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LARP From Hell?: No It's just a skit by a few of Dana's faculty during the 1990 "Faculty Follies" which appeared in MFAC last Tuesday. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Richard Jorgensen, History; Prof. Fran Mallory, Business Administration; Prof. Shirley McAllister, Psychology; and Prof. Dorothy Olson, Education.

EMAC Retention Findings Prompt College to Take Action

By Cathy Keck
Hermes Staff Writer

The Enrollment Management Advisory Committee's conclusions and recommendations concerning Dana's retention rate were discussed briefly in the March 30 issue of the *Hermes*.

An interview with Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, Dana College President, provided some information about the administrative response The institution can expect.

The committee found that cost of attendance appeared as a factor affecting students' decisions to leave Dana. Concerning this, Christopherson said

that the Financial Aid Office is working with Admissions to inform prospective students with complete and thorough information about cost of attendance at this institution.

Financing a college education is a complicated matter, and it is the intention of Admissions and Financial Aid to "counsel any incoming student about the cost of a four year education at Dana, the amount of aid she or he is likely to receive, and the conditions of keeping that aid on a continuing basis," said Christopherson.

He also added that students need to be informed of "the many changing variables that affect individual fi-

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Old Senate Hands Over Reins

By Joel Morgan
Hermes Feature Editor

The final meeting of the 1989-90 Student Senate ended the Senators' year with praise for the year gone by and challenges for the year to come.

President Christopherson thanked those who took on leadership roles, while also stating, "We are making some steps, but we are not realizing our potential."

He strongly urged next year's Senators to join with him to create a new vitality on campus to aid with retention. He commented that most students that leave Dana go to large public schools and are looking at the short-term instead of the long-term investment that college should be.

The President turned his focus on the "Rescue of the Danish Jews" conference that will be on campus this weekend. He spoke about the national and international spotlight that will be on Dana this week.

He said, "Some of you are the next Paul Simon." Illinois Senator and Dana Alumnus Paul Simon will be on campus for the conference and is

known as the Senator who has "probably written more books than most Senators have read."

Christopherson challenged the Senators when he said, "We have a chance to make a small difference in the world. If we don't count for anything we don't need to be here."

The Senate got to work and handed out final assignments for Faculty Appreciation Day.

President Cathy Keck gave her end of the year report by recounting the Senate's year. She said that she was pleased with the accomplishments and went on to praise the committee heads and the executive committee for their work in the past year. She then wished the 1990-91 Senate luck for the coming year.

After a ten minute break, the 1990-91 Student Senate assumed the positions that they will hold for the next year. They handed out Senator's notebooks and President-elect, Julie Howland, talked about the need for a new location for the Senate meetings.

The next Senate meeting will be held in the lower level of the library on April 25th.

College Prepares for "Rescue of Danish Jews"

Noted Scholars, International Experts and Screenwriters to Appear Sunday

During the first three years of the German occupation of Denmark in World War II, (1940-1945) the Danish government and King Christian X protected the Jewish population.

But with the increasing tension between the Danes and the Germans, the Jews were targeted for deportation to concentration camps in the fall of 1943.

Unlike the unspeakable story of the Holocaust in most of Europe, 97 percent of the Danish Jews were miraculously saved by the Danes—thousands of ordinary men and women who spontaneously came to their aid.

Jews were hidden by Christian friends, neighbors, and complete strangers while arrangements were completed for secret passage across the waters to Sweden by brave Danish fishermen who risked their own lives.

In less than two weeks, more than seven thousand Jews escaped right under the noses of the Germans.

This remarkable human drama will be examined in a two-day international conference entitled, "Rescue of the Danish Jews," set for this coming Sunday and Monday, April 22-23 on the Dana campus.

The college is only one of two educational institutions in America founded by Danish pioneers.

It is the aim of the conference to tell this story through first-hand accounts by some of the people who were actually involved.

More than that, however, the broader aim is to understand what unique element of Denmark and the Danish

people allowed for this historic and monumental outcome.

The conference will also examine the role of a variety of factors—group solidarity, religious and political ideas and leadership, personal courage, altruism, and empathy—for their relevance to the historical events that took place in Denmark.

Additionally, the contemporary relevance for counteracting current complacency and indifference to human rights violations wherever they are found will also be highlighted.

The conference is scheduled to begin with a "Service of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, in the Lauritzen Theatre of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Inasmuch as April 22 has been designated Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, it may be especially appropriate that the Dana conference begin in this way.

Conference presentations begin at 4 p.m. on April 22 and continue through the evening of April 23.

Among those scheduled to appear on the conference program are: Dr. Myrvin F. Christopherson, President of Dana College and Dr. Leo Goldberger, Professor of Psychology at New York University and Editor of *The Rescue of the Danish Jews: Moral Courage Under Stress*.

U.S. Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, the Honorable Niels Lassen, Royal Danish Consul General of

Chicago and The Reverend Linda C. Walz, Campus Pastor at Dana will also speak.

Also scheduled to appear are Rabbi Bent Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Denmark; Herbert Pundik, Editor of *Politiken*, one of Denmark's largest newspapers and Knud Dyby, former member of the Danish Resistance of Corte Madera, California.

Ernest Harbo, former member of the Danish Royal Guard and Danish Resistance of Northfield, Illinois; Paul Hammerich, Danish journalist and historian of Copenhagen and Elsebet Jegstrup, member of the Department of Political Science at Loyola University in Chicago will also make presentations.

And Dr. Carol Rittner, R.S.M., Director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity in New York and Dr. Franklin Sherman, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania will be on hand.

Also attending the conference will be two screenwriters, Damien Slatery and Phillipe Rivier, who are working on a possible screen adaptation of the rescue of the Danish Jews.

Partial funding for the conference is being provided through a grant from the John D. and Catherine MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

All events of the conference are open to the public. Program schedules and registration information are available from the Public Relations office.

Earth Day 1990 Hopes to Make a Difference

Observances Include Appearance by Snake and Student Trip to Reservation

By Gina Roden
Hermes Staff Writer

The Environmental and Social Awareness Organizations are busy making preparations to help celebrate Earth Day's twentieth anniversary on Sunday, April 22.

Senior Kelly Barnum stated, "It's time to realize that we are the ones that are going to have to make the difference - not your kids or the person next door - YOU!"

Sponsored by Professor Mark Davis, EAO's core committee consists of Barnum, Chrissy Ivers, Chris Voss and Dixie Whitlow.

EAO's goal for Earth Day is to promote awareness on the Dana campus through visual displays and the selling of 1990 Earth Day pins. The profit from the pin sales is intended to be donated to the 1991 Earth Day Organization.

One of the past projects EAO has been an active part of involved planting trees around campus last fall, with the assistance of Student Senate. Possible EAO activities to look forward to next year include recycling systems in all the dorms and selling 1989-90 duck stamps, to be displayed in the Heritage Room, as a donation to the wildlife refuges.

Organizations, like EAO, that try to promote environmental awareness are

supported by Defenders of Wildlife, The National Wildlife Federation and The World Wildlife Fund.

Besides various magazines, Barnum suggested that the book, *Fifty Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth*, is excellent to demonstrate how "Earth Day is every day."

The ten objectives the 1990 nationwide Earth Day committees hope to achieve through conferences, fairs and forums are to:

1. "Ban chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) worldwide within five years.

These deadly substances destroy the ozone layer and contribute to global warming.

2. Slow the rate of global warming by dramatic, sustained reductions in carbon dioxide emissions, including higher standards for auto fuel efficiency and rapid adoption of a transport system not powered by fossil fuels.

3. Preserve old-growth forests, like the redwoods, in both temperate and tropical areas.

4. Ban packaging that is neither recyclable nor biodegradable and implement strong, effective recycling programs in every community.

5. Promote a swift transition to renewable energy resources.

6. Dramatically increase residential and industrial energy efficiency.

7. Implement a comprehensive hazardous waste minimization program, emphasizing source reduction.

8. Heighten protection for endangered species and habitats.

9. Create and fund a powerful international agency with authority to safeguard the atmosphere, the oceans, and other global commons from international threats.

10. Foster a new sense of responsibility for the protection of the planet by individuals, communities and nations."

Besides the various Earth Day displays and Earth Day pins provided by EAO, SAO is offering Dana students a unique opportunity to help celebrate Earth Day - "a two-day event on the Winnebago Indian Reservation."

To prepare for this two day event, SAO, sponsored by Jan Potter, asked the Winnebago tribe leader, Reuben Snake, to give a short talk April 17 on issues concerning Indian views and Earth Day.

Snake, a spiritual leader for the Native American Church, opened his program by telling that the most difficult years of his life were when he moved off his reservation into a "non-Indian world" for twenty-five years. However, he did humorously admit his admiration for the after-school radio program, "The Lone Ranger."

As he moved into the serious aspects of the Winnebago tribe, Snake commented of the necessity of preparing to speak to "the Creator" with a clean, open mind.

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NEWS & FEATURE

NEWS BRIEFS

Final Alumni Career Panel on Thursday

An Art Career Panel will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, in the President's Room. All art and photography students and others interested in those areas are invited.

Five of the six panelists are alumni. All six work in Omaha in a variety of fields related to art or photography.

The panelists are: Lisa Bilek '87, a graphic artists/photo lab technician at Midwest Photo; Laurie (Haniszewski) Christensen '88, an assistant account executive in retail advertising at the Omaha World-Herald, with experience also in art conservation; Paul Hundtoft '76, an art and humanities teacher at Westside Middle School; Kenneth Petersen, a darkroom technician at Amato Color Inc.; John Prouty '70, owner of Wessco Graphics; and Ryle Smith '73, creative director at Rollheiser Holland Kahler Inc., an advertising agency.

Students will be able to ask questions and talk to the panelists over refreshments after the one-hour discussion.

The panel is sponsored by the Art Department and the Offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs. This is the fifth and last Alumni Career Panel planned for this academic year.

World-Herald Editor to Speak

Fred Thomas, Environmental Editor for the Omaha World-Herald, will be a guest lecturer this Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in Doctors Auditorium of the Dana Hall of Science.

Thomas will discuss the status of the global environment and express regional concerns for the preservation of the environment. Thomas will also address ways individuals can take personal action to help preserve the environment.

The lecture, sponsored by the Environmental Awareness Organization is free and open to the public.

Student Art Exhibit on Display

An exhibit entitled "Student Art" will be the next exhibit on display in the Parnassus Gallery.

The exhibit will feature works in a variety of media completed by current Dana students.

The exhibit opens Wednesday, April 25 and continues through Wednesday, May 16.

Public Relations Expert to Speak

Mark Ramsey, Vice-President of Bill Ramsey and Associates public relations firm will speak about careers in public relations on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Melchior Room of the C.A. Dana LIFE Library.

Jazzfest Approaching

The college will host a day of Jazz music on Sunday, April 29, on campus. Music will be provided by the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, The Mighty Jailbreakers, and the Dana College Jazz Ensemble and Jazztet with special appearances by Joe Gulizia (drums), Joe Genovisi (tenor sax), and John Novak, (guitar). The program will begin at 1 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. The daylong jazzfest will be held outdoors, weather permitting and is free and open to the public. The event will be moved into Borup Coliseum in case of inclement weather.

A pig-roast will be available beginning at 1 p.m. and tickets for those not on a board plan will be available during the event.

Choir, "New Day" to Present Concert

The Dana College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Richard Palmer, will present its annual spring concert on Tuesday, April 24, at First Lutheran Church in Blair. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert will be dedicated in memory of Larry Scarpino, a former choir member who died suddenly late last fall. A freewill offering will be accepted to establish a music award fund as a memorial to Scarpino. Also appearing with the choir will be "New Day," an elite choral ensemble made up of members of the choir. The evening concert will feature a wide variety of sacred and secular music.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Students to Celebrate "Earth Day" at Winnebago

Fourteen Dana students have registered to attend the "Earth Day 1990" observances sponsored by the Native American tribe at Winnebago, Nebraska entitled "Living in Harmony with Mother Earth."

The students will leave at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 22, spend the night on the reservation and return late Monday afternoon.

According to junior Audrey Gowan of the Social Awareness Organization, the cost of the trip was reduced to \$15 which is being paid for by S.A.O. A total of 40 students from Dana are eligible to attend and any students who are interested should contact Gowan or professors Jan or Richard Potter of the Social Work department.

Correction...

In the March 30, issue of Hermes, in the article entitled, "President Rescinds Spring Pre-Registration Fee," junior Dan Hanson was erroneously identified as a member of the president's cabinet. The correct name should have been Mr. Keith Hansen, Business Manager.

Students Spend Time Crossing Cultural Barriers

By Colleen Lennemann

Hermes Staff Writer

Because English Language Institute students could have spent much of their time segregated from the rest of the campus the Partners Program was created last semester.

A group got together and brainstormed for ways to get the Institute students involved on campus. Peggy Sorensen, International Students Organization sponsor, said, "the program has been really successful on both sides."

They are 18 student volunteers and 21 ELI students involved with the program. The students have the option of earning Social Work or Communication credit for participating.

The program enables students to increase their knowledge of global issues and customs.

Students participating agreed that the program initiated a positive ice



Cultural Partners: Junior Greg McBride and Chinese student Ching Ming Guang in the Dragon's Head.

breaker for the Institute and American students.

Some objectives for the program focus on attitudes and intend to develop an understanding of world views

of persons with a different racial, ethnic and cultural background.

The Partners Program also helps to assess one's style of interpersonal communication through one-on-one contact with a person whose first language is not English.

The program involves spending time with a foreign partner for two or more hours per week. This time is used for one-on-one conversation in conjunction with an activity.

Partners share at least one meal per week, keep a journal of each interaction and attend meetings to process and review information.

Each set of partners will give a 5-10 minute presentation and discuss the experience, problems encountered, insights gained and an evaluation of the program.

Students involved in the program agreed that it's a good program that started too late. They hope to see it continue next year with new international students.

Spring Choir Concert Dedicated To Larry Scarpino

By Tami Broderson

Hermes Staffwriter

The Dana College Choir and New Day Singers will be in concert Tuesday, April 24. The performance will be held at First Lutheran Church in Blair, at 7:30 pm.

The choir will present such selections as 'Beautiful Savior', 'Many Gifts, One Spirit', and 'Benediction'. Other familiar songs such as 'Memory' and 'When I Fall In Love', will be sung by New Day.

Both groups are under the direction of Dr. Richard A. Palmer, who seems confident of a good show. "This is one of the most musical choirs I've ever conducted. I'm excited to share

them with the outside world." said Palmer.

The music alone could make this Spring concert special, but it will be even more memorable as it is dedicated to the memory of Larry Louis Scarpino, a former Dana Choir member.

At the concert there will be a free will offering in which the collection will be used to form a Music Award Fund in Scarpino's name. This award will be given annually to an outstanding Dana Choir member.

This sort of tribute to Scarpino means a lot to many of the choir members. Kristin Wass, a Junior, said, "I think it's really nice that the choir is remembering one of it's members this way. We all miss Larry."

The choir seems excited and ready

for a good performance. "We are really prepared and really looking forward to (the concert)", said freshman member Jeff Wiegrefe.

Noelle Miller, Dana Choir president and member of New Day, shared in this enthusiasm. Miller said, "I am very proud to be a part of the Dana Choir. When we all get together, the music is absolutely incredible."

Admission to the concert is free. And if the choir keeps with its tradition of outstanding performances, the Spring Concert is a must see. As Miller summed it up, "this concert will definitely be the concert of the year."

Those who cannot attend the concert and wish to make a donation, may send it to Dr. Palmer's campus address.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for the week of April 17-23)

Saturday

2:00 p.m. Softball at Doane, Crete, Nebraska

Sunday

1:00 p.m. Baseball, Bellevue, Peterson Field
3:00 p.m. Rescue of the Danish Jews Conference begins, Lauritzen Theater, MFAC

Monday

Rescue of the Danish Jews Conference continues
10:00 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Linda Walz; PM 318
8:00 p.m. Tuesday Musical Concert Series presents The Emerson Quartet, Joslyn Witherspoon; students \$1, leave Parnassus at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday

3:30 p.m. Music Department Recital, Neve Room, MFAC
5:00 p.m. Softball a Nebraska Wesleyan, Lincoln
7:00 p.m. Mark Ramsey, Vice-President Bill Ramsey and Associates, will speak about careers in Public Relations, Library, Melchior Room
7:30 p.m. Dana College Choir Concert, First Lutheran Church, Blair

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Chapel; PM 318
5:00 p.m. Baseball at Concordia

Thursday

8:00 p.m. Lip Sync Contest, MFAC

Friday

10:00 a.m. Chapel; PM 318
1:00 p.m. Midlands Conference on Language and Literature, Lauritzen Theater, MFAC
5:00 Baseball at Midland
8:00 p.m. Chamber Wind Recital, Neve Room, MFAC

Lady Vikes Battle Weather, Split with Midland

By Dave Samson
Hermes Sports Writer

Though the Lady Vikings cancelled eight games due to weather in the last two weeks, they did manage to squeeze in ten games.

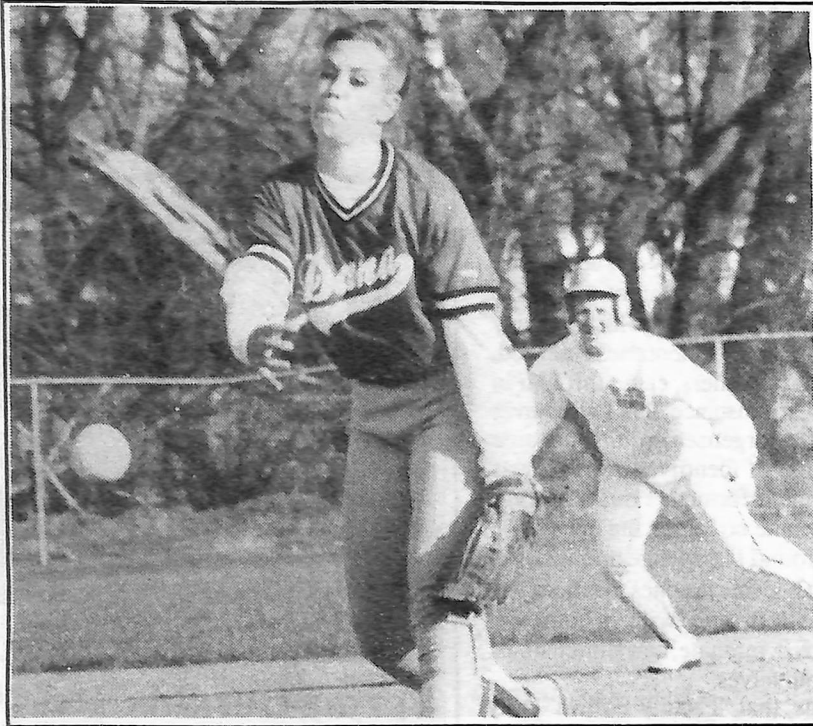
The team travelled to Maryville to take on Northwest Missouri and were defeated in both games of a double header. They then came back home to take on conference rival Midland. They split the double header at one each.

Last Monday the team also split a double header with the College of Saint Mary's in Omaha. Wayne State was next on their list and again split a double header with the Wildcats. And most recently the team lost two tough ones in Kearney against Kearney State College.

Throughout the team's ten-game week, they did make some improvements both individually and as a team. They boosted the team's overall batting average to an impressive .307. Individually, Carol Mueller leads the way with a whopping .419 average, 13-31 from the plate with five walks. Kris Grappendorf follows close behind with a .394 average, and Tina Reimer follows with a .358 average.

Out of the 23 stolen bases, second baseman Katie Corbitt owns 13 of them, four in the last two weeks. Reimer also has seven to her credit.

Junior catcher Nicki Brownell leads the team with 15 RBI's, adding eight of the 15 in the last two weeks, and



And the pitch: Freshman Carol Mueller delivers the pitch while a Wayne State baserunner steps off second base. Dana split the doubleheader.

shortstop Janet Mitchell has added 13 respectively.

Brownell, Corbitt, Grappendorf, and Reimer also lead the team the last two weeks by reaching base safely 14 times. Chantil Larsen and Sheryl Shuster each got on 13 times.

Carol Mueller has added another 21 strikeouts to her list over the last two weeks, totalling 47 on the year. She has also kept up her average in the "bean ball" category, with 11 vic-

times. Amy Christensen continues to post an impressive 1.55 earned run average.

As a result of the bad weather, games will have to be rescheduled with Conference opponents Nebraska Wesleyan, Doane, Concordia, and Peru State.

The team will travel to Crete on Saturday for a scheduled double header against Doane at 2:00. They then travel to Lincoln on Tuesday to play Nebraska Wesleyan at 5:00.

Viking Bats Awake After Offensive Slump

By Kevin White
Hermes Sports Writer

The Dana Viking baseball squad has been very busy the past two weeks, winning three of eight games over that period. Victories have come at the expense of Concordia (twice) and Hastings. Dana dropped doubleheaders to Kearney State and Nebraska Wesleyan, and ended up with a split against the Broncos.

The slumping Dana Viking offense came to life a week ago Tuesday as the Vikings grabbed five-inning wins of 17-4 and 10-0 over Concordia College. The wins came three days after dropping a 9-3 and 12-9 doubleheader to Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The awakening of the Dana bats on April 10 against Concordia coincided with a fine effort defensively, as Coach Dale Lemon's squad made just one error in the two games. Sophomore Shawn Winters picked up the win in Game One, allowing the four runs in his five innings of work.

Freshman Adam Lippincott was the Dana hitting star in the first game, finishing with a three-run homer, two-run triple and six RBI in a spectacular outing.

Game Two was again all Dana, as Lippincott and Craig Barsness combined to shut out the Bulldogs.

Troy Carmichael led the offense with a two-run double and an RBI

single to his credit. Shawn Brooks, Svendgard and Winters chipped in with two hits apiece.

Coach Lemon noted that his squad batted 24-for-44 in the doubleheader, a .545 average. The Vikings had 12 hits in each game.

The results weren't as good on Saturday the 7th, as Brent Habrock went the distance in the 9-3 Game One loss.

The Vikings played porous defense in the second game, making five more miscues. Jeff Kress started the game, and Winters and Russ Miller also made appearances in the sixth inning.

Dana came back with three runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh after giving up a huge lead, but the hole was dug too deep for the visitors to overcome.

Offensive leaders for Dana were Anderson, three singles; Clements, two singles; Winters, a three-run homer and a single; and Fosdick, a three-run homer and a single.

Friday, Dana traveled to Hastings for a conference doubleheader against the Broncos.

Dana dropped the opener 10-6 but came back to win the nightcap 17-14 in a wild one.

Viking third baseman James Anderson had a day to remember, setting a school record for most hits in a twinbill with an 8-for-9 performance. The old record was seven in 1982 by Kurt Amen.

In Game One, Dana made two errors, walked five and hit three Broncos to help Hastings out. The Broncos out hit Dana 11 to nine. Jeff Kress took the loss.

The second game saw Dana score a whopping 10 second-inning runs to go ahead 10-2, but struggle to gain the win. Brent Habrock got the win but had a rough time, allowing 11 hits, walking eight and hitting one.

All 10 runs came unearned, as Troy Carmichael and Craig Christiansen knocked in two runs apiece. The Vikings also scored six more times in the sixth, with Anderson and Svendgard belting long triples. Anderson's came with two on, and Svendgard's occurred with the bases filled.

Russ Miller came on to record the save as Dana's conference record moved to 3-5.

Saturday's games against Kearney State were much different, as the Vikings were soundly beaten in five-inning scores of 12-1 and 14-4.

The Lopers took advantage of some tired Dana pitching arms. In the first game Winters started but could only get into the third inning. An arm-weary Miller entered but had little luck after pitching in both games the day before.

The second game was much the same as Lippincott started on the mound and struggled as well. Winters again belted a solo homer in the second inning to tie the game at 1-1.

Dana falls to 5-17 overall and played at Doane Tuesday and at Wayne State on Thursday. The Vikings return home Sunday for a doubleheader against Bellevue College.

College Observes Earth Day

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This led into his discussion of what needs to be done to deal with the things taking place in the world today.

Snake sincerely adheres to the council of his ancestors: "The Earth is our grandmother. You must respect it and not abuse it."

He then shared an account that all of our ancestors, regardless of race, used to have ceremonies to honor fire and water to show God they knew their place in life. It was later on, when people began questioning things, that a new way of thinking evolved, which caused everything to be seen as an object and, therefore, spiritualness was lost.

In order to deal with environmental problems like acid rain and pollution,

Snake feels people must address the Creator and ask what sacrifices the seven generations before them made and what sacrifices we are going to make for the seven generations after us in order to make this a better world.

As a prelude to the question and answer session, Snake used more "words of wisdom" taught by his ancestors: "As you travel down the road of life, you must hold each other up."

Having answered several questions, Snake once again extended an invitation to celebrate Earth Day on the Winnebago Indian Reservation April 22. With a smile, he added, "You might even learn to dance!"

More than anything else, EAO wants people to understand that Earth Day is "everyday, not just Sunday, April 22!"

EMAC Report Spawns Action

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financial aid," such as student and family income and expected family contribution.

The other major factor listed by the EMAC affecting retention is "failure to perform up to the academic standards of the college".

As with cost of attendance, there appears to be a need to inform incoming students of the academic expectations at Dana College.

Giving students the understanding of these expectations and other policies such as required attendance in classes and conditions under which a student will find herself or himself placed on academic probation will provide them with a clearer picture of the challenges they will meet at Dana College.

Christopherson has formed a task

force to assess the predictors of success in students at Dana. The task force, chaired by Business Prof. Gil Ragan and made up of members of the Admissions/Financial Aid Committee and the EMAC will research the common denominators of students who have proven to be academically successful at Dana College.

Christopherson believes that this will help Dana target the students who would be the best match for a school such as Dana College.

The Enrollment Management Advisory Committee will continue to oversee the progress of the Admissions and Financial Aid responses to these concerns. Any questions, concerns, or comments about the EMAC findings can be directed to Dan Travaillie, chair of the committee, or Christopherson.

Racketeers Blast 27-Match Streak

By Randall Hollowell
Hermes Sports Writer

No matter how one looks at this year's tennis season, one thing is for certain, this Viking team is much improved over teams of the recent past. The question is how much better.

The team took a 27 individual match winning streak into their Tuesday match against the Bulldogs from Concordia College. This streak came about after three straight conference shutouts. The three victims were Midland, Hastings, and Doane, all 9-0 losers.

Concordia, on the other hand, was a different story. The Bulldogs were leading the conference race with an undefeated record, including an impressive 5-4 win over powerhouse Nebraska Wesleyan. Plus, Concordia had already beaten Dana once this year 5-4.

Once again Concordia showed why they are sporting an unblemished record. They handled the Vikings 7-2 in a match played in Blair.

#1 singles— John Hundahl ran his record to 1-1 against last year's conference runner-up Ben Rodewald with a 6-1, 6-4 loss.

#2 singles— Steve Mathis had his

undefeated record for the year finally come to an end as he lost to freshman phenom Tim Marshall 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

#3 singles— John Bacon, making the move up to three had a very strong showing, but ended up falling to Tim Jank 6-2, 7-5.

#4 singles— Jim Petersen stepped in at four, but was overmatched by Brent Dieckhoff 6-0, 6-3.

#5 singles— Senior Randy Hollowell never really got things going against the consistent Tim Schmidt and lost 6-3, 6-3.

#6 singles— The lone singles victory for Dana came from Kevin White who destroyed Jim King 6-1, 6-2, and continued his strong play.

#1 doubles— Rodewald and Marshall combined to overhaul Hundahl and Mathis to show that they could be the doubles team to beat come the conference tournament.

#2 doubles— Bacon and Petersen fought hard, but couldn't hold off the team of Jank and Dieckhoff, losing 6-1, 6-3.

#3 doubles— Kevin White became a double winner on the day as he teamed with Hollowell to dispatch Schmidt and King 6-1, 6-2.

The loss dropped Dana's match record for the year to 7-3, and kept Concordia at the top of the NIAC race.

Dana hosted the Plainsmen of Wesleyan on Thursday and travel to Creighton on Saturday to play Midland at 11:00 a.m. and the home standing Bluejays at 5:00 p.m.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Could Faculty Follies Be Called a Religious Experience?

When I was in college, I took a course in Native American Religion. One of the images that has remained with me since that time, an image that has been particularly helpful for me in interpreting human experience, is that of the "trickster" figure.

The trickster serves as a ritual function within the Native American community; he (and the trickster generally is a 'he') has the unique role of violating all that the culture holds as important and inviolable, and he does this as a way of defining and maintaining the boundaries within which the community functions. By embodying chaos, the trickster signals the boundaries of order. The trickster helps the community to reformulate and refine its sense of "who it is" and of "what is acceptable" by going beyond "what is acceptable" and by shattering the barriers of respectability. All of this, of course, is ritualized in a very particular fashion. Only during certain festivals, at certain times of the year, does one encounter the trickster. At other times, he exists as a neighbor, a common member of the culture.

By Pastor Linda Walz
Hermes Guest Columnist

Such, it seems, is the nature of the ritual enacted at Dana College once every four years. Since I first arrived at Dana, I have lived in the shadow of the threat of "Faculty Follies." It is during that ritual time when the trickster emerges from among the community in order to edify the community. This was the year, it seemed, in which we would be asked to push the boundaries of propriety, that order might again be defined.

I must admit that I found myself feeling particularly vulnerable as the "Follies" approached. It is not often that I drag out my old accordion, and I certainly do not drag it out for just anybody! Too much of my history, too much of my experience, is encapsulated in revealing an ability to play the accordion, after all. I rediscovered, as "Faculty Follies" approached, just how much my own sense of self is defined by how others perceive me. Perhaps it is an investment deeper than I would choose it to be. But for one evening I and my colleagues relinquished all of our self-perceptions for the experience and expression of sheer craziness.

We poked fun at ourselves (and at others!), we caricatured our roles, our importance, and our positions, and we pushed the boundaries of what we

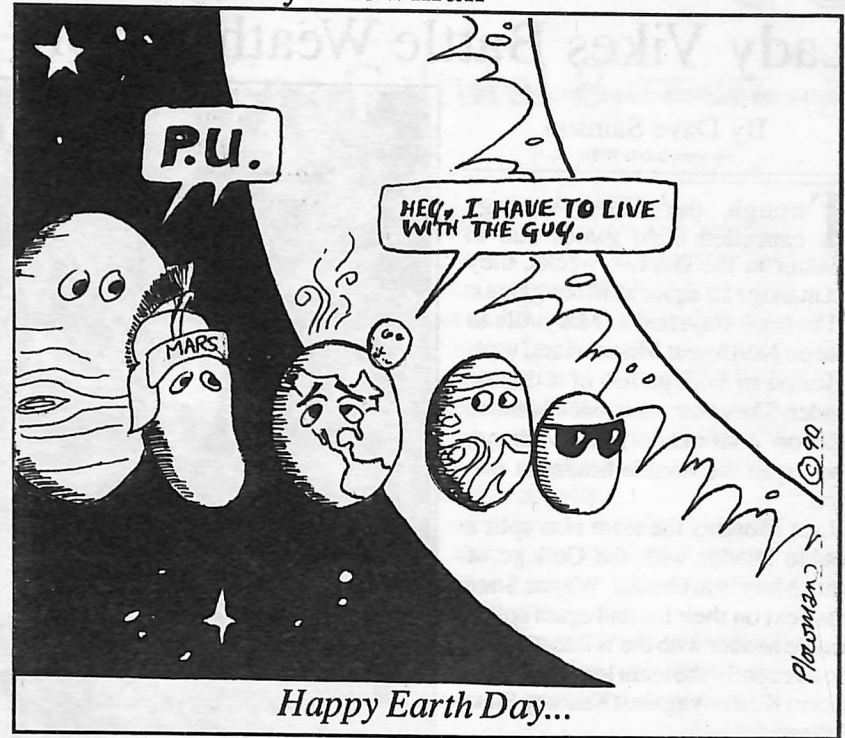
commonly would define as 'acceptable' for ourselves, and through the redefinition of our own personas and identities. I think we effected, in some ways, a very new definition of this place.

Now, I am not certain that I would call "Faculty Follies" a religious experience, but I am also not certain that I would disqualify it easily as such either. There is something profoundly different about the people whom you witnessed on the stage last Tuesday night. Expressions of ourselves, oftentimes reserved, protected, even hidden from others, came through in radical fashion. (I know, for instance, that I will never again be able to look at Dr. Jorgensen in quite the same way!) Such reformulation of identity, however, was not limited to those who performed. You, too, were changed for us. You became no longer the ones to be 'impressed' by our profound knowledge and insight; you became the ones to whom we revealed, and with whom we shared, intimate, new dimensions of ourselves.

It is good, perhaps, that "Faculty Follies" only happens once every four years. I am not certain that any of us could tolerate the radical transformation of our 'boundaries' on a more frequent basis. I do hope, however, that each of us can reflect, at both superficial and deeper levels, upon the metamorphosis that occurred among us. From the stage, we were changed; from the audience, you were changed. Perhaps, by virtue of that experience, each of us became just a bit more aware of our common, shared humanity. If that is not 'religious experience,' then I do not know what is!

A week and a half after the event, life seems to have returned to its former sense of normalcy. Perhaps, however, with a smile on our faces and with a new appreciation of who one another are, we shall remember one night when all of our boundaries dissolved, when nothing was sacred, when all of our expectations of one another blurred just a bit. For just a fleeting moment, our routine was disturbed and our perceptions were challenged. The trickster emerged. We trusted our own zaniness, and we trusted your grace to accept it, and thereby, the borders of this community were again solidified and affirmed. Isn't that special? In four years, perhaps, we shall do this again.

Politoons by Plowman



Spring Heralds Road Construction Crews

By Quinn Sebesta
Hermes Columnist

While enjoying my peaceful vacation in Lithuania, sitting in my hotel room with free cable, watching the Soviet tanks roll down the highway, I wondered why the Soviets seem to have no trouble with road construction.

Now that spring has arrived, a person can see the signs all around. The flowers start to bloom, and road construction crews are out on our nation's highways, finishing up that much-needed repair work that they always seem to start right before winter. That one major repair on a bridge that you definitely need to use to get home always gets started two days before it turns a zillion degrees below zero, and the road construction crew has to stop for the winter. Another common feature of road construction is the wonderful signs that they erect. The "men working" sign is always an ambiguous one. The sign says that the road construction crew is, in fact, working. However, my definition of working does not include five guys jammed in a pick up truck drinking coffee.

Another helpful sign while encountering some road construction is "end construction, thank you, drive safely." It is very nice to know that the road construction crew has the decency to ask one to drive safely, especially after courting death several times trying to weave a car between the randomly placed bright orange pylons.

If they could place the pylons where the road crew was actually "working", one could avoid driving across the median three or four times trying to out guess as to what lane your car should be in.

Even though road construction crews are insensitive to climate changes, they do know enough about randomly placing bright orange pylons so they can show off their really big equipment. The really big equipment that any road construction crew is delighted to show off is the big machine with the three large, blinking, yellow arrows. Even though this wonderful piece of technology is vital to the motorist having an I.Q. with a negative sign in front of it, the thing is so bulky that it takes up both lanes, forcing the motorist to drive on the shoulder, just to get around it.

However, the true symbol of road construction, the passionate backbone that can make or break the road construction effort is, of course, the guy that braves his life in the middle of

traffic to hold the "slow" sign. They actually pay somebody MONEY to STAND THERE, and do nothing more than to hold onto a pole with a SIGN on it.

This individual does not converse with the perpetual coffee drinkers. Truly, he is determined to do the best job he knows how, regardless of the fact that a snail could do the job just as well. The next time you see one of these individuals, take the time to ask him, "read any good books lately?"

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in the production of the play *Letters to Lucerne*. The topic of war is very popular these days and I felt the cast did a very good job portraying young people whose lives were torn apart by World War II. The cast did a wonderful job showing the inner torment amongst the girls of the school. Each character was from a different area of the world and were loyal to their countries; especially when one girl's country was at war with another.

Sheila Young gave new meaning to the phrase "young and innocent" as the love stricken Olga Krininshi starting off into space thinking of her new love Hans Schmidt (Mark Mathia). The rest of the Dana cast kept people laughing and even crying as the young girls entered their own personal war. I also was kept in stitches as Meredith Dickerson portrayed the southern belle Sally Jackson.

The actors and actresses were not the only stars of the play. The people behind the scenes also deserve thanks. Joel Morgan and Joe Anderson did a great job with the production and sets. The numerous (too numerous to mention but you know who you are!) techies, and sound and light technicians did a fine job as well.

I feel *Letters to Lucerne* was one of the better plays Dana has presented in a long time. Thanks again to all of those persons involved and I look forward to seeing you all again in future productions.

Lecky Johnson

Public Pulse

Tragedy and Comedy...

This week *Hermes* asked Dana students: "How were the Faculty Follies? Which act was your favorite?"

"The Faculty Follies was one of the funniest plays that I have seen in a long time. I think that knowing certain professors made it really funny. My favorite act was the classroom scene. Professor Jorgensen and Mrs. Mallory were really funny, especially Nathan Kramer acting as the dopey professor. Overall, I think the play was a real riot."—Robert Wright, *soph. Business Administration, Omaha, NE.*

"I really enjoyed the Faculty Follies. My favorite act was the slide presentation by Professor Olsen—they were even better than his Humanities slides. Thanks to all of the Faculty."—Brenda Nelson, *fr. Elementary Ed., Chatfield, MN.*

"The Follies were great, and because they only occur every four years they haven't grown to be boring. I was surprised to see PAC so full. The event gave the campus more of a feeling of a community and gave us a chance to get to know the professors better."—Chrissy Ivers, *jr. Marketing/Spanish, Minden, IA.*

"Dr. John Mark did a perfect imitation of Father Guido Sarducci. His act was the best out of many fine scenes. Faculty Follies should be done more often than once every four years. Dr. Richard Jorgensen did a fine job of re-enacting the way he was during his college days!"—Steve Lemon, *soph. Math/Secondary Ed., Blair, NE.*

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