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## Forum Presentation Addresses Environmental Issues

By Cathy Keck  
Hermes Staff Writer

Environmental Awareness was the topic of the most recent lunch forum in the Social Awareness Organization's Wednesday forum series.

One of the newest campus organizations, the Environmental Awareness Organization (E.A.O.), presented material for discussion at the meeting.

Kelly Barnum, the founder of E.A.O., presented information on endangered and threatened animals. "Endangered" is defined as "on the brink of extinction, while "threatened" is defined as "the possibility of becoming endangered in the foreseeable future."

Barnum told of the law passed in 1937 that gives federal protection to animals who are endangered.

Because of the length of the list, when dealing with recovery plans for endangered species, the animals must be placed on a priority-ordered list.

The California Condor, for example, numbers only 30 at this time and is therefore a priority. Studies are being conducted of the Condor's sister species, the South American Condor, to

help determine causes behind the endangerment.

Sometimes, problems of endangerment to animals can be solved by habitat protection. Laws are made against hunting or possessing these animals or any parts of these animals. Wildlife Refuges are also part of habitat protection.

Environmental change may also cause a species to become endangered. Experts then attempt to manipulate the environment, returning it to the condition most beneficial to the animals.

Ecosystems can also change dramatically through human actions. The construction of shopping malls, forty-acre theme parks, and other such expansions of civilization generally destroy the pre-existing habitats of animals and insects completely.

Accidents such as massive oil spills which cripple and maim animals and their ecosystems require tremendous clean-up efforts to return the environment to its natural state.

Barnum's presentation sparked questions about national or local environmental groups and how students at Dana could become involved.

Many such groups exist nationally

and internationally, such as the Sierra Club, the World Wildlife Federation, and GreenPeace. Students interested in joining any of these organizations should contact Barnum.

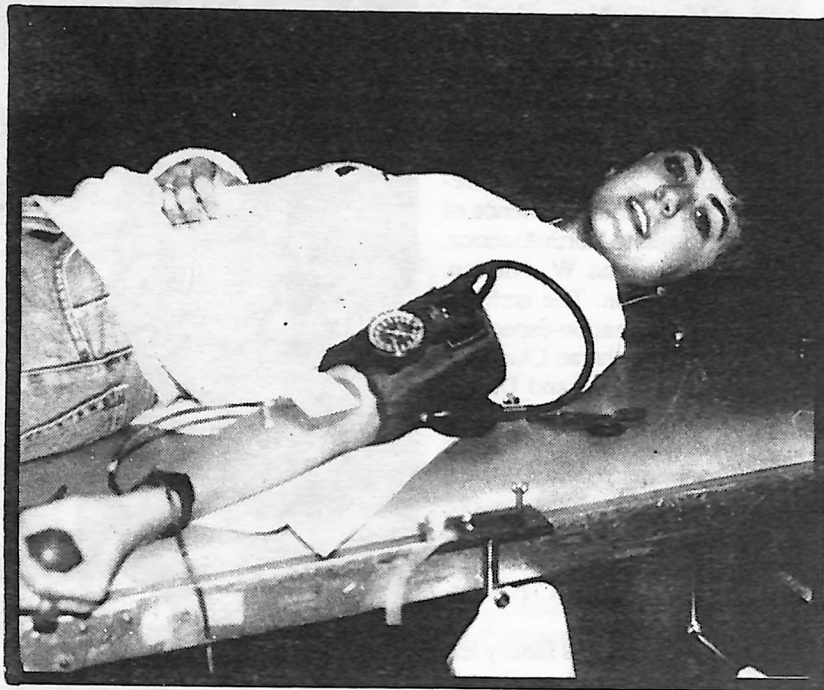
On campus and in Blair itself, students will be pleased to know that changes are coming that will make for a more environmentally aware community.

Trash cans labelled for glass, paper, and aluminum will be placed on campus in the near future, said Barnum.

Those interested in aluminum recycling can look forward to the possibility of a Blair location to serve that need in the near future. Howard Bailey of Blair's First United Methodist Church is working toward that goal, according to Residence Hall Director, Lyn Seiser.

All these issues and more will be the focus of Environmental Awareness Month during April. E.A.O. plans to sponsor events, information booths, and other ways for students to get involved.

The Dana community is challenged by E.A.O. to get in step with the world problems of today by participating in the Environmental Awareness Month activities.



Donating Blood: Senior Paige Kostboth tries to relax on a Red Cross cot while a pint of blood slowly ebbs from her arm.

## Blood Mobile Surpasses 120-Pint Goal

A team of Red Cross nurses from Omaha set up in the Argo Hall lobby on March 8 and worked through most of the day. Over 150 volunteers participated in the 1990 blooddrive.

"This year will set the precedent for future blood drives," said Doug Piper,

co-chairman of the blooddrive.

According to Piper 135 pints of blood were given, surpassing the goal of 120 and practically doubling the amount donated last year. Paige Kostboth was the other co-chairman.

Every pint of blood could save three lives: 135 pints could help save 405 people.

"I think that this means a lot of Dana people care about other human beings," said Piper.

Only three people had "bad reactions"--a fainting condition caused by loss of blood which changes the equilibrium in the brain.

Prizes of twenty dollars were raffled off to the donors. The individual winners were Dawn Flaherty, Lori McMullen, Shad Beam, and Jennifer Edleman.

A floor prize of \$50 was also given out to Third North Holling for being the highest donating floor with 79 percent. The \$50 will be spent at the floor's discretion.

## Career Services Works to Expand Employment Opportunities

By Gina Roden  
Hermes Staff Writer

One of the most important reasons the summer internship is going to be emphasized this year is to provide students with an opportunity to gain experience in a job-related situation.

The focus resides in learning the practical applications of jobs from the courses and skills acquired while attending Dana.

To gain admission into a summer internship, one must have a 2.5 GPA or be given special permission by a faculty member. The internship program is mainly geared toward juniors and seniors, however, freshmen and sophomores may apply if given special permission.

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## Lauritzen Sound System Doesn't Suit Music Department

By Peter Sierant  
Hermes Assistant Editor

After the college spent \$55,000 for an electronic sound system to enhance sound quality in the Lauritzen theatre, the music department thinks it still doesn't work.

"The sound system in PAC is inadequate. It doesn't function at 100 percent of its capacity," said Michael Anderson, Instructor of Music.

PAC, designed in 1980 for \$2 million, was constructed with the intention of providing an auditorium for both music and drama performances.

"When we decided on having a performing auditorium, we decided on one that would have both musical and dramatic performances. But you can't design an auditorium for both--it's impossible. So, we decided to choose a system that would electronically enhance any musical performance," said Keith Hansen, Business Manager.

According to Hansen, \$55,000 was invested to purchase an electronic system that would enhance music performances to compensate for the theater-emphasized design.

But some of the music department sees the existing sound system debilitating to the study of music.

For example, in 1988 the musical production *Celebration* had a variety of technical problems. Musicians could not communicate with the music director to control sound quality, and microphones kept going on and off during performances--simple problems for a top-notch facility.

"There are a lot of things that system is probably capable of, but because of the design, we just don't know what it can do. It would be a real asset for

students to work with a top-rated sound system for a technical education," said Dr. Richard Palmer, Associate Professor of Music.

"The auditorium is poorly designed for the space and function, and even then it doesn't work. Ensembles have no real good place to perform and the theatre has a negative effect--it's dead as a door nail," said Anderson.

**Needs Some Changes**  
Spectrum Electronics, an acoustic engineering firm based in Oklahoma City, evaluated the sound system in PAC and called it: confusing, lacking, unusual in choices, tampered with, and some of the existing equipment out of application.

The Spectrum Report believes that the PAC sound system can be improved to house musical performances through several outlined modifications:

Change the main speaker system. Trade in the existing speakers toward a new speaker system that is more musical and has better dispersion. In addition to replacement of the central system, expand the speaker system by adding stereo capability.

Move the control room out if possible because the operator has to listen to the speakers rather than the performances. If this is not possible, then change the sliding windows so they can be opened wider.

Eliminate four of the seven equalizers currently in use. Keep three of the equalizers for the new expanded stereo speaker system and trade.

Remove the existing Industrial Research Signal Delay and hold for possible use in system modification. Remove the existing Lexicon delay system and trade it in. Improve the compact disc sound effects library for what the Lexicon originally cost.

Remove existing patch bays and trade them in.

Add a back-stage system. This system uses a hidden microphone, permanently mounted above the stage that will pipe sound to the dressing rooms, control room, etc., so the performers can hear what is happening on stage. Since the dressing rooms are in the basement, this would be particularly helpful.

Trade in the existing mixing console for a more versatile mixer. It appears the existing mixer had been modified internally and hence no longer functions as was designed by the manufacturer. A mixer should be chosen based upon functions, without someone having to re-wire it.

The system is in need of at least one, and preferably two, reel-to-reel tape machines. These machines are a must for proper editing and cuing for a performing arts situation.

Completely change the existing surround speaker system to a system that will better achieve the desired goals for music.

Install a quality compact disc system. Replace existing amplifiers with larger units and the existing amplifiers with larger units. The existing amplifiers are good, but have been modified for some reason.

Re-wire the system--a necessary to eliminate certain "hum" problems that currently exist.

**Spectrum's Job Cost Analysis**  
Equipment Total.....\$33,121.00  
Installation.....8,281.00  
Total Installed Price.....41,402.00  
Equipment Trade-In.....(+6,302.00)  
Total System Cost.....35,100.00  
Even with all these physical changes, everyone agreed that the main reason the system doesn't work is because no one is adequately trained to under-

stand how it operates. There should be a full time operator who spends time learning the various talents the system possesses, they said.

**Opinions Vary**  
Dana is hesitant to act on Spectrum's recommendations.

"The problem is when you invite a firm with a new system and products to look at your present one---who do you believe?," said Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College.

"We need to get a queer majority of opinions. Bringing in another firm is like one doctor telling us don't get surgery when another tells us we need surgery," said Palmer.

Hansen added that revising the system in PAC would cost even more money, funds now being used to give the music department a brand new facility that would provide what the music department wants. According to Hansen another electronic firm reviewed Spectrum's credentials and found them poor.

And not everyone thinks PAC has a bad sound system.

"It's a pretty fair system, and there is not much re-sale value for some of the equipment. I'm comfortable with what's up there," said Arvin Hernes, Associate Professor of Physics.

But the sound system problem persists.

"It's a fact of life that if they want it to work then they have to invest into it. The system's a crime and shame because they got billed," said Anderson.

"It's just like buying a real nice stereo, and not fixing it," said Palmer.

"Maybe we have made a mistake by not dealing with the problem. The facility is important and it will continue to be the primary facility for theatre and music. What enhancements can be made will be done. I'd like to do it," said Christopherson.

## NEWS &amp; FEATURES

## Archives Hold Secret To College's Past

By Klemens Namwira

Hermes Staff Writer

The school archives, located in the lower level of the library, were established to collect and preserve accumulated historical materials that relate to the culture and experience of Danish immigrants to North America, according to Dr. John W. Nielsen, professor of Religion. The archives has abundant information especially about the Danish Lutheran Church in America, Dana College and Danish immigrants.

The archives store various materials including books, periodicals, manuscripts, letters, church records, memoirs, lectures, notes, faculty minutes and photographs. One of the largest single collections is "The L.C. Hansen-Mengers."

This collection contains family letters, various records, photographs and other information relating to early Dana/Trinity Seminary associates, the L.C. Hansen and C.C. Mengers families. There are also collections from pastors, professors, and people associated with Dana College and the Danish Lutheran Church in America, according to Nielsen.

Old books dealing with Danish culture as well as bound newspapers written in Danish can be found in the archives. Bound copies of the Hermes newspaper dated from 1918 can also be found there.

Nielsen said that all the documents are put in acid-free boxes to protect them from deterioration. Many other things are put on microfilm to save space and for protection.

There are no presidential documents (as long as the former presidents are still living) available in the archives. "There are both treasures and scan-



Hard at Work: Dr. John W. Nielsen spends much of his time cataloguing a storehouse of historical Danish artifacts.

dals hidden in the archives," said Dr. Nielsen.

The collection of Sophus Keith Winther, a Danish-American novelist, can be found in the archives. The collection consists of his personal library, letters, papers and dime-novel collection.

"Dr. Winther restricted anyone, except Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor Norman Bansen and myself, to look at his personal correspondence until after ten years," said Dr. Nielsen.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen, professor of English, said that the ten years are almost over now, but he could not reveal the content of the documents.

The archive room was finished two years ago when a partition wall was built and shelves were installed.

Dr. Nielsen is currently helping to organize the archives. "I am not hired, but I am here as an instrument through which the collections have to be received," said Dr. Nielsen. He is being assisted by Mrs. B. Krantz, Dorothy Wright and Sara Hansen, the daughter of L.C. Hansen and a granddaughter of C.C. Mengers. Together they are working on the Hansen-Mengers collection.

Kelly Barnum, a senior from Fort Dodge, Iowa and freshman Ann Gibbs from Greenfield, Iowa, are helping to process the collection. Dr. Nielsen concluded by saying that faculty, students and scholars should be increasingly aware of the value of the archives for conducting research.

## Danish Student Finds Americans Diverse

By Coleen Lenneman

Hermes Staff Writer

"I thought you would have to be violent of nature to be able to get into a football game," Mette Lassen noted about the memorable moment when she saw her first football game. After feeling the spirit, Lassen became a very avid fan.

Lassen, 19, is the oldest of three children. The freshman from Denmark is pondering a major in the areas of Art and Communication.

Lassen has a time-consuming schedule including: Aerobics, Radio and T.V. Announcing, Photography, Strategies of Composition, German and Sculpture. Radio and T.V. Announcing and Sculpture are her favorite classes because they are in an area of her interest and she is getting lots of hands-on experience.

A trip to see her grandmother, a wrong plane and a confused flight attendant is Lassen's usual answer to the often asked question of "why Dana?"

Lassen was recommended by the Denmark/America Foundation as a candidate to study in America. However, her decision was influenced by a talk with last year's Danish students.

The end of the semester will bring the end of Lassen's stay in the



Lassen

United States. She may stay longer to travel and see more of America.

An Interim trip to New York and Dana's rural community have given Lassen a broad view of America. She is glad she chose to spend her year in the mid-west because it's probably a place she wouldn't have gotten the chance to see.

Upon Lassen's return to Denmark she plans to work a year as a travel guide and then pursue an education at a specialized journalism school.

Lassen enjoys campus life and its family-like atmosphere. She likes the idea of everyone looking out for one another and being close to everything

on campus.

In Denmark, school is paid for with public tax money but usually requires traveling by bus or train.

Lassen likes to spend her spare time with friends and playing sports.

Having sports and school involved together is an option that is not given in Denmark. Lassen likes the spirit and campus-wide support of athletic events.

Lassen feels that Americans are entirely too dependent on cars, especially in the mid-west.

Lassen finds that the people of America are very friendly but differ greatly from one area to another. In Denmark people feel like the police are there to help you. She gets the feeling that the American people are scared of the police.

Lassen says she has learned how to deal with people and respect the opinions of others by being forced to associate with them. In Denmark it is easy to just avoid the conflict.

"Dana's advantage is its people," says Lassen after stating that she will miss the people most, when she returns to Denmark.

Lassen advises students to go see other countries and learn about them first hand. "It's so different from what you see on T.V. or read in a book," says Lassen.

## New Senators Face Old Issues

By Joel R. Morgan

Hermes Features Editor

Retention rates, senate visibility, and a more unified campus are a concern and priority for the recently-elected Student Senate representatives.

Elections were held Wednesday and the representatives for the 1990-91 school year are Seniors: Daniel Bane, a Computer science major, Cami Christensen, a Communication major, Kim Gosch, an Elementary/Special Education major, Christa Johnson. Please turn to page 3

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for the week of March 25-31)

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

Sunday

2:00 p.m. Residence Halls open

Monday

8:00 a.m. Classes Resume

10:00 a.m. Chapel; PM 318

8:00 p.m. Tuesday Musical Concert Series Witherspoon Presents Vladimir Spivokov, Violin Joslyn; leaving Parnassus at 6:45

Friday

SAO Presents Carlos Makai in concert; MFAC

8:00 p.m. Opera/Omaha Romeo and Juliet; leave Parnassus at 6:45

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Joslyn Art Museum Tour; meet in Parnassus



Sculpture Garden: Sophomores Ginny Ward and Siri Volan stroll through the garden across the street from the Walker Art Museum.

## Hum Excursion Examines Twin Cities

By Chris Voss

Hermes Copy Editor

Dr. Kathleen Collins, of the English Department, and her husband Ben sponsored a Humanities Excursion to Minneapolis this past weekend.

The van left at 3:00 p.m. on Friday for the five hour drive to Faribault, Minnesota, where the group would spend the night about one hour from Minneapolis.

Saturday, the group took to the city for a day of Art and Theatre events. First on the agenda was the Minneapolis Museum of Art where an exhibit of Impressionism is the current display. The exhibit will run through March 25. (Thanks to Professor Jim Olsen of the humanities department, 206 Hum students were well prepared for this display.) Among the artists featured were Edvard Manet and Claude Monet.

Next, the group travelled downtown to the Guthrie Theatre and Walker Art Museum, both housed in the same building. While some students ate lunch on the eighth floor of the Walker, others viewed the current topic displays. One exhibit found extremely interesting was a series of paintings

and drawings by Jasper Johns, which emphasized optical illusion effects of color.

The play scheduled for the afternoon was *Candide*, by Voltaire, a comedy about two people who are in love, yet never seem to be able to find each other at the right time. The narrator of the journey of *Candide* was portrayed to be Voltaire himself, describing the many encounters which *Candide* experiences, which included pirates, a gypsy, and other strange characters.

The stage set-up consisted on retractable floors, elevating platforms, and a main floor that dropped to raise up new scenes in the play. There was constant changing in the scenes and characters, with little or no "dragging" time in the performance.

Outside the Guthrie there is a sculpture garden of various art works and a green house filled with palm trees and other tropical plants that some students found intriguing.

After the performance and the sculpture garden, the group went to downtown St. Paul, where they were given extra time to roam about at their own leisure. Some chose to experience the Science Museum, while others ate in a Chinese restaurant or at the Heart Throb Cafe.

# Racketeers Battle Wind, York In Victory

By Randall Hollowell  
Hermes Sports Writer

For the second straight week the Dana Tennis team defeated the squad from York Community College. The Vikings prevailed at home during a dual Monday afternoon. The final match score was 6-3 in favor of the home-standing Vikings.

Several Dana players recorded multiple victories for the afternoon. Among these were Dana's one and two players. John Hundahl defeated Travis Johnson 6-2, 6-3 at number-one singles.

Steve Mathis made a dramatic return to the court after a fine season on the wrestling mat, demolishing James Ekart 6-0, 6-0 at number-two. Hundahl and Mathis proceeded to team-up and defeat Johnson and Ekart in

doubles 6-2, 6-2.

The other double winner for Dana was Randy Hollowell who won at number-five singles 6-3, 6-3 over Brian Bell.

Hollowell joined fellow senior Kevin White at number-three doubles and rolled over the team of Bell and Fike 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 in a match that finished under the lights at Blair High School around 7:20 p.m.

The afternoon started warm and sunny, but very windy, which hampered play for a while. However, as dusk began to set in, the breeze subsided and exquisite playing conditions were provided for the rest of the match.

John Bacon, a freshman from Blair, rounded out the day's winners for the Vikings. Bacon defeated his number-six York counterpart John Hayden 6-3, 6-3.

The Vikings lost two close three-set

matches at number-three and four singles. Jim Petersen fell at three 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 to John Bonner.

Jared Olson was also victimized at number-four 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 by Cornell Bonde.

Olson and Bacon united at number-two doubles, but couldn't handle the team of Bonner and Bonde and lost 6-4, 7-6 and 7-4 in the tie-breaker.

Overall, coach Craig Swenson thought it was a good performance by the Vikings, now 2-1, should help them as the season progresses. The team will play challenge matches within the squad to determine the order for the next match, a March 27 encounter with the Westmar Eagles in Lemars, Iowa.

Dana will go into that match with a 2-1 team record and a lot of confidence.



Getting Ready For Spring Ball: Junior Cami Christensen, first baseman for the women's softball team, prepares for a fourth consecutive conference title in the batting cage.

## Campus Elects Representatives

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a Humanities major, and Anita Woodward, a Marketing major; Juniors: Claudia Brown, a Sociology/Social Work major, Karen Clements, a Finance major, Joe Ellis, a Business Communication major, Merid Eshete, a Management major, Scott Gray, a Business Communication major, and Melissa Reinikainen, a Biology/Spanish major; Sophomores: Mark Anderson, a Music major, Michelle Benham, an Accounting major, George Garrett, a Commercial Art major, Maija Nielsen, who is undecided, Trasy Sparr, an Accounting major, and Dixie Whitlow, a Social Work major.

Retention rates were one of the first issues that popped into the heads of two new representatives.

"We need to look at retention, my class lost approximately 50 percent of its population last year. It is one of the first things the Senate should address," said Reinikainen.

Other students are also concerned about retention.

"I think that retention rates could be upped if the campus population was more unified," commented Kristi Olsen, a sophomore Language Arts major from Blair, Nebraska.

Another concern of students and representatives is the Senators' vis-

## Men's and Women's Spring Ball Tours

### Men's Baseball

Saturday, March 17..... North West Oklahoma State  
Sunday, March 18..... North West Oklahoma State  
Tuesday, March 20..... Cameron University  
Wednesday, March 21..... Cameron University  
Friday, March 23..... North Eastern State, Tahlequah, OK  
\*All games start at 1:00 p.m.

### Women's Softball

Saturday, March 17, 9:00a.m..... Hall of Fame Tournament. Oklahoma City, OK  
Sunday, March 18, 10:00a.m.... Kansas Wesleyan, at Oklahoma City  
Monday, March 19, 3:00p.m... Oklahoma Baptist, at Oklahoma City  
Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m..... Oklahoma City University, at Shawnee  
Thursday, March 22, 10:00 a.m..... Hill J.C. at Hillsboro Texas  
Friday, March 23, 2:00 p.m..... Northeastern State, Tahlequah, OK

## Services Expands Internship Offerings

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The several major internships available will provide ample opportunities for those majoring in business, communication, math/science and liberal arts. Social work and education majors have their job-related experience handled in a different manner.

Anywhere from one to four credits can be earned through the summer internship program, with a possibility of earning as many as eight credits. Students have the option of accepting a paid or unpaid position. Therefore, the program offers a great way to earn credits while making money.



Kubie

Mary Jo Kubie, Director of Career Services, commented on the effectiveness of summer internships by stating, "This provides a multitude of opportunities for the student."

Dana's summer internship program will not only provide advantages for the student but also for the employer. Internships are perfect for employers to recruit, screen and develop future employees. Just as beneficial, internships may develop into jobs or superb contacts for the student.

From seeking out an internship of one's own interest through a company

in Blair or a hometown community organization, one can gain excellent job searching skills, learn the process of networking and following up and discover what it's like to work in the "real world."

Students are able to directly apply what they've learned in their classes to the internship position they acquire. Job-related activities may include doing menial tasks for the company, exploring other aspects of the company's organization, attending meetings or doing special projects. Having this internship experience also looks great on a resume.

A loosely structured internship committee has improved the summer internship program from that of previous years. Documents and evaluations for employers to complete, and faculty sponsors having more contact with students are a few of the changes that have been made.

For those students who may not have enough credits to graduate, the summer internship program may be the answer they've been looking for. In addition to working forty hours per credit hour, students must write a paper, keep a journal, investigate other areas of the business, and contact their supervising faculty member on a weekly basis.

Anyone interested in pursuing a summer internship should search for prospective companies over spring break and then contact Career Services.

## Athletic Visitation Day A Success

By Kevin White  
Hermes Sports Writer

Swarms of prospective students roamed the campus on Wednesday as the Athletic department held its second Athletic Visitation Day of the year.

"We had an excellent turnout," said Jill Clark of the Admissions Department. "We probably doubled the number that came for our first athletic day."

In all, 57 students visited the campus, and with parents included, the number of people who toured the school rose to 108.

The students came from the states of Nebraska (35); Iowa (18); Colorado (2); and Kansas (1).

The newcomers were given tours by a total of 14 people. Four are counselors here: Shaine Rasmussen, Lisa Hayne, Donna Mahlendorf and Craig

Swenson. The other ten tour-givers were students at Dana: Connie Christensen, Cheryl Kaup, Ann Gustafson, Jodi Bures, Lori Johnson, Andy Meyer, Becky Johnson, Carlie Wells, Noelle Miller and J.P. McClain.

The tours included showing the students the athletic facilities as well as the academic areas of interest the students had indicated. Each student also met the coaches of the sports he or she was interested in.

The next visitation day will be April 3, International Communications Day. Admissions is encouraging any students studying foreign languages to come visit.

There will be a panel of foreign students that prospectives can visit with as well as an international business panel. At the end of the day, the students may receive an evaluation of their foreign language skills in the areas of French, German, Spanish or Danish.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Selfish U.S. Interests Conflict With Propriety

By Matt Plowman & Peter Sierant

The world has been flung into a political metamorphosis: Central Europe has turned into a quilt of young democracies; Central America's largest army, the Sandinistas, now coexists with a fresh democracy after former president, Daniel Ortega, lost to National Opposition Union (UNO) candidate Barrios de Chamorro in a stunning upset; Ethiopia and Angola--two nations of Cuban adventurism--are now shedding their Caribbean intruders; and the Soviet Union has made a 180 degree turn towards multiparty democracy and an American-style President.

What is America's (presently the oldest running and strongest democracy in the world) role now? She can no longer use the self-justification of fighting communism to promote self-interests. Except for totalitarian enclaves here and there, the world is soon to be full of new and old democracies. America must exude willpower, and self control, not to inflict its own democratic ideals onto others.

The U.S. has in the past sacrificed foreign individuals and their govern-

ments for global security--not necessarily resulting in stability--for its own purposes. Such were the American dictators imposed in Vietnam, the Shah in Iran, Marcos in the Phillipines, and Somoza in Nicaragua. These dictators did not succeed in securing U.S. self-interests, but fueled anti-American energies which the U.S. is still trying to deal with.

Across the globe, America has sacrificed ideals in order to preserve them, and that's a contradiction in terms. But one should not blame the U.S. entirely for exploitation of the Third World. All great powers have, in the course of survival, outweighed huge self-interests over smaller nations and peoples. Germany and Japan have again taken a great power status. It is inevitable that they too could overpromote their own self-interests and power starting, most likely, economically.

The United States of America, however, must go on a power diet if she is to be recognized as an enforcer--or better yet, preserver--of justice that she has tried so hard to portray.

America may fall as an economic and military power, although not anytime soon, but it can possibly survive as the respected center of democ-

cracy: as a just and temperate nation. America should work for environmental improvement, space exploration, the evolution of equality and justice, and economic security. Then maybe the new democracies of the world may recognize the U.S. as an advisor and counselor in the great experiment it has helped to create.

Spring Break Not For The Weak-Hearted

By Quinn Sebesta  
Hermes Columnist

With spring break rapidly approaching, I think the whole meaning of vacation should be explored. Instead of calling it spring break, why not call it spring vacation? "Break" always brings to mind the physical connotations of mangled objects rendered beyond repair. "Vacation" is so much more appealing.

In order to vacation properly, one should obtain a station wagon, preferably olive green, and proceed to load the top down with luggage.

Always be sure to obtain lots of magnetic games, especially the always-important travel bingo game. However, those travel bingo games are not as wonderful as they seem.

It is too easy to get the obvious items, such as the stop sign, the speed limit sign, and the dead animal by the side of the road that has decomposed so much that it is no longer identifiable.

Do not forget to bring plenty of food that is high in nutrition, like those four-score bags of chips, before departing on your vacation. As well as survival food, a map might prove useful, provided it is placed into the trusting hands of a reasonably competent person who can recognize the fine distinction between north and south.

For a few enterprising individuals that have become adventurous, a globe (not actual size, of course) might give that three-dimensional aspect to one's vacation.

Make arrangements so that the family dog is well provided-for while one is on that vacation. Imagine the rude shock at returning and finding all the house plants have been devoured by the dog, who has since died of malnutrition.

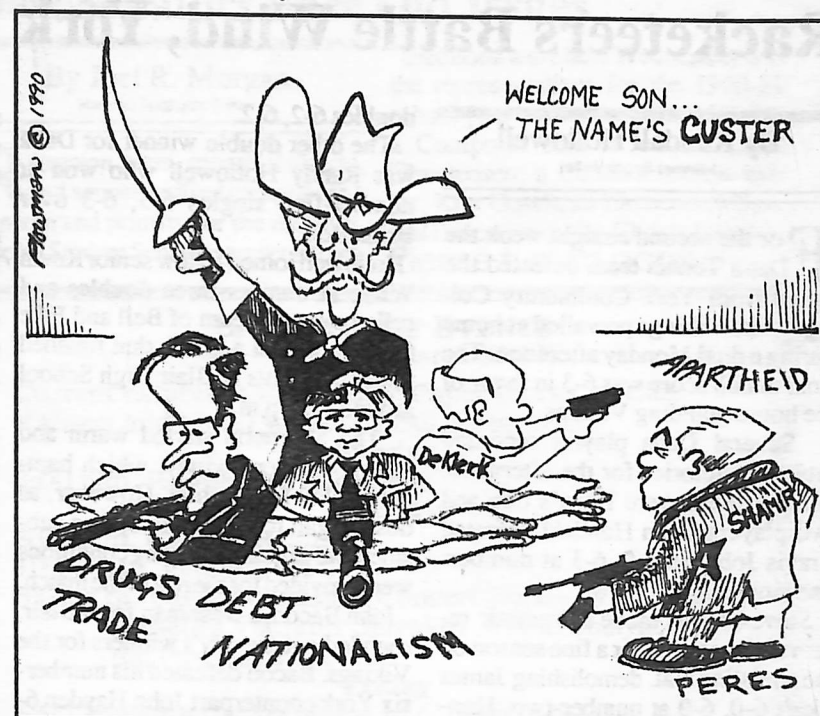
Be sure to wrap all the food in the refrigerator extra tight if that vacation becomes an extended one.

For those taking a plane this vacation, be sure to buy the pilots a few rounds at the tavern the night before. This would save them lots of money before the FAA revokes their licence.

Make sure all plastic explosives are packed in something that will protect against the harsh treatment of having the luggage being thrown around in the terminal. Above all else, run through that checklist of necessary items to make sure you do not forget anything.

Having done that, you can now fulfill the lifelong dream of the perfect vacation spot--enjoying the breath-taking views of Utah.

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Travel Broadens Horizons, Education

By Kurt James  
Hermes Sports Editor

With Spring Break beginning after classes today, it's time to realize that another semester and school year soon will be coming to a close.

Spring break seems to be the only vacation students have during the school year where the break offers something more than just another trip home. This is a time when students can strengthen bonds of friendships made during the college years. Spending time with friends on a trip rather than going home lets students gain and develop independence.

What will Spring Break of 1990 hold for students, besides the opportunity to let off steam? College students from across the nation tend to migrate to Florida beaches or the desert oasis of Palm Springs, California. In the last couple of years many have started heading south to Texas along the Gulf of Mexico.

These migrations give students a chance to meet people from around the nation. Spring break gives the rare occasion to communicate and compare with others.

With so many students on break within similar time frames, meeting up with someone from another insti-

Senators Elected

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bility around campus. "Most of the people I know don't really know who their representatives are. I think that the Senate needs to have more activities that would make them more visible," said Kevin Wass a freshman Music major from Loveland, Colorado.

Representative Mark Anderson agreed by saying "I would like to see the Senate do more representative-sponsored activities. The senators should definitely be more involved with the students."

Reinikainen saw more areas for improvement, "Classes need to have meetings with their representatives so that the class can become more familiar with their Senators and be able to use the Senate as a middleman for problems they have. The Senate also needs to help to promote a more unified campus by having activities that keep students on campus seven days a week. Student Senate is the place to start."

tution is likely to happen. Students are in school too attain knowledge.

However there is no better teacher than travel. Soon after graduation, jumping into the job market will limit the opportunities that students currently have. Heading in a new direction enables many to gain new insights.

The worldly scholar is looked upon with more respect because he or she has experienced many realms. It takes courage and strength to test uncharted waters. With ideas and concepts gained from traveling, plus a liberal arts education, an individual's horizon becomes broader.

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Public Pulse

This week Hermes asked Dana students: "How are you planning to spend your spring break?"

"I expect to have a wild spring break right here in Blair, the heart of Nebraska. I have nothing planned but I'll probably visit friends in Lincoln, drive to Omaha, and relax. I'll try to have a good time no matter what."---Catharina E.F. Mortensen, fr. undeclared, Hellerup, Denmark.

"This year I'm planning to go to Chicago for break. I am part of the Dana College Concert Band and this year we are travelling to Chicago for a tour. I'm very happy to say that the first stop-off is my hometown of Denver, Iowa, to perform in my church. I'm excited to be a part of this group and look forward to Spring Break!"---Noelle Miller, sr. Elementary/Special Education, Denver, Iowa.

"I'm going to Des Moines to party, go on a job hunt, and help my brother remodel his new home. I hope to do a lot of bike riding."---Kelly Barnum, sr. Finance/Spanish, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

"Well, Mom called to tell me that we are getting new carpet in the family room at home so I suppose I'll have to help move furniture. She also informed me that my closet will be cleaned out before I come back. MOTHERS!"---Kristin Wass, jr. Elementary Education/English, Loveland, Colorado.

"I plan to spend my spring break doing absolutely nothing! I'm going home to sit on my behind, watch T.V., eat and sleep! I plan on doing a lot of activities during the week, but don't plan on doing anything big."---Mark Anderson, fr. Music Performance/English, Akron, Iowa.

"Well, as usual, I will spend my glorious week of vacation in the state of Oklahoma playing baseball. While concentrating on winning ball games, I plan to drink a few beers and enjoy the sights of Oklahoma with the other guys on the team, and the Juice Mizer, too (he's just a barrel of fun and laughs)."---Mark Clements, sr. Finance, Blair, Nebraska.

"I'm going on tour with the band. We'll be in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois. We don't leave until Monday, so on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday I will be spending a wonderful weekend in Blair! It may not be fun, but I guess it will be OK! I think I'll probably go see *Courage Mountain* at the Blair Twin if it's still playing. Either that or I'll go to Hardees! I haven't really decided! I really can't wait for the weekend!"---Greg McBride, jr. Graphic Design/Art Education, Denver, Colorado.

"I think this spring break I will go to Chicago and visit the family. Wrestling season is finally over and I will use this break for relaxation, a chance to party, and gain all my weight back."---Trevis C. Sallis, soph. Elementary Education, Omaha, Nebraska.

"I'm taking my roommate, Jade Wagner, to Chicago. We plan to hit every bar on Rush Street. Then we will either go to *Ditka's* or *Walter Payton's* place to eat. I will plan to show him the ghettos as well as the finer parts of Chicago. I will introduce him to all my gang-banger friends and hang out on the corner with him."---Robert Bara, sr. Psychology, Chicago, Illinois.