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Diers to Receive Honorary Doctor's Degree from Dana

Dana News Service

Dr. Herman Diers, Professor of Religion at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, will

receive an honorary degree as doctor of humane letters from Dana.

The award will be presented at Commencement ex-

ercises on Sunday, May 21. Diers will also be the Baccalaureate and Commencement speaker.

"A teacher who has been at Wartburg since 1959, Diers will be recognized for his "forceful, yet sensitive, classroom style, his openness to the ideas of others and his deep intellect."

Diers co-directed Wartburg's Chrysalis Program from 1972-1980 and became the key faculty leader in developing an interdisciplinary approach to general education called "The Wartburg Plan."

His activities reflect his interests and concerns. At Wartburg he is faculty adviser for the college's World Hunger Awareness Programs. He is a member of the National Lutheran Task Force for Peace and Justice, and served on the American Lutheran Church's National Colloquium for Christian Faith and the Liberal Arts. He was also national chair for the Lutheran World Federation's Consultation on Peace Movements, held in Geneva, Switzerland.

His travels also reflect these interests and concerns. He has studied Gandhian life and work in India; traditional cultures, development and liberation in Africa, Mexico and Central America; and Renaissance culture in Italy.

Diers received his B.A. from Wartburg College, M.Div. from Wartburg Seminary, his M.A. from Northwest University, and his Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, California.

ment through substantial estate gifts."

The organization consists of people who have already included Dana in their will or who have indicated Dana as a beneficiary of their life insurance policies.

The annual luncheon, open only to members, will take place at 12:30 on Saturday, May 20.

While at Dana, Simon will meet with the Board of Regents and will attend Commencement Exercises as well

Simon to Be Guest Speaker at Builders' Luncheon



Senator Paul Simon pictured in a recent speech in Omaha which launched an ADD fund-raising campaign. Photo by Mark Olsen.

by Carter Hansen

Senator Paul Simon (D-Illinois) will once again grace Dana's campus as part of one of the many ceremonies associated with Commencement. He will be the featured speaker at the annual luncheon of the Dana College Builders.

The Builders is an organization, begun in 1981, which now includes over 220 members. According to Rev. John Beck, the aim of the association is "to build endow-

Holey Moves On



Eric Holey will resign from his post in Student Services following this school year. Photo by Carter Hansen.

By Andrew Madsen

Eric Holey, who has been the top assistant to Dan Travaille in Student Services for the past three years, has accepted an opening at a Madison, Wisconsin-based talent agency.

The announcement was made last month when Holey tendered his notification of resignation.

Holey, an avid theatre fan with acting skills, will be

arranging acting roles for budding young talent in Wisconsin and the Chicago area. The agency is owned by an old comrade of Holey's from Luther College.

And so with his license plates having already been switched to Wisconsin, Holey will clean out his desk for the final time on June 15.

There has been no indication from Student Services as to a re-placement to fill the void created by the Holey move.

Choir Tour Includes Canadian Performances

Dana News Service

Dr. Richard Palmer, head of the music department at Dana College and director of the choir, has announced plans for a ten-day choir tour this summer which will include appearances in Canada.

A touring choir made up

of approximately 40 to 45 students will depart Monday, May 22, for a tour of churches, colleges and high schools in western Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Canada.

The choir will return from the tour June 1, when they will perform a final home concert at First Lutheran Church in Blair.

Tradition of Elk Horn Alive and Well at Dana

by A.E. Madsen

Recently, I had the opportunity to take a trip to Elk Horn, Iowa, with a group of Danes. They asked me whether I was familiar with the settlement forged there by their forefathers nearly 200 years earlier.

Indeed, I did have some background on Elk Horn, courtesy of third semester Humanities. It was a quizzical period when Danish-American Lutheran church leaders divided the immigrant communities with the enforcement of harsh interpretations of morality.

The Danes were split into two separate camps: those who sought to stress a strict moral code were aligned against a more liberal bunch of card-playing, womanizing drinkers. This is not to imply that everyone who fell into the second category squarely fit the description all of the time; they just didn't agree with the argument that a sip of liquor, a date with a lady, or a game of poker dishonors a hard-working man taking pleasure in moderation.

The disagreement was a clash not only of ideas but of lifestyles as well. One town (Elk Horn) intended on regulating

its citizens' behavior while the other (Kimbalton) entrusted their townspeople to act according to their own principles.

Eventually a synthesis occurred and the rift between the two towns was healed. Herein an important example was set and from this tale we can pick up a few, if not a great many, handy pointers.

I wrote an editorial for the Hermes last semester regarding the policy Dana enforces vis-a-vis alcohol. Personally, I believe that responsible drinking is not a crime, but due to various incidents on the Dana campus it's obvious some regulation is necessary.

Certain members of Dana's administration have candidly confided that a school-

run pub is an excellent idea. Of course, the proposition is dead on arrival on Dan Travaille's desk, but the thought of a centralized, monitored zone for alcohol consumption is not outrageous in the least.

Those who desired a drink in Elk Horn at the turn of the century, much like Dana students in 1989, had to leave the premises or else conceal their activity under the threat of punishment.

The sale of alcohol was permitted in the wake of the appeal of Prohibition in Elk Horn, and today only deviants are punished for drinking the "devil's brew," so long as they don't act as the devil in public.

The predominance of the alcohol policy at Dana is

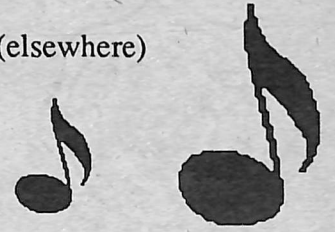
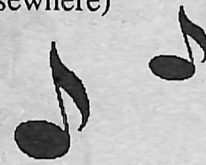
When the Notes Hit the Fan

By Gone

Still at it. . .

(on a permanent vacation elsewhere)

(elsewhere)



tedious to the point of being silly. Sure, any idiot can implement a prohibition; it takes a geometrically-thinking mind to formulate new and daring ways for dealing with traditional dilemmas. Student Services has persisted in recycling old, worn-out approaches to drinking on campus, unable to put anything fresh before the students besides higher fines and more gnarly ultimatums.

Now is the time for concrete action. Put a pub in the new facility and give students who are of age the right to drink for as long as their be-

havior does not warrant revoking that privilege. The students who abided by the rules would be rewarded with a special privilege while those who broke the rules would suffer the consequences. The current policy does not compliment the responsible; it penalizes the individual for the innocent action itself.

A few lines of print in the Hermes will not change the attitude of the Student Services but it will voice the possibilities of a more viable form of rationale that is sadly lacking at present.

And You Think You Have Problems, Take a Look at the Real Issues

by Peter Sierant

I took a semester off before coming back to Dana for financial reasons. I had hoped that on returning I would see all kinds of new attitudes and changes among the student body as well as the

administration.

It took me an entire semester to realize that nothing has really changed, only the faces.

With finals week approaching fast, I've noticed the hair starting to fall out, the bleeding gums, and the gnashing of teeth in young college students' lives. This is only the beginning.

The Dionysian rites have been celebrated with vigor, and the air is vibrating with electricity. However, this is a facade to cover up the panic that most college students are suffering.

They are having a hard time with the theory of stress management.

But the despair is unfounded. College is "nirvana" for young suburbanites. Some people just don't know when they've got it easy.

You maybe have a class at 8:00 a.m., and all classes are usually over by 3:00 p.m.. Sure there are exceptions to the rule. Some people have classes till 5:00 p.m.. You might take a

nap in the early or late afternoon, have a few beers at least two or three times a week, complain about getting up before 10:30 a.m., and moan about the condition of your food.

But, think about working from 8:00 a.m. all the way to 7:00 p.m. for minimum wage. Think about what it's like to eat Hamburger Helper every night. Think about the people who sleep in the streets at night because no one loves them.

Think about the thousands of children who get beat up every year. There is a hole in the ozone layer, you know, and it isn't going to stop because you can't find an attractive "bed-friend." A cure for cancer has not been found yet.

Anti-Semitism is still alive today. AIDS is affecting everyone, including heterosexuals, but there are still people making their regular rounds. There are still enough nuclear weapons in the world's arsenal to assure destruction of the planet.

Some people still believe that it will never happen,

yet we keep building weapons of destruction. We think are tough and protected with the double-speak phrase of "peace through strength." The NRA thinks they are protecting us by arguing that ownership of assault rifles is their constitutional right (who are these people anyway?). What about the rights of the children of Stockton, CA, the victims of gang-related violence?

OK, so I am preaching, but dammit, somebody has to inform the public. The next time when you are up studying for some test, whatever subject, you have it pretty easy. No one will take away your birthday, or your money if you don't do well.

College is a time of experience and learning. Social and cultural awareness is just one morsel in the whole meal of a formal education. Please, don't take nirvana for granted. It is a gift.

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Impressive Softball Season Ends

Vikings close at District Tourney

by Kim Farmer

The Lady Vikings ended a great season with a fourth-place finish in the NAIA district tournament held May 5 and 6 in Kearney.

Dana opened play with a 7-6 win over Peru State. In the game, Joan Scherbring, Sherye Shuster, Tina Reimer and Nicki Brownell all had doubles, with Brownell's being the game-winner. Janet Mitchell added a triple for the Vikes.

In game two, the ladies lost a tough one to Kearney State, the eventual champs, by a score of 3-2. Dana led 1-0 until the fifth inning when Kearney took the lead with two runs of their own. Dana tied the

game 2-2 in the top of the sixth, but the Lopers countered with the game-winner in the bottom of that same inning.

Dana beat Midland in game three by a score of 2-1. However, in game four they lost another close one to St. Mary's by a 3-1 margin.

Eight of the Lady Vikings received district honors. Tina Reimer, outfield; Lori Scott, first base; Nicki Brownell, catcher; and Joan Scherbring, pitcher, were all named to the district's first team.

Janet Mitchell, Katie Corbitt, and Sherye Shuster were named to the district's second team, and Shari Bohling received honorable mention.

Tennis Season Wraps - Up at District Touney in Kearney

by Randall Hollowell

The Dana tennis team closed-out the 1989 season with the district tournament in Kearney on May 5. The team ended the year on somewhat of a sour note.

The singles competition really didn't go quite as well as planned, in fact, not one player won a singles match.

Steve Mathis lost at number one to a competitor from Nebraska Wesleyan. Jared Olson also lost at number two to his main rival from Midland.

Christian Nielsen filled in for the absent Greg Diehl at number three and was defeated by Midland basketball star Mark Williams.

Dana had a basketball player of their own at number four. Kevin White played a competitive match but ended up losing to an opponent from Concordia, 6-3, 6-4.

The last two singles matches weren't much better as far as the Vikings were concerned. Randy Hollowell lost to a Midland swinger 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. At number six, Quinn Sebesta also suffered a loss at the hands of a Concordia foe.

All year long the main problem for the Dana team was at doubles. This carried through to districts. None of Dana's three doubles teams were successful.

Mathis-Olsen lost to Mid-

land 6-1, 6-1. The number two team of Hollowell-White lost to Nebraska Wesleyan 6-2, 6-3. Nielsen-Sebesta also lost to their counterparts from Wesleyan.

Even though the season didn't end on a positive note, it was a rather successful year for the team. It was a transition year, with a lot of young and new faces.

The team should lose only two of its nine players next year: Diehl will graduate and Nielsen will return home to Denmark.

Look for next year to be a year when the team will move over the hump and become a major force in the NIAC.

Vikings Close Out Up - and - Down Season

by Kevin White

The Dana Vikings baseball team ended its season

Sunday with a 10-0 loss to Doane.

Coach Dale Lemon's crew finished the season with a rec-

ord of 10-31, four wins more than they racked up last year.

Dana's pitching staff did show signs of improvement this season. The bulk of the pitching was done by underclassmen, an indication that a long year was in store for Lemon and the squad.

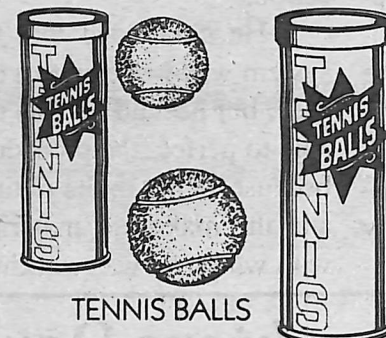
Sophomore outfielder Troy Carmichael of Blair was named to the All-Conference first team at the completion of the season. Carmichael led Dana in hitting with a .331 batting average and was a stellar defender in the field.

Receiving honorable mention in All-Conference were freshman rightfielder Pat Dougherty of Dunlap, Iowa; and sophomore pitcher Jeff Kress of Earlham, Iowa.

If Lemon can bring some more young talent in the fall, look for the Vikings to return to the power-house status they held in the 70's and early 80's.



Doug 'Smooth' Hartman lashes out a run-scoring single to center during the second game of a May 6 double header against Nebraska Wesleyan. Photo by Andrew Madsen



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SIFE requires Communication majors, English majors, Business majors, and anyone else who thinks they would like to perform a service to the community plus adding a valuable extra-curricular activity to their resume.

Intrested parties please call and/or submit your resume to Mr. Miller in the Business department. (7282)

Tim Holthus Presents Analysis of Carbon in Steel



Tim Holthus stands beside the burned-out hulk that was his senior research project. Photo by Carter Hansen.

by Carter Hansen

Tim Holthus presented his Senior Research Project at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, May 12. The title of the presentation was "Analysis of Carbon in Steel." The project's aim was to develop a method to determine the amount of carbon present in a sample of steel.

Analyzing carbon content has strong commercial applications since the concentration of carbon is one of the major factors determining the physical properties of steel. A sample with a high concentration of carbon is hard but very

brittle, whereas a sample with a low concentration has much more tensile strength and is more pliable.

Despite frustrating equipment failures, including numerous meltdowns of the quartz tube in which the sample was heated, Holthus was able to gather enough data to prove the method's potential for refinement and application.

He concluded that the system was working to a degree, but he said he was unable to perfect the procedure because of the limits of time and the makeshift materials with which he was working.

International Student Profile: Merid Eshete

by Gina Roden

If freshman Merid Eshete could give Dana students some advice, he would say to them, "Try to be open and willing to learn more." Eshete went on to explain that those Americans who won't have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries should get to know the international students. These students are willing to share many things about their country with anyone who is interested in learning more about other cultures.

Traveling to the U.S. from Ethiopia at the age of 14 was a big adjustment for Eshete. He admitted that it took about three months for him to finally get over his homesickness.

When Eshete and his younger brother arrived in the U.S. four years ago, they attended a boarding school in New York. Then they moved to Denver, to live with an American family so that he could continue his education at Castle Rock High School.



Merid Eshete enjoying one of his favorite diversions, playing the piano. Photo by Carter Hansen.

Coming from the capital city, Addis Ababa, Eshete compared it to California. He said they both have similar climates and lots of palm trees.

A difference Eshete observed in the educational systems of Ethiopia and the U.S. is the nature of teacher/student relationships. He said that teachers in Ethiopia "have" to be respected. He then added, "We don't do stuff (joke around) in my country like we do here."

Eshete decided to look into Dana after talking to Craig Swenson at a College Fair in

Denver and became interested enough to come and visit the college. Eshete added, "I liked Dana because the people were nice and the Admissions people were very helpful."

Further acknowledging his appreciation of the Admissions department, Eshete commented, "It's very encouraging for the Admissions people to try and get as many international students as they can to try and make Dana a multi-cultural school."

Majoring in Management and Economics, Eshete's spring schedule includes Economics, interpersonal communications, Accounting II, Sociology and math.

Unable to choose his favorite teacher or class, Eshete explained, "I like all of my classes and all the teachers I've had this year. They were helpful."

Extracurricular activities Eshete has been a part of this year are tennis, photographer for Public Relations and President of the International Students Organization.

Some of the things Eshete mentioned that he likes about the U.S. include freedom, football, cheeseburgers, "The Cosby Show," "Rain Man," and "Listen to Me."

In his spare time, Eshete enjoys listening to music, dancing, playing the piano, reading, and traveling. He has been to several states, Europe, Africa and Canada.

Eshete chose New York City and Toronto, Canada, as his two favorite places. He said he likes New York City because "you see people from all over the world, which is neat because it's multi-cultural."

"La Ronde" Brightens Dana's Dreary Dragon's Head

by Peter Sierant

On Tuesday and Wednesday, DSPAC sponsored their production of La Ronde. The curiosity had finally been fulfilled, no thanks to the trouble-making ice-cream machine which caused the delay of the original date of performance.

There seemed to be an air of expectancy and wonderment, for it was the first time a full-fledged play had ever been put on in the Dragon's Head.

An audience turned out in force, defeating the usual apathetic response that seems to

prevail when a performing event is showing.

There was no "different" seating, the chairs were not rearranged. The "set" was around the audience in several low platforms. There was the usual couches and chairs as accompaniments.

Little vignettes made up the production in an attempt to show the many faces of sexuality. Every character interacted at least twice in some different scenario.

There was never more than two characters performing at once. This allowed for a break-

up in the performances, and brought out a little flavor.

Russell Wilcox showed the crude and crassness of young military recruits in his performance. He interacted with the audience a few times, which showed the benefits of having the audience closer to the performers.

Mike Davenport and Cathy Keck were a delight in their highly exaggerate roles. Their farcical performance was an interesting stereotype.

Emily Kurth had an amusing part as an innocent and very dense little girl. But the intel-

lectual moment of the production must be given to Tim Haigwood and Kelly Nass. Their simple and natural movements seemed highly appropriate. Haigwood characterized a pseudopod actor that tended to drone on about his vanity. Nass had a marvelous performance as this religious hypochondriac actress who was into the pleasure syndrome.

Fighting not only the sizzle of gooey cheese balls, and the ring of a cash register, it was a strain to try and hear some of the actors because of my position in relation to the actors. I couldn't help but wonder if maybe the platforms might have been placed with the audience, or using just one specific area.

La Ronde was entertaining in certain bright performances, and the intimacy was effective. It would be interesting to see more productions put on in the Dragon's Head as a secondary choice to PAC. Next time, the fryer needs to go.



"What words of wisdom would you like to share as you graduate?"



Molly Knight

"Get out while you still can. Go back and live with your parents."



Darlene Christiansen

Never give up! So many people give up too soon. A little partying, but stick to the studies because that's what you're here for."



Yuji Ikeda

"It is important that we learn about people of different cultures. We can't survive alone. It is also very important to understand racism."