



Staley Scholar To Lecture On Campus

The entire campus is invited to attend this year's Thomas Staley Foundation Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series at Dana College featuring the Reverend Craig Lewis, Executive Director of the Commission for Multicultural Ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The lecture series will begin at Dana on Sunday, March 11, and continue through Tuesday, March 13.

Reverend Lewis will present three major lectures in Doctors Auditorium of the C.A. DANA Hall of Science including:

Sunday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. "America the Beautiful: A Home of Freedom for Many Peoples."

Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. "The Christian Church: A House of Prayer for All Peoples."

Tuesday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. "Redeveloping the College Campus as a Multicultural Environment."

Pastor Lewis is a 1969 graduate of Harvard College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1972 graduate of Harvard Divinity School with a master of divinity degree. He has completed course work for the master of sacred theology degree at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

He also holds several honorary degrees, including a doctor of divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

His work experience as a pastor and human services administrator has included serving as Director of Theological Education, Lutheran Church in America; pastorates at Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, New York, New York; as well as service as executive director of Friendly Inn Settlement House in Cleveland; assistant director, Urban League of Boston, Massachusetts; and executive director of Neighborhood Family Care Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has served as a lecturer and adjunct professor at several colleges and universities.

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series at Dana College is made possible by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of Delray Beach, California. The series was established by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Staley and Judge and Mrs. H.H. Hayes. The Foundation believes that the message of the Christian Gospel when proclaimed in its fullness, is always contemporary, relevant, and meaningful to any generation.

Howland Elected Student Body Prez

By Joel Morgan
Hermes Feature Editor

Julie Howland a junior Information Management/Accounting major was elected Student Body President for 1990-91 on Wednesday. James Peister a sophomore Biology major was voted Vice-President, Deb Schramper a sophomore Commercial Art/Psychology major, Secretary, and Pete Svendgard a sophomore English major, Treasurer.

Student Senate representative elections will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Applications can be picked up in the information booth.

The new Senate will begin their duties in April.

During a two-hour meeting Wednesday evening, the Senate finalized important guidelines for student organizations and allocated money to two of them.

The new guidelines will require student organizations to submit a constitution each year. The constitution must be received before any money can be allotted to the organization.

Another guideline passed concerned student organization budget proposals. In order for student organizations to receive money at the yearly Senate budget meeting, they must submit their budget proposals to the Senate treasurer at least a week before the meeting.

Also, the Senate recommended that officers of student organizations be present at the budget meeting to answer any questions.

Junior Kurt James submitted a proposal from DVTV-channel 35, Dana's new T.V. station. The proposal requested \$1,500 for operating costs and a monitor to be set up in the campus center.

The Senate discussed the proposal at length with the main concern being the immediate need for a monitor in the center.

Senators decided to allot \$1,000 to DVTV to be used for video tape, production and maintenance of facility, and fees that need to be paid for certain shows to be aired.

Melissa Reinikainen, Danian Co-Editor, gave a progress report. The Danian currently has 30 pages completed with the staff of four working steadily. Reinikainen's main concern was the lack of a usable typewriter for the staff. She asked that the Student Senate give the Danian \$125 for purchase of a typewriter and supplies. The Senate gave \$200 to the Danian for this expenditure.

Dan Travaille, Dean of Student Services, stood in for President Christopherson and presented the Senate with the objectives and membership requirements of the newly formed Media Advisory Board.

The members of the board will be as follows: the Chairperson of the Communications Department, the head of the English Department, the Vice-President of Student Senate, two students at large chosen by Senate, one faculty member chosen by faculty senate and one member at large chosen by President Christopherson.

The Media Advisory Board will announce openings, review credentials, interview and appoint editors and managers of KDCV, DVTV, *Hermes*, *Danian* and *Sower* by April 15 of each year.

This board also has the power to remove any of the editors and managers of these organizations. Funding of the organizations will be routed to the board through budget proposals submitted by each organization.

Fire Department Called To Mickelson Hall Trash Blaze

By Mark Olsen
Hermes Editor-in-Chief

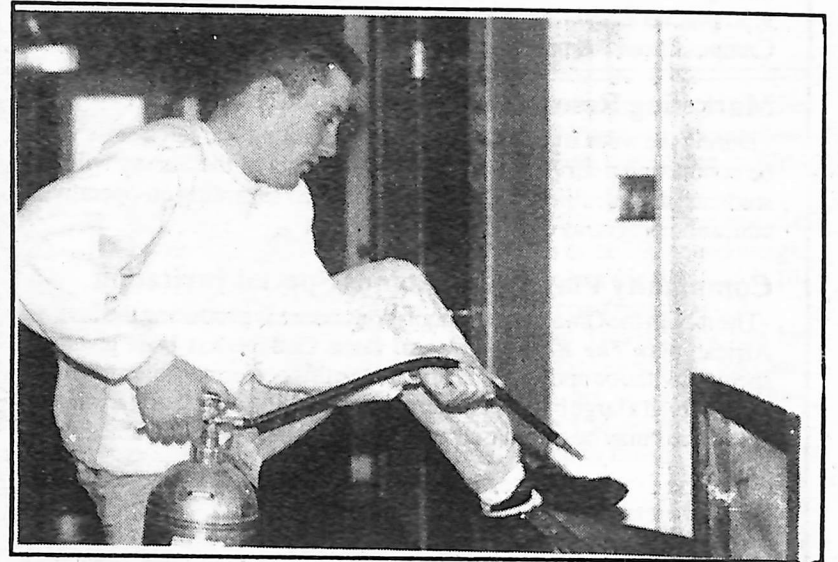
The Blair Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Dana campus at noon last Friday when a fire broke out in the Mickelson Hall trash chute.

According to Mickelson Hall Director, Lyn Seiser, no major damage was done to the building. Seiser speculated that the fire started near the third floor because soot was found on the wall above the trash receptacle there.

"We're assuming something happened on the third floor because that's where most of the smoke damage was," said Seiser. According to Seiser all of the rooms in Mickelson were opened to release the smoke and a number of students' clothing smelled like smoke.

Junior James Anderson from Millard, Nebraska and two other students put out the fire before the Blair Fire Department arrived. Anderson was later treated for smoke inhalation at the Blair Memorial Community Hospital.

"I was walking down the stairs from fourth floor and I heard a bunch of the



Just a Reenactment: Junior James Anderson, and two other students extinguished a fire in the Mickelson Hall trash chute last Friday before the Blair Volunteer Fire Department arrived.

high-pitched dorm room fire alarms going off," Anderson said. "We grabbed three fire extinguishers and emptied two down the chute, but the third one didn't work," he added.

Curtis Curenton, Corey Mitchell, and Richard Williams were in their rooms when the fire alarms went off.

"It was a real thick, dark smoke,"

Curenton said. "It was so dark you couldn't see."

"I didn't see any flames but there was some kind of burning paper or something in the trash chute," Anderson added.

Students were not allowed into the building while the fire department keyed into all of the rooms and used industrial fans to release the smoke.

Wednesday Social Awareness Forum Dispels Homophobia

By Peter Sierant
Hermes Assistant Editor

Homosexuals are human beings was the general attitude among the people attending the Social Awareness Organization (SAO) forum on homosexuality in the Blue Room last Wednesday.

Audrey Gowen, a sophomore Social Work major from Beatrice, Nebraska, presented a statistical report to 20 people about how existing laws, state and federal, reflected the public attitude regarding gay rights.

"The case at hand is not how you feel about it, but what you do," Gowen said.

Public attitudes today have been the most tolerant towards the nations estimated 25 million homosexuals since a backlash of hatred and discrimination unfolded in the early 1980's when AIDS became an epidemic.

As the death toll rose among homosexuals, and the medical discovery anybody could contract AIDS, a strong sympathetic tone became apparent in the straight world. AIDS wasn't a venereal disease possessed by promiscuous homosexual men anymore--it became a killer of people.

Research of AIDS remains a major concern in American politics today because homosexuals have leaped from the closets into political arenas wielding clout. There are currently 50 openly gay elected officials around the country.

According to a recent Gallup poll taken in the Fall of 89, 47 percent of all adults believe that homosexual relations between consenting adults should be legal, up from only 33 percent in 1987; 71 percent of the respondents said gays should have equal job opportunities, compared with 59 percent opposed two years before. But homophobia is rooted staunchly

in the U.S. Phrases abound in our everyday language like "you're being gay" and "that's gay", or "quit being gay". Gay bashing has become a popular expression of describing violence inflicted solely on homosexuals.

"The view from people who don't understand gays is that they aren't human, and that they don't have human qualities," said Steve Zielger a senior Social Work major from Beatrice, Nebraska.

According to Gowen, women in 24 states still risk prosecution for being in a lesbian relationship. Homosexual couples aren't given the status a legally married couple would, and don't receive benefits that married couples are allowed, such as: joint insurance and medical coverage, the ability to take out a joint home loan and the status of being a family. In a marriage when one partner dies the other automatically becomes the beneficiary, but not with a homosexual relationship, even when it's monogamous.

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider two constitutional challenges to the military's position on gays serving in the service. Sodomy laws remain in 24 states, and only Wisconsin and Massachusetts have passed measures barring discrimination against gays.

In 1980, the American Bar Association declined to affirm that the constitutional right to privacy extends to homosexuals.

A Fort Lauderdale judge at a pre-trial hearing about a man brutally beaten made the comment, "That's a crime now, to beat up a homosexual?"

Dallas Judge Jack Hampton admitted in an interview with the Dallas Times Herald that he had given a convicted murderer a lighter sentence because the victim was a homosexual.

A homosexual is seven times more likely to be a victim of crime.

"Accepting someone takes a conscious effort," said Pat Mallory, Blair Hall Director.

Participants of the forum provided solutions to homophobia by saying if a society is founded on the right for an individual to make a free choice certain amount of protection should be provided.

"You don't have to believe in what they do, but accept them for who they are," said Karen Froker a junior Social Work major from Exira, Iowa.

"Individually we have the right to be prejudiced...the problem arises when I try to stop you from your opinion or pleasure," said Don Warman, Professor of History.

New SAO Forums Seek To Inform Students

By Gina Roden
Hermes Staff Writer

Wednesday Lunch Forum posters can be found in almost every building on the Dana campus. These posters were designed by the Social Awareness Organization to welcome all students interested in current issues to an informal discussion to be held during lunch on Wednesday.

When asked how SAO came up with an activity like Wednesday Lunch Forum, SAO member, Shelley Edwards, commented that one of the purposes of the organization is to "inform or bring to attention things that may be in the back of people's minds."

SAO recently approached Student Senate for money to help support their group as they strive to share with the student body all the fascinating information gained from various conferences a few of the members have attended.

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News Briefs

Winterfest this Weekend

Elections for Winterfest Queen and King and will be held all day March 9. Announcement of the court, King and Queen will be at 10:30 during the Winterfest Dance. The Winterfest Dance will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday March 10 in the upper level of the Campus Center. A professional Disc Jockey will provide music.

Marketing Research Class Conducts Survey

During the week of March 12-16, the Marketing Research class will be conducting a survey on campus. The subject of the Survey will be students' and faculties' attitudes and opinions regarding co-operative education programs or internships.

Community Playhouse Extends Special Invitation

The month the Omaha Community Playhouse is producing the South African play *The Road to Mecca*. Dana College has been given a special invitation and a special price to see this performance. Parnassus has reserved a large block of tickets for the evening of Thursday, March 15. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 by phoning Nathan Kramer, ext. 7205.

SAB Schedules Movies for Month of March

Wednesday night videos for the month of March have been announced. On March 14, *Batman*, starring Jack Nicholson, will be shown. The March 28 feature will be *Lock-Up* starring Sylvester Stallone. The movies are sponsored by the Student Activities Board and will be aired at 9 p.m. in the Linden Room.

Speakers Present "How to Deal With Harrassment"

Professors Diane Nickeson-Ray and Dave Murray will be the featured speakers in a presentation sponsored by student senate entitled, "How to Deal With Harrassment." The discussion will be held in the Argo Hall lobby on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Senate Schedules Elections

The Student Senate has scheduled elections for 1990-91 student body representatives on March 14. Students may vote for their class representatives in the concourse of the Campus Center all day long.

New Instructor Appointed

Mr. Michael Moriarty has been appointed Instructor in Communication effective September 1, 1990. Moriarty is currently serving as a part-time instructor in Communication at Dana during the current academic year. Also, he is presently the announcer/engineer/Morning Edition host for KIOS FM in Omaha.

Golf Team Forming

Scott Wagner has announced that the Dana golf team is seeking members. Those interested men and women linksters should contact Wagner or coach Leo McKillip early next week.

"Insanity" Now Playing

The Dana Student's Performing Arts Committee is performing the one-act play, *The Insanity of Mary Girard* by Lanie Robertson tonight, March 9 at 8 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theatre in MPAC. Humanities credit will be given.

R.A. Applications Being Accepted

Applications for 1990-91 Resident Assistant positions are now available. The deadline for applying is March 16. Information may be obtained from the Student Services Office.

Senior Pictures Scheduled

Senior pictures will be taken on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 13, 14, and 15 from 7-10 p.m. in the Linden Room. Taylor Photography of Blair has been contracted to take them. Seniors may sign up on the posted schedule in the Campus Center.

Sower Accepts Submissions

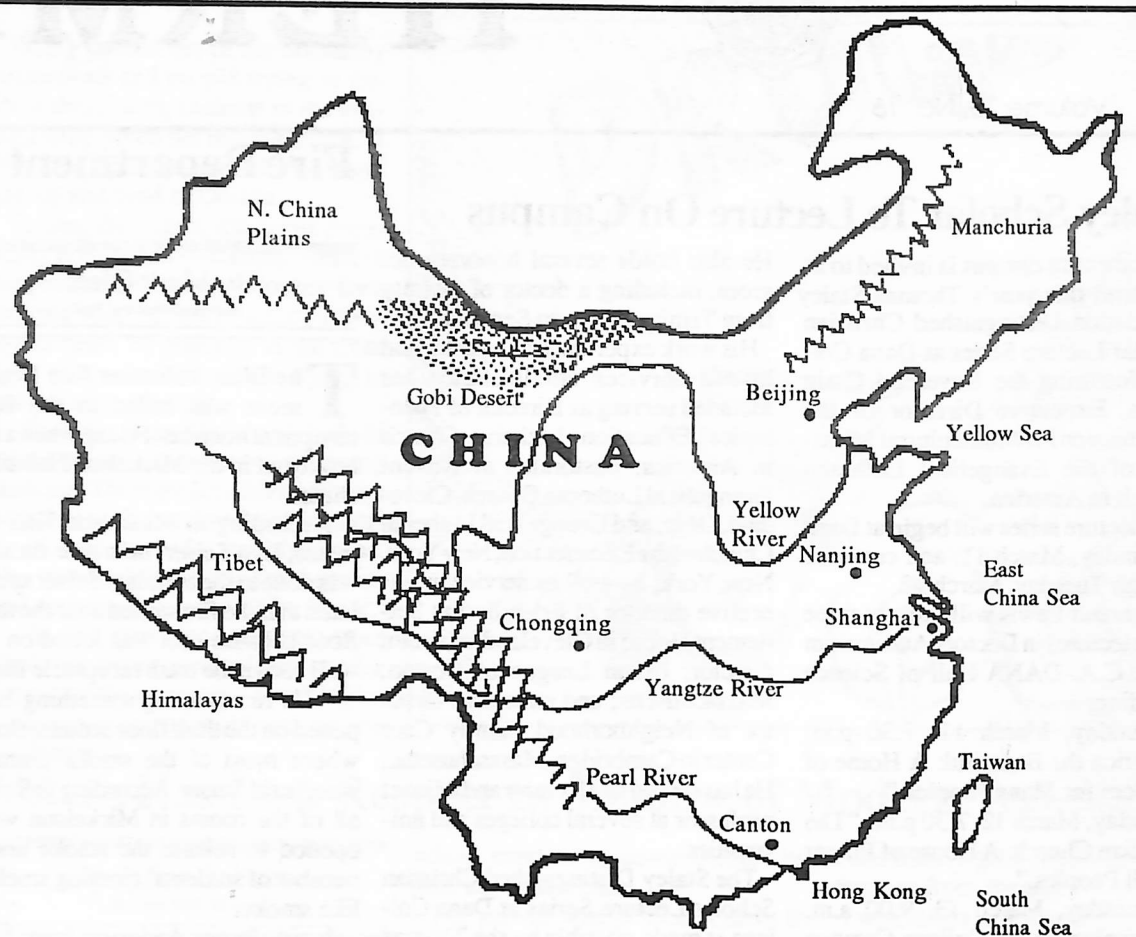
Editor Peter Sierant has announced that submissions to the 1990 college literary and artistic anthology, *The Sower*, are now being accepted. Original works of poetry, prose, drama, photography and other forms of artwork may be submitted for review to either Sierant or Kelli Crannell. Deadline for submission is April 1.

KDCV Holds Great Dana Smokeout

KDCV D.J.'s Ron Patton and John Bacon will be on the air from 5 to 12 p.m. on March 12. The 7-hour marathon, called the "Great Dana Smokeout," will encourage students to stop using cigarettes and smokeless tobacco for one day. According to the two, "fabulous prizes will be given away." KDCV is at 91.1 on the fm dial.

Learn to Ballroom Dance

For \$1 an hour students can learn to ballroom dance. Thursday nights at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria, Metro Tech Instructor of Dance, Judy Clark, will be on campus to instruct students. See Lyn Seiser for more details.



Inside China

Official Name: The People's Republic of China.

Population: 1.1 billion---the world's most populated nation.

Size: 3,691,500 square miles---slightly larger than the U.S. Most of the population lives on the eastern half of China.

Government: The Communist Party rules China's 21 provinces. The National People's Congress, elected by the party, enacts laws. Li Peng (lee pung) is Prime Minister, Deng Xiaoping (Dung shee-ow-Ping) is senior leader.

Capital: Beijing (once known as Peking).

Education: About 80 percent of adults can read and write. Most children attend primary school for six years. Middle school follows, lasting six more years. A few go on to college. Entrance depends on an exam.

Religion: The Communist Party discourages religion. But many Chinese still follow the beliefs of Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, or Islam.

Farming: About 75 percent of all Chinese workers are farmers. The main crops are rice, wheat, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, and tea.

Average Chinese work week: Six days a week---48 hours in all.

SAO Holds Forum

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Presently, there are approximately 20-25 students involved in SAO. Steve Ziegler, Audrey Gowen and Marcy Hansen serve as co-directors for the expanding organization. Most of the SAO members consist of social work, psychology and sociology majors, but all students are welcome to join.

SAO has been an organization at Dana since Jan Potter started it during her first year of teaching at Dana. Under the direction of Potter, Ziegler, Gowen and Hansen, the organization hopes to become as strong as it once used to be.

Edwards and Lydia Kerns were allotted enough money by Student Senate to attend the National Association of Social Workers, which provided them with "tons of information" presented by professionals in social work. After attaining the outstanding information given at this conference through papers and discussions, Edwards said, "We wanted to give something back to the student body." Therefore, the Wednesday Lunch Forum was designed to give SAO the opportunity to share the ideas behind these current issues.

Some of the SAO members were fortunate enough to attend a first annual conference in Iowa City on February 24 and 25. Edwards and Hansen both expressed a high interest in the many papers prepared by the social

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for the week of March 10-16)

Current exhibit in Parnassus: Paper Works by Clint Hanson and Metal Works by Bill Steavenson
Friday

Winterfest Elections
8:00 p.m. *The Insanity of Mary Girard*, DSPAC Production
Saturday

9:30 p.m. Winterfest "The Enchanted Forest," upper level of Campus Center

Sunday
7:30 p.m. Staley Lecture: "America the Beautiful: A Home of Freedom for Many Peoples," DHA

Monday
10:00 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Craig Lewis, 1990 Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar; PM 318

5:00-12:00 p.m. "Great Dana Smokeout," KDCV
7:30 p.m. Staley Lecture: "The Christian Church: House of Prayer for All Peoples," DHA

Tuesday
9:00 a.m. Staley Lecture: Redeveloping the College Campus as a Multicultural Environment," DHA

1:00 p.m. Baseball, Nebraska Wesleyan, Peterson Field
3:00 p.m. Softball, Iowa Western Community College, Zimmerman Field

3:30 p.m. Music Department Recital, Neve Room
7:30 p.m. Blair World of Entertainment, Tom Prinn Trio, pop/jazz, MFAC; tickets available in Parnassus

Wednesday

Student Senate Representative Elections

9:00 p.m. *Batman*, Linden Room

10:00 a.m. Chapel, Noelle Miller; PM 318

Thursday
9:00 a.m. Professional Meeting for Faculty and Athletic Staff, Blue Room

7:30 p.m. "How to Deal With Harrassment," Diane Nickeson-Ray and Dave Murray, Argo Lobby

8:00 p.m. *The Road to Mecca*, Omaha Community Playhouse, \$5 per ticket, sign up in Parnassus

Friday
Softball Hall of Fame Tournament, Oklahoma City
10:00 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Linda Walz; PM 318
Spring Break begins after classes; Residence halls close at 5:00 p.m.

Tennis Team Ends Three-Year Skid; Beats York

By Randall Hollowell
Hermes Sports Writer

For the first time in over three seasons, the Dana tennis team came out of a match victorious last Saturday. The Vikings defeated York Community College 6-3 at a triangular at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Earlier in the day Dana was defeated by the Plainsmen of Wesleyan 7-2.

During the singles competition versus York, Dana nearly swept all spots, with number 2 player John Bacon the only blemish.

However, he made up for it in the doubles by teaming up with John Hundahl and winning their match, the first doubles win for Dana in close to two years.

Hundahl won his match at number 1, 6-3, 7-5. Bacon was defeated by a score of 6-3, 6-3.

The most one-sided score went to Shad Beam who defeated his York foe by a score of 6-1, 6-1 and number 6.

The closest match was had by senior Kevin White who defeated Brian Bell of York 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

Other scores saw Jared Olsen win at number 3 over John Bonner 6-3, 7-5, and Jim Petersen over Cornell Bonde 6-3, 6-2.

Dana lost the other two doubles matches, falling at number 2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. The team of Peterson and Olsen teaming up for a nail-biter.

White joined Merid Eshete at number 3 doubles, and they went down 6-1, 7-5.

In earlier action, the Vikings were man-handled by a very strong and deep Wesleyan team. Dana did, however, play this match without last years number 1 in Steve Mathis who was competing in the NAIA national tournament for wrestling.

The only wins for Dana came at numbers 5 and 6 singles. White took number 5 with a 7-6 (7-2), 6-1 win over Todd Peterson. Jim Peterson mauled Kirk Darfler 6-2, 6-3.

Other singles scores saw Hundahl lose 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 at number 1; Bacon fell at number 2, 6-0, 6-0; Olsen went down at number 3, 6-2, 6-2; and Randy Hollowell at number 4 was knocked off 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles competition didn't fare well either for the Vikings.

Hundahl and Bacon were defeated at number 1 doubles 6-1, 6-4. Olsen and Hollowell found similar luck at number 2 going down 6-1, 6-0. Rounding out the play, Beam and Eshete also lost at number 3, falling 6-4, 6-2.

Next up for the Viking racketeers is a Monday afternoon rematch with York here at Dana. Matches are played at both the college and at the courts across the street from the high school. Match start is slated for 3:30.



Season Opener: Sophomore Pete Svendgard takes a good cut at a USD pitch to help a Viking rally over the Coyotes on Saturday. The diamond men defeated USD 12-7 and 7-1 on Saturday, and lost 8-6 and 11-9 on Sunday.

Strong Pitching Carries Diamond Men Through Season Opener

By Kevin White
Hermes Sports Writer

Opening their baseball season last weekend against the University of South Dakota, the Dana College Vikings swept a 12-7, 7-1 doubleheader from the Coyotes on Saturday. USD returned the favor on Sunday, winning by scores of 8-6 and 11-9.

"We played very well," said Viking Coach Dale Lemon of his team's wins on Saturday. "When you get the pitching that we got, it solves a lot of problems."

In Game One Saturday, Dana found themselves down 7-0 in the first inning, but battled back for the win. Freshman Craig Barsness came in and did an excellent job on the mound, firing 6-1/3 innings of two-hit, shut-out ball.

While Barsness was quieting the Coyote bats, Dave Fosdick and Shawn Winters carried the load at the plate for Dana, with three hits apiece. Winters also had four RBI in the game, and Pete Svendgard, Troy Carmichael and James Anderson added two safeties each.

"When you get the pitching that we got, it solves a lot of problems."

The Dana defense was also a key in the two wins, as the Vikings made just three errors in the two games combined.

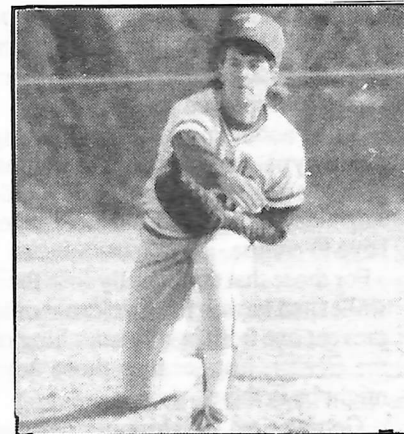
Game Two was highlighted by the two-hit, complete-game pitching performance of sophomore Jeff Kress. Svendgard added a fifth-inning solo homer for the winners and Steve Lemon slapped a two-run scratch double.

Sunday's games found Dana constantly playing from behind, and the Vikings left 23 runners stranded in the two games to explain the close de-

feats.

The bright spot on Sunday was the big stick carried by freshman Adam Lippincott. Lippincott finished the day 5-for-8 with five runs scored, four RBI and a two-run homer in the second game.

In Game One Chris Eller relieved a struggling Brent Habrock and pitched "a credible three innings", according



Reliever Chris Eller: Pitched a credible three innings on Sunday.

to Lemon. Dana made four double plays in the game to keep things close, but the lack of a clutch hit or two spelled defeat.

The finale saw Dana grab its only lead of the game at 5-4 entering the third frame, but USD battled back and won another close one. The game was called after six innings because of darkness.

On a down note, transfer Joel Jorgensen was hit in the head by a batted ball while pitching Sunday and suffered a concussion. Lemon said Jorgensen wasn't back up to par yet on Wednesday, but hoped he would be back soon.

South Dakota is officially a club team this season, as it is their first year of baseball. Although the games will not count according to district and national statistics, Lemon says he'll count the games according to his own season records and stats.

Dana returns to action Tuesday with a home twinbill with Nebraska Wesleyan. These will be the conference openers for the Vikings, and game time is slated for 1:00 p.m.

Grapplers Gain Experience At Nationals

By Dave Samson
Hermes Sports Writer

Four Wrestlers competed in the National Wrestling Tournament last week at Fort Hays State in Kansas.

Sophomore Shawn Gessert lost two close matches in the 190 pound weight class. Gessert lost the first match 10-11 and the second match 11-12.

Sophomore Trevis Sallis lost his first match of the tournament, but came back to win his second and third matches. The 158-pounder then lost his final match to finish out the tournament at 2-2.

Sallis and Sophomore Craig Perkins came the closest to placing in the tournament. Though they didn't place, they did finish in the top 12 of their respective weight divisions. Perkins received a bye in the first round, and then went on to win his second round match. The 142-pounder then went on to lose his next two.

"It was a great experience for me. I learned a lot from it and it will help me prepare for next year's tournament in Butte, Montana. With this experience under my belt, I feel I'm ready to go back," Perkins stated about his first Nationals experience.

Sophomore Steve Mathis finished 1-2 by winning his first match of the tournament and later losing two tough matches in the 177 pound weight class.

Mathis felt that he could have won one more match in the tournament. "I feel that in order for me, and the team as a whole, to become All-Americans we would have to raise up to another level while gaining valuable experience. If we raise our level a little bit, it will make us a lot tougher in District and National competitions."

The team as a whole can only go uphill from here. With valuable experience, the team will be fun to watch during the 1990-91 campaign. The team is young and improving, and is also looking to gain even more respect in the future.

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Columnist Thinks Students Head Home On Weekends

By Kurt James
Hermes Sports Editor

Driving up Hansen Drive on Friday afternoon, just past the top of the hill with Blair Hall staring through windshield, the thought of having to find a parking spot filled my mind. Oh, it's Friday, most classes are out and most of the campus has headed home.

The term "suitcase college" has come to mean a college campus where little activity takes place on weekends, because the majority of students find themselves back at home.

By taking into consideration that most students who go home live within a few hours drive and prefer activities there compared to those that occur

here on campus; or realizing rules and penalties students tried so hard to gain independence from at home are far less harsh than that of student services.

The idea of dealing with parents who tend to be more lenient than the RA's and security guards who patrol the halls of our well-guarded college is by far a more realistic one.

So then, if a majority of students head off for rural home towns, what do the die-hards do? Last weekend many students turned their attention to the Miss America Pageant or tried to accumulate Humanities credits in Omaha.

With the baseball team having its home opener, some ventured down to the baseball diamond to take in a doubleheader.

Being pushed out of the dorms by regulations and people trying to enforce these rules, students in the evening drop down the hill into Blair. If they feel up for a short drive, many gas-up and head to Omaha.

Testing the waters, die-hards eventually end up back on campus without the problem of having to jockey for a parking spot, but rather nearly freezing to death by standing at the front door of any residence hall trying to get their key to work.

Colleges have the tough task of meeting the expectations of many students. There are activities going on here during the weekend, yet a majority of students opt for the drive home. The rest stick it out for the duration and wait anxiously for spring break.

In any case Dana students most likely can expect much of the same for the rest of the semester—a parking lot with more spaces than cars on the weekends.

Politoons by Plowman



Public Pulse

This week *Hermes* asked Dana students:

"What are some of the fun ways you spend your spare time at Dana? Are there enough interesting things to do, or do you think that Dana is a "suitcase college?"

"Most of my spare time is spent with friends doing off-campus type things. While I do find fun things to do with my spare time, I believe Dana is a suitcase college because it seems most people leave to find fun things to do."—Paige Kostboth, sr. Biology, Beresford, SD.

"First of all, what spare time? But when spare time should arise I like to spend it with my friends. We usually spend that time procrastinating things that need to be done. When not doing that we like to go to Omaha and experience fine cuisine and drink, and maybe catch a show or two. Now as for that quality time I like to spend it with my girlfriend experiencing the even more finer things of life."—Troy Novak, sr. Humanities/History, Lincoln, NE.

"There are plenty of fun things to do at Dana. Attending the athletic events, movies shown on campus or even hanging out in the dorms can be quite exciting. I feel that the problem with a number of students is that they don't give Dana a chance. When you pack up and go home every weekend, of course Dana won't be fun. More often than not, you need to find your own fun—don't just wait around for something to come up—initiate it! I am rarely bored and would like to see others have as much as I do!"—Shawn Lorenzen, jr. Math, Lakefield, MN.

"At Dana fun is where you find it; there are plenty of ways of entertaining yourself if you're creative enough. The problem is there aren't enough people around to have fun with. I'd never before heard of a college where on the weekends over half the campus goes home. I think if people stayed around they'd find that there are lots of things to do if you have the numbers to do them."—Vince Orduna, soph. Broadcast Communications, Omaha, NE.

"I think that there are plenty of ways to spend your time at Dana. The key is to get involved with student activities and your friends."—Bradley P. Volcek, fr. Accounting, Omaha, NE.

"I feel that Dana could have a few extras like an indoor track and a few improvements, but over all I think Dana has adequate facilities."—Steve Kloucek, fr. Business Administration, Elkhorn, NE.

"I am a commuting student, but between classes and work I spend my time studying or watching television in the Linden Room. When I lived on campus first semester I found plenty of activities to participate in, such as lap swims in the evening, and the Wednesday night movies sponsored by the S.A.B. I enjoy the activities on this campus and I am looking forward to the Winterfest Dance this weekend."—Lori Barker, fr. Social Science/Education, Missouri Valley, IA.

"I spend the majority of my spare time with my friends. This time is usually spent off-campus, probably because I live off-campus. Dana could be referred as a "suitcase college", but I believe that it all depends on how much a person gets involved. There are many students who feel the need to get off campus because of the pressure of studying on the weekends. These activities could range from shopping in Omaha to going to the bars."—Nancy Brich, sr. Math Ed., Neola, IA.

Parnassus Sponsors Trip to Joslyn

Parnassus is sponsoring the "Blair Community Art Experience" to Omaha's Joslyn Art Museum on Saturday March 17. The tour will begin at the Joslyn Research Library and continue with a guided exploration session of the European Collection where participants will share findings, observations, comparisons, and research. The special exhibit of *Forbes Magazine* "Victorian Painting" collection will also be part of the tour. Late lunch will be eaten at Clark's Cafe, 76th and Cass. Cost is \$4.00 per person, not including lunch. Transportation will be provided. Make reservations before March 14 in Parnassus, ext. 7207.

Velcro Has Lost Respect In Shadow of Modern Technology

By Quinn Sebesta
Hermes Staff Writer

The big "V"—no, I am not talking about "V" for victory, vegamatic, vending machine or even vesicular stomatitis. The key word of which I speak is the time honored, and fully Americanized grand old material of velcro.

Lets face it, nobody uses velcro anymore.

Velcro is the most simple of any modern substance. Velcro, if employed in everyday life, is as necessary as water for survival.

With the advent of super-glue and scotch tape, velcro has been rendered an antediluvian object. However, tape and super glue are poor substitutes for the wide range of uses that velcro could be employed for.

Think about that really bad tasting glue they put on envelopes and stamps. If velcro was used, imagine the hardship one's tongue would no longer have to endure.

For those that continually lose their wallet and keys, a little velcro would prevent one from insane searching of the freezer, just because those keys might be in there.

Getting tired of whipping out that identification just to be allowed into the local tavern? Just velcro that identification right to your forehead, and presto! instant admission.

How about a velcro mat in the shower? This would prevent that potential slip-and-fall-and-break-your-neck situation.

Citizens of California could save millions of dollars in property damage if they would just wise up and

velcro everything down before the next big earthquake.

For parents who just can't seem to keep their kids from running amok, velcro those children to that shopping cart.

Just think of the social ramifications velcro could have. For the professional bore, whose parties are always the same, just imagine the added dexterity, concentration, and unpredictability some velcro would add, especially after a person has just finished their eleventh vodka martini.

It would be so much easier to keep track of that elusive beverage with a velcro beverage holder.

The truly wise and socially conscious individual would velcro his sunday paper immediately to the bath-

room floor, right within easy reading distance from the toilet.

I would like to point out that the fine outstanding, charismatic, and morally upright members of the Velcro Renaissance Society (they are also my friends) have asked me to sound the urgent call for the full scale return of velcro as a household product. What the Velcro Renaissance Society needs are people that can make a hefty monetary contribution (tax deductible, of course) to phone them at 1-800-GO-VELCRO.

Truly, velcro can once again reach a pinnacle of acceptance with everyone's help. The members of The V.R.S. thank you for your support.

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work classes to be shared specifically with undergraduates.

Discrimination, stress, suicide, Bush's war on drugs, marital rape, alcohol, and homelessness awareness were amongst the several topics of the tow-day Iowa City conference, as well as a session entitled "Choice is the Key Word in Pro-Choice."

Future Lunch Forums will include environmental and homelessness issues, with an entire week devoted to homelessness awareness.

A big SAO activity to look forward to is Earth Days to be held April 22-23. This is a weekend that the Winnebago Indian tribe has invited Dana and other interested college students within a 300 mile radius to camp with them and learn about their culture.

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