't understand something you read in this column, don't fret. I'll take the blame and burn it (just let me know).
9. Never mind. Never.

comes up in the next issue. Aren't you?

10. No promises.

Still at it...



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"German Settlement in Nebraska"

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Tuesday, Feb. 28, 7:30

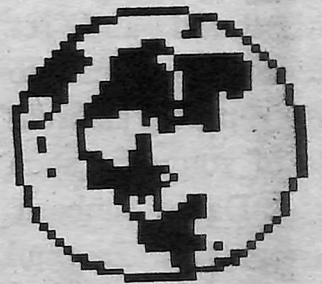
"Czech-Americans in Nebraska"

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30

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Monday, March 13, 7:30

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SAO Sponsors Gulizia Bros. Concert in Dragon's Head

by Ken Ehline
Contributing Writer

Syndicate, and the Yellow jackets.

On Wednesday, January 25th, the Social Awareness Organization (SAO) sponsored a benefit jazz concert in the Dragon's Head of the campus center. The music was provided by the combined talents of the Gulizia brothers, Tony and Joey, and the Fusion Force.

The concert attracted more than ninety people who listened and responded enthusiastically to the contemporary jazz renditions of songs by such artists as David Sanborn, Al Jarreau, the Zawinul

Although the concert was free, concertgoers were encouraged to purchase one dollar tickets which bought a chance at winning a VCR. The proceeds from the ticket purchases were given to the Multicultural Center here at Dana. A drawing was held during the intermission; the winner of the VCR was Mark Anderson, Admissions Counselor.

The Social Awareness Organization is planning to sponsor another benefit concert later this year, hopefully a half-day event to be held outdoors with

three or four musical groups.

Anyone interested in helping out with the planning of the event is encouraged to contact an S.A.O. member.

Can You Find The Hidden Olympic Events?

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| CANOEING | PENTATHLON |
| CYCLING | POLE VAULT |
| DECATHLON | ROWING |
| DIVING | SHOOTING |
| FENCING | SHOTPUT |
| GYMNASTICS | SKATING |
| HANDBALL | SKIING |
| HOCKEY | SOCCER |
| JUDO | SWIMMING |
| LONG JUMP | TRIPLE JUMP |
| LUGE | WEIGHTLIFTING |

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Partial Truths

"A Truly Unique One-Man Show"

-The Hull Street Journal



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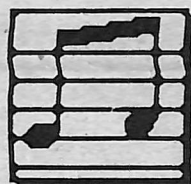
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Album Reviews:

Camper von Beethoven

by Andrew Madsen
Hermes Entertainment

Camper von Beethoven has landed.

The quintet from Northern California gained national exposure in 1985 with their first big single,

"Take the Skinheads Bowling." In 1986 and 1987 they toured as an opening act with some big name headliners.

Their latest release is entitled "Our Beloved Revolutionary Sweetheart" and is an appropriately abstract title for an enjoyable lineup of songs.

Richly produced by Dennis Herring, in "Our

Beloved..." Camper highlights a raucous yet stylistic use of the violin to spice up the music, especially in "Life is Grand," a song as representative of the album as any.

"The Eye of Fatima, Pts. 1 & 2" are playful and start the LP off on the right note. Side One ends in a flurry with two smart tunes, "One of These Days" and "Torquoise Jewelry," the latter of which is the only cut thus far to gain much radio airtime.

Camper strikes a unique chord, partly through the violin, and the melodies and lyrics are thoughtful and warrant criticism.

"Life is Grand," finishes with the following: "To those of you who find it necessary to conceal love or obscure it, as is the fascination... I will say this at the risk of falling from favor with those of you who expected me to say something darker."

A classy act, for sure.

If you'd like to sample it, tune into KDCV FM midnights on Sundays and Tuesdays and hear it played on the After Hours Show.

I give it three-and-a-half points on the five scale barometer.

Lady Vikings Sparkle, Stumble

By Kevin White
Hermes Sports Writer

The Dana Lady Viking basketball team has experienced two very different streaks thus far in 1989.

Coach Kathy Foley's squad opened the new year on fire, winning five of their first seven games, including a four-game winning streak.

The tide then turned and the Lady Vikings stumbled against some strong competition, losing six in a row.

When asked about her team, 7-16 overall and 1-6 in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with five regular-season games to play, Foley acknowledged the roller-coaster ride her team is taking.

"Right after Christmas, we were beating the teams we were

supposed to beat, and beating them badly. This is something Dana women's teams haven't always been able to do. Now we're struggling again, looking for a win to boost our confidence," Foley conceded.

The five wins in 1989 have come at the hands of Nebraska Wesleyan, College of St. Mary's (twice), and two Illinois teams: Concordia (River Forest, IL) and Northeastern University.

After 23 games, Bonnie Lowe, a freshmen center from Cedar Rapids, leads the team in scoring and rebounding. Lowe is averaging 9.7 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. Shari Bohling, a senior forward from Table Rock, is second in scoring with 8.3 ppg., and freshman Kim Mikos of Seward chips in 6.7 boards per game, just be-

hind Lowe. Sophomore point guard Kim Farmer of Omaha leads the teams in assists with 2.6 per contest.

In the two most recent games, a 71-41 loss at Hastings and a 59-49 setback to Nebraska Wesleyan at Borup, Lowe had point totals of 14 and 16 to pace the Lady Vikes.

In the latter game, Dana

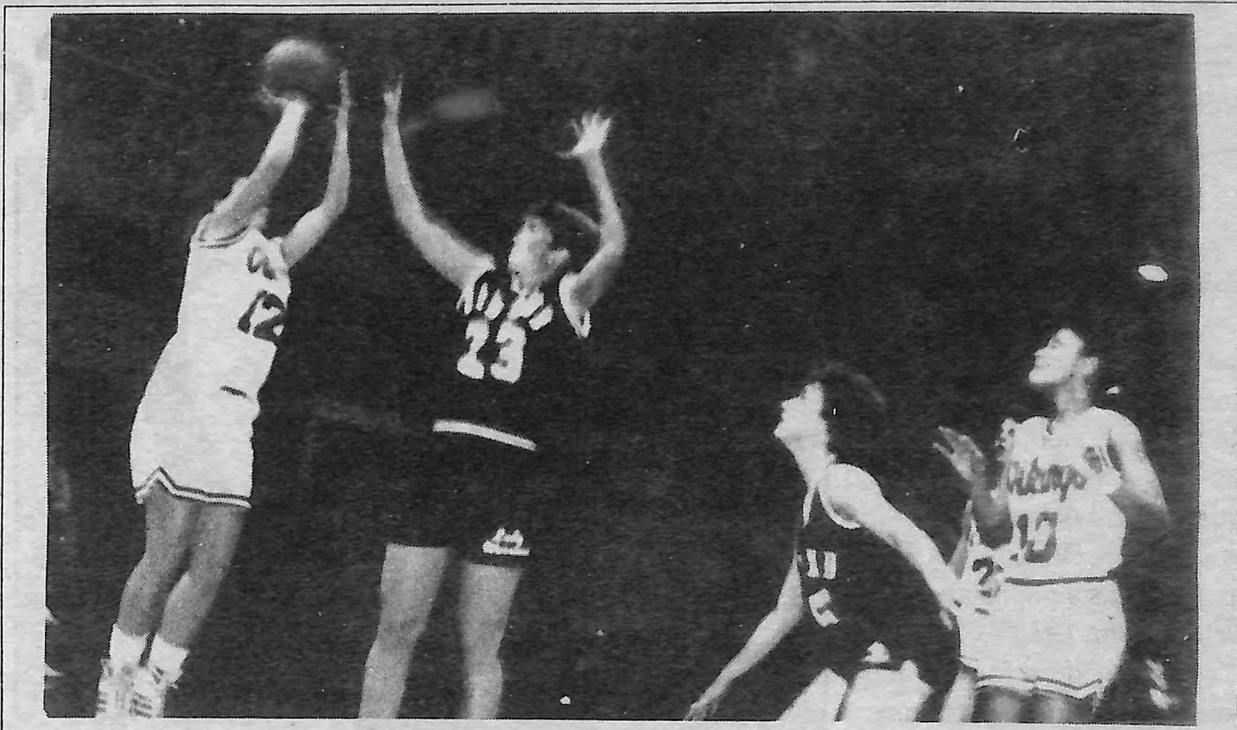
trailed Wesleyan by just two points with 1:47 remaining, but a pair of costly errors made the comeback impossible. Dana's achilles heel, as has been the case all season, was perimeter shooting. Their 3 of 19 performance killed the Lady Vikes' chances.

According to Foley, Dana is still in a position for a playoff

berth, with a first-round date at Peru State a possibility.

"Our young players have worked hard," Foley added. "They deserve some type of reward for the time and effort they've put in."

A season-ending winning streak would probably be a nice reward for a Lady Viking season that's been full of ups and downs.



Katie Corbitt fires from the corner in a recent home game versus Midland College. Photo by Todd Quirk.

Dana Men Play Tough, Win Two, Drop One

by Kim Farmer
Hermes Sports Writer

Despite tough conference play, the mens' basketball team continues to play good basketball. "Some teams are so strong, it's hard to improve every game, but we are playing pretty good (basketball)," Coach Will Baird said.

A few weeks back, the Vikings captured a crucial win in conference play. They defeated the Concordia Bulldogs, 73-68, at Borup. The Vikings made it two in a row with a victory over Mt. Marty two days later. Dana also beat the Lancers from Yankton, South Dakota, by the same 73-68 score.

Senior Jerrod Lawrence led the team with 28 points and 6 rebounds, while Lucky Sagay and Kevin White each added 12 during Dana's second win over Mt. Marty this year.

After the battle with the Lancers, the Vikings went on

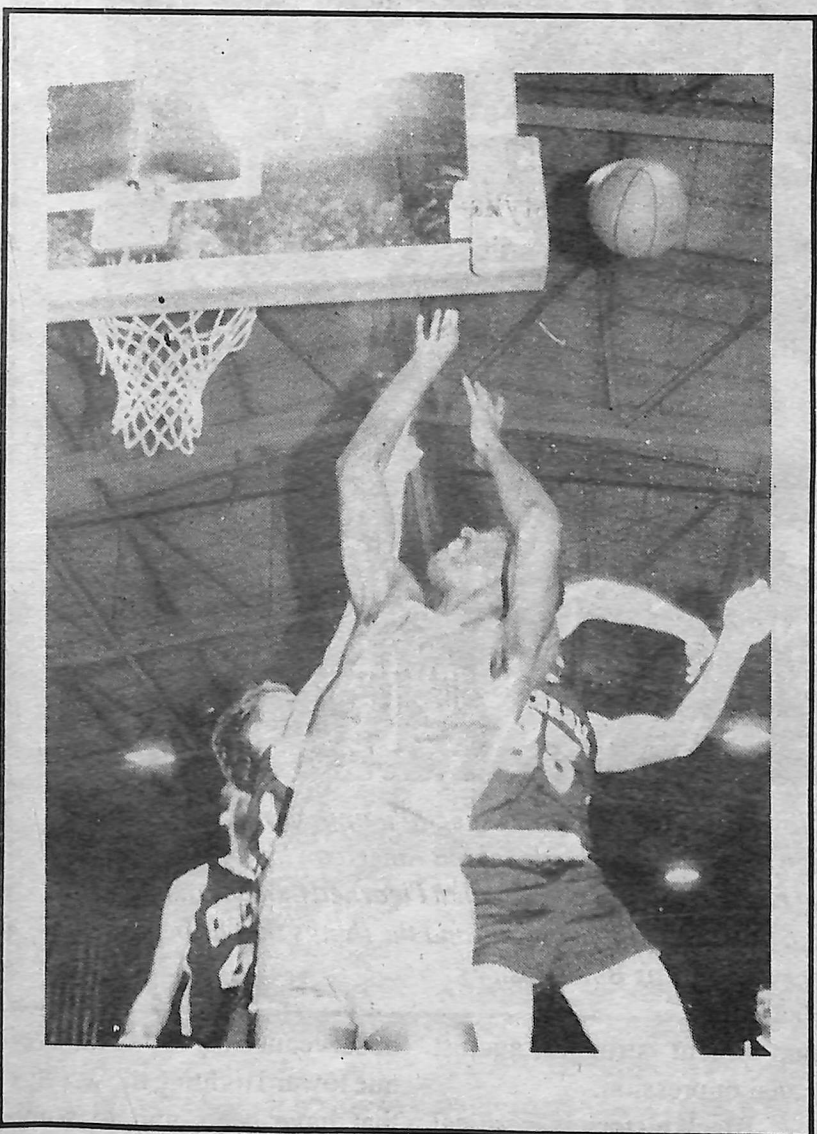
the road to visit Hastings for more conference action. The Broncos romped with a 104-51 score.

"It was a discouraging let down," Baird said after the defeat.

Guard Kevin White led the team with 11 points and fellow guard Paul Powner added 10. Hastings shot 73% from the field and played tough defense for forty minutes. "They took us out of our offense and held us to 18 points at half-time," White lamented.

With the coming of District playoffs, the Vikings need two more conference wins to win a shot at a playoff spot. "We need to beat Concordia again and then knock off a high-ranked team," Baird observed.

Future games for the Vikings include Bellevue College on Feb. 13 at Borup. Then the big rivalry continues with Midland at home on the 15th, and an away-conference game at Doane on the 18th.



Lucky Sagay crashes the boards in a Dana win against Concordia. Photo by Todd Quirk.

HALF A DOZEN WAYS TO EARN AN EARLY RETIRE- MENT.

1. Eat high-fat, high-cholesterol foods.
2. Smoke.
3. Ignore your high blood pressure.
4. Heavily salt everything you eat.
5. Put on extra weight.
6. Stop exercising regularly.

Follow these steps and you could retire from work, and from life, sooner than you planned.



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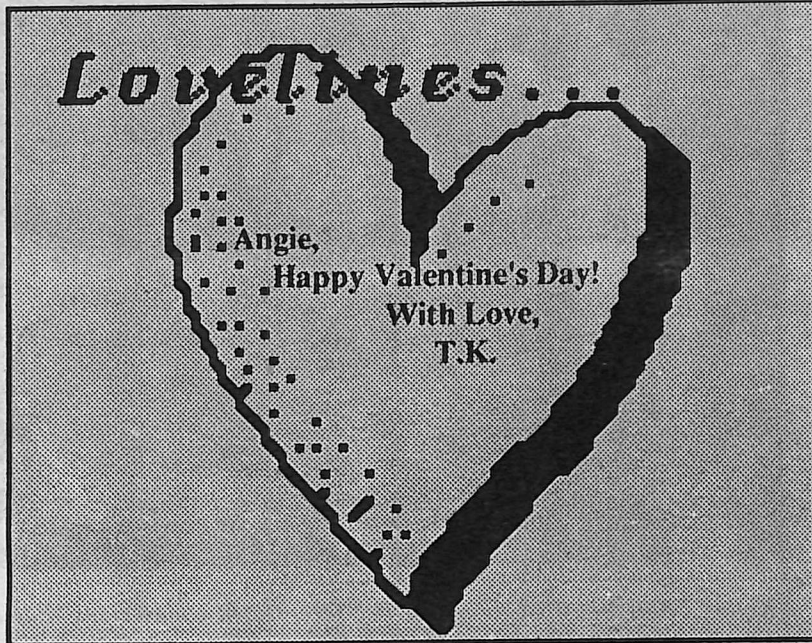
A Heart Full of ... Compassion?

by Quinn Sebesta

The original history of Valentine's Day seems to be lost in obscurity. However, one can find evidence of Valentine's Day as far back as the Romantic Period, at the end of the 18th century. Through the wonderful mechanism known as tradition, Valentine's Day continues as a popular holiday well into the 1980's.

The modern form of this holiday is an attempt for most people to relive the innocence of idealized romanticism. This pretended innocence does not captivate everyone. I for one am overly cynical about the modern Valentine's Day customs.

As we all know, one Val-



entine's Day ritual involves the giving of hearts to someone one feels affection for. And, as we all know, a real heart is about the size of a clenched fist and functions in pumping blood

through the body. This process is known as circulation. I don't think anyone has an overwhelming desire to make an anatomical donation by giving away their heart this Valen-

tine's Day. The symbol most often used looks nothing like a real heart, but it lends itself well to the idealistic view (and it's easy to cut out and paste).

Another big attraction that is part of Valentine's Day is the buying of heart-shaped boxes brimming with foods. While the candy companies don't usually get a lot of Valentines, don't feel too sad for them. The candy companies get the best gift of all; lots of money.

For a lot of companies, Valentine's Day is nothing more than a big commercial venture that makes employees beam with pride as they receive bonuses with their paychecks, generously donated by the illustrious Valentine-giver.

Speaking of giving Val-

entines, what happens to the people that don't get any? The homeless people on our American streets probably do not get many Valentines. Granted, while digging through trash bins looking for clothing, they are not preoccupied with receiving Valentine's Day cards. They do not make good shelters, nor are they very edible. What about the terminally ill folks, are they going to get ecstatic over a box of Russell Stover Chocolates. And do not bother writing any tender messages to illiterate people, they can not read.

Despite this heightened insensitivity to various domestic problems on Valentine's Day, enjoy it anyway. However, compassion during the holidays is quite acceptable.

Martin Luther King Jr. and His Dream of Peace

by Diana Jones and James Cloyd

As most everyone already knows, it is Black History Month. A whole month of remembering, forgetting, laughing and crying. For the most part, however, it is a month of great celebration; a time for black Americans to share the spotlight.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), civil rights leader, minister, and non-violent activist is the utmost example of why we have Black History Month. Black History Month gives us a glimpse of Dr. King's dream; a dream of peace, justice and equality; a dream that black Americans would once again take pride in their heritage and themselves and not believe the lies and stereotypes that have been directed at them.

King, with a host of others, fought hard for blacks to be where they are today. They fought hard for the day when blacks would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. King dreamed of blacks sharing this world with whites in a peaceful, loving way.

He believed in the American Dream of a right to life,



Speaking of his work *THE DREAM BELIEVER*, James Cloyd said "February is a special month to me, my family, and to all Black Americans, it is Black History Month. As a child in school, I learned a lot about American history, but very little about Black history. It was because of the special programs at church during February that I learned more about Black history and my heritage. *THE DREAM BELIEVER* is a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the things that he believed in and strived for. These ideals are now a part of American history as well as Black history."

liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He envisioned respect for the true meaning of the words "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

King was a drum major for the cause of justice. In 1964, he was recognized for his efforts to bring a peaceful change to America and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his

non-violent struggle against racial oppression.

Black history is a critical aspect of history in general. It provides accurate insights into what it means to be black. Its

observance serves as an avenue toward righting the wrongs that have been, and in some instances still are, inflicted upon the "darker" race of God's people.

Dana Couple Shows Gratitude to Alma Mater

by Colleen Lennemann
Hermes Staff Writer

The Dana photography studio has been rebuilt and is now located in the Madsen Performing Arts Center (MPAC).

The new studio was built by John and Myra Christensen, both 1954 Dana graduates. The Christensens' offered the first year of their retirement to Dana to repay the college, in part, for the education they and their four children (Mark, Caroline, Paul, and Gretchen) had received.

President Christopherson took the Christensens up on their offer to build a new studio and darkroom for black and white and color photography.

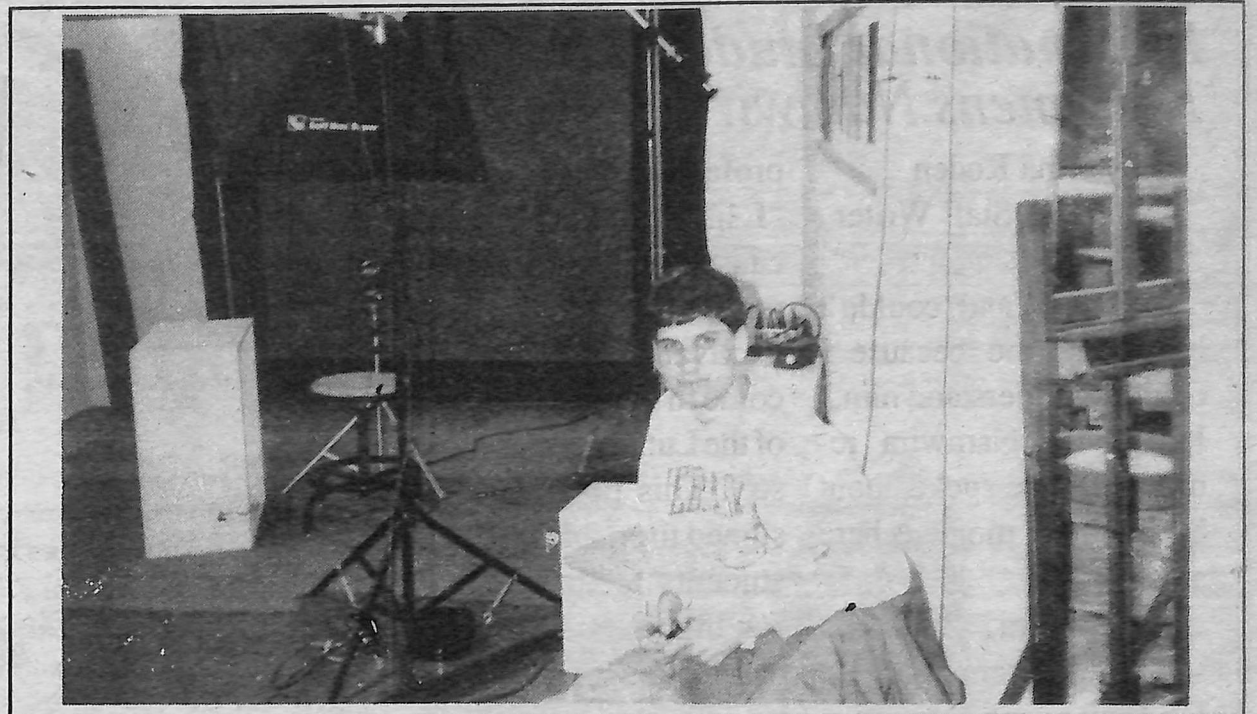
The Christensens moved

to Blair early last summer and quickly set to work immediately on the studio and darkroom. The studio was initially located on the first floor of Old Main's south wing. When Old Main burned, the MPAC was chosen as an alternate site.

John Christensen is an experienced teacher of photography in addition to being a professional photographer. He retired last spring from teaching photography at Taft College in Taft, California.

He has had his work on display at the White House and in the Smithsonian. Myra is a retired kindergarten teacher.

The classes that are held in the new studio are Basic Photography, Intermediate Photography and Introduction



Photography student Todd Quirk in the makeshift classroom in the makeup room of MPAC. Photo by Carter Hansen

to Photo Journalism. These classes will be beneficial to students majoring in communication arts.

The day before the fire, John and Myra finished the darkroom and studio in Old Main. They had put in the last

of the equipment, much of which was owned and donated by John. He was ready to start teaching classes, when the summers' work was lost.

The studio area of the building suffered smoke and water damage but most of the

equipment was salvaged. The new, temporary studio and darkroom in the lower level of the MPAC is much smaller than the first one in Old Main.

The Omaha World Herald recognized the Christensens in a feature article about their services to Dana College.

Town Meeting Spurs Discussion of Key Issues

by Christopher Heinrich
Hermes Staff Writer

A town meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, in the Blue Room of the Campus Center marked the first of a scheduled series of student gatherings.

James Cloyd, Cathy Keck, and Shelly Carter led the open

forum, whose stated objective was to discuss positive and negative issues concerning campus life.

The trio of residence life leaders explained that the meeting was not intended to solely criticize the administration. Rather, the discussion of major problems facing students were to be given primary con-

sideration.

James Cloyd, student body president, commented, "We're not interested in name-calling. We want to produce positive solutions".

With that in mind, jumbo-sized sheets of paper were distributed to the six tables, each seating five or six students. Groups were asked to brainstorm for 30 minutes on specific problems and possible solutions.

Immediately, students released a flood of their concerns onto that paper. Within minutes the air was filled with conversation and the odor of magic markers.

Among the first problems listed was the maintenance of residence halls, in particular, the lack of maintenance. Inconsistent heating, cold or lukewarm showers, and lack of promptness in maintenance requests were the hot items in this category.

Also mentioned were wiring problems in Argo and a need for better dormitory security.

Students proposed that the

maintenance staff be expanded and/or divided into two separate staffs: one exclusively committed to the needs of the residence halls and the other responsible for general campus upkeep.

Another issue which surfaced was Dana's off-campus image. With Dana's recent recognition being one of Nebraska's "Choosiest Colleges," students questioned such policies as the re-admission of suspended students.

The failure of Dana to involve itself with other community organizations and functions also arouses concern. By encouraging groups to associate with the community, students believe Dana could better expose itself.

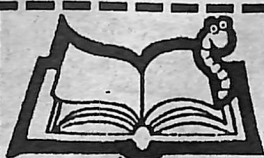
The Student Services' office also drew fire from students. Although a lack of communication between students,

the Student Services' office, and staff is blamed for many of the problems, direct criticisms were aimed at the office itself and the policies it decrees.

Generally speaking, the Student Services' office is not meeting the expectations of the students. An open discussion of this issue generated one solution: students will create a survey asking for students' expectations of the Student Services' office.

Following 90 minutes of discussion, the group decided to adjourn until next week. Wednesday, January 15, is the tentative date for the second meeting, at which students will better organize their comments.

Information concerning the upcoming meeting will be posted. All students are invited to attend and voice their opinion.



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International Student Profile: Klemmens Namwira

by Gina Roden
Hermes Staff Writer

"Jim Wand couldn't hypnotize me because I couldn't understand him," Klemmens Namwira remarked as he spoke about his funniest moment here at Dana.

Namwira, 29, is a sophomore from Namibia. He is pursuing a career in secondary education.

Namwira has a busy schedule this semester. Included are:

Vertebrae Anatomy, Philosophy of Modern History, American Literature II, Psychology of Adolescence, LARP and Teacher Aideing.

Psychology of Adolescence and Philosophy of Modern History are his two favorite classes. In addition to appreciating his

professors, Namwira said, "I like (my) courses because they're something I really want to know about."

Namwira chose to come to Dana with the help of the Lutheran World Ministry. This program is designed to enable Namibian students to travel abroad for higher education, because in Namibia there are no colleges or universities.

Namwira said Namibians need help pursuing an education because their country suffers oppression from the S. African government, whose social segregation program is called apartheid. In other words, they are denied certain civil rights afforded the citizens of democratic, Western, countries that we take for granted.

Asked what adjustments he had to make when



Klemmens Namwira with his friend Madhaus Nauyoma. Photo by Carter Hansen.

coming to the US, Namwira mentioned dressing for the weather, fast foods and the language barrier.

Dorm life also took some time for Namwira to get accustomed to. He said it was hard to adjust to the noise levels because he needed to have complete silence in order to concentrate on his homework.

Freedom is something

Namwira admires in the US. However, the weather and the students' reactions toward the international students are things he dislikes about the US.

A few American favorites of Namwira are pizza, football, basketball, soccer, "Matlock" and Eddie Murphy movies.

A disappointment,

Namwira discovered about the US was that it didn't meet his expectations as "a heaven on earth."

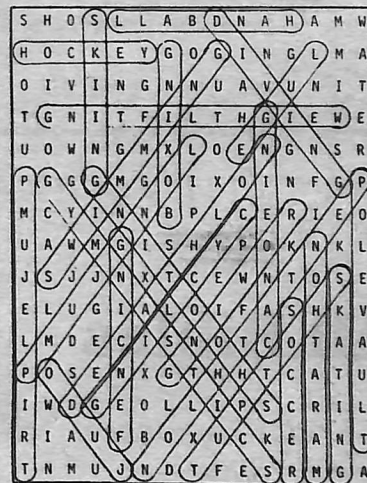
If Namwira could give Dana students some advice, it would be to learn more about other cultures and to study foreign languages. He said, with a wink, "These things are very important."

Namibia Subject of Staley Lectures

Peter and Solveig Kjeseth, who have led the Lutheran Church's activism in Namibian Concerns, will be speaking this year as part of the 1989 Staley Lectures. The first lecture will be on Sunday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in DHA. Subsequent lectures are scheduled for Monday, February

27th, 7:00p.m. and Tuesday, February 28th at 9:00 a.m. All lectures will take place in DHA.

A luncheon and presentation is scheduled for Monday the 27th. Students interested in attending the luncheon should sign up for it at the Information Center. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend at no cost. Humanities credit will be given for attendance of the lectures.



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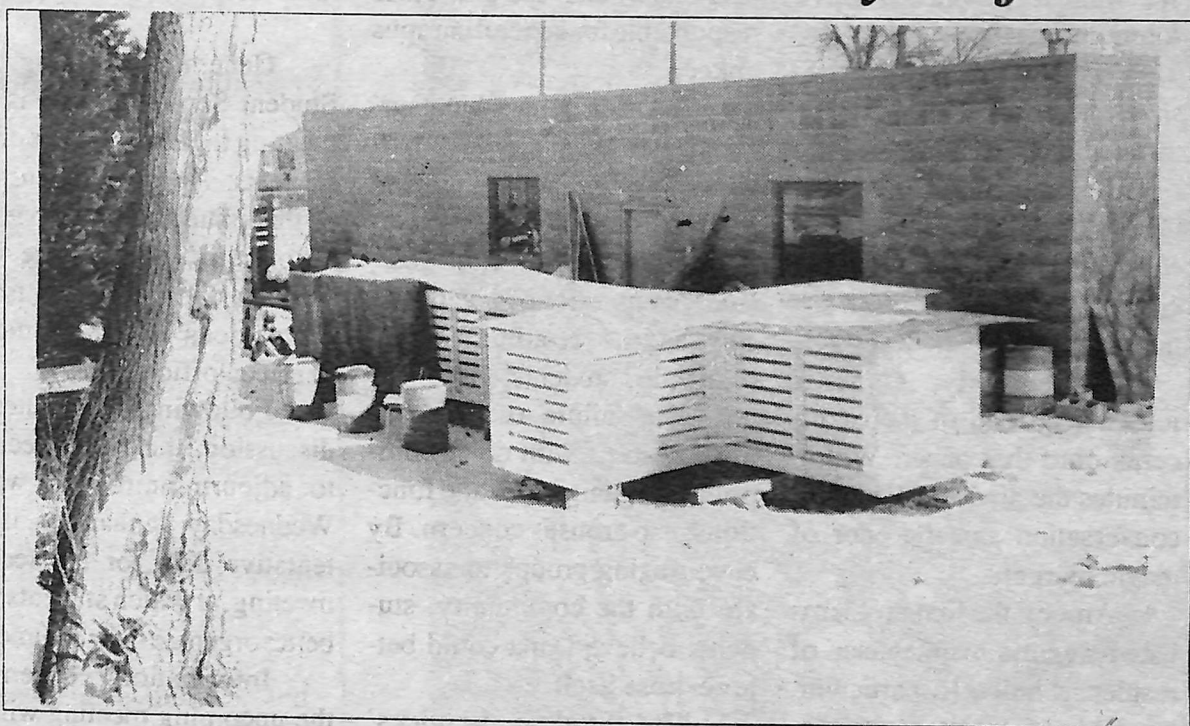
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Romuald's cross at its temporary resting place behind Dana's Maintenance Shop. Photo by Carter Hansen

He was forced to temporarily leave his wife and children behind. When he left Poland he was unsure of how long it would take him to reach "the west."

But one thing was for certain: once he was safely beyond the oppression of his homeland, he would make good on his promise to build a cross to serve as a monument to God's help in reaching America.

That cross was built over a substantial amount of time and with great patience and diligence. It sat for some time, waiting for a home that would take it and put it up for display.

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