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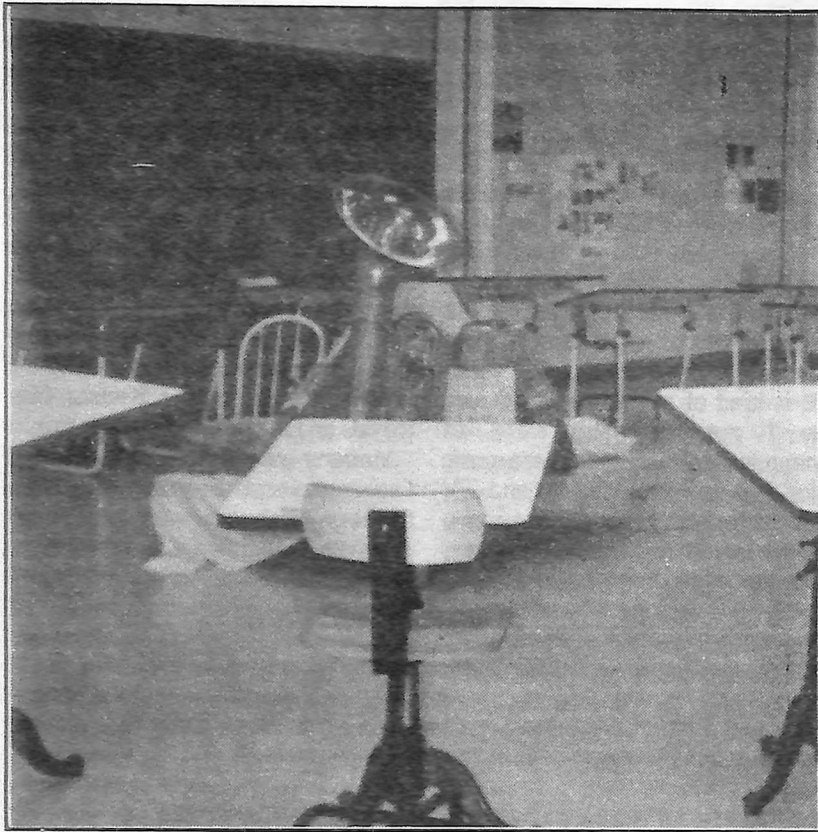


Photo by Becky Porter

Room 227: This drawing/graphics art room utilizes large windows to provide a much needed natural light supply.

By Kristi Olson
Hermes Staff Writer

If you haven't noticed, the former Madsen Performing Arts Center (MPAC) has had a facelift in the past year.

After the loss of Old Main to a fire in August of 1988, plans were made to create new space for the art and photography departments that were lost in the blaze.

Along with giving new classroom space to the art and photography departments, Madsen Fine Arts Center (MFAC), as it is now called, consists of an art gallery, a photo lab and offices for art, photography, and music department faculty members.

The Art Department was "in exile" in theatre's black box space until the finishing touches were added to MFAC late this summer. Junior, Karen Clements stated, "It is really great! It is nice to have a separate area for art, so the theatre can use all of its facilities"

Sophomore, William Figgins didn't completely sing the praises of the addition when he said "With the amount of money spent it could have had more potential; there's too much wasted space for the area in halls and stairways."

"Everyone who uses FAC: the art, music and theatre departments, are all benefited", said sophomore, Mark Anderson.

The entire north "face" of MFAC is a panel of windows that allows the sun to provide the majority of light to the drawing, painting and ceramics studios. "(The addition) Makes Dana appear more up-to-date; it gives new life to the campus", stated David Fosdick, a senior at Dana.

Currently there is a faculty art exhibit in the gallery of MFAC, displaying the works of art professors Steve Bendykowski, Milt Heinrich, and James Olsen, and photography professor Alessandra Petersen.

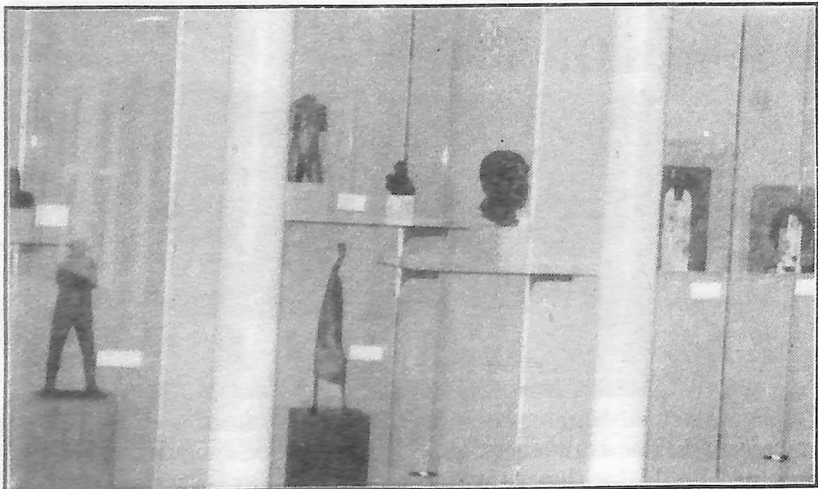


Photo by Becky Porter

Art Gallery: Soon to be renamed, this case contains faculty and staff projects.

Morrow's Senses "Take In" European Lifestyle

By Mark Rothfus
Hermes Staff Writer

Many of us have dreamed about studying, and traveling in Europe, but due to financial constraints, time limits, or other barriers we are unable to make our dream become a reality.

Thom Morrow, currently Program Director of KDCV, was one of the lucky ones who had the opportunity not only to travel but also study at the University of London-Bloomsbury.

Morrow arranged his trip through the American Institute for Foreign Studies (AIFS) and enrolled as a student at the University of Nebraska-Omaha for the spring semester 1990 to allow him to take part in the AIFS program. He paid UNO a set fee and was not only guaranteed a place to stay, but could enroll in up to four classes (12 credits) while overseas.

Prior to classes starting in the middle of January, Morrow took an 11 day European tour arranged through AIFS. They provided accommodations, two meals a day and a tour guide for only \$500.

He spent three days and two nights in Amsterdam, and one of his highlights was celebrating the start of 1990. He also spent time in Belgium and Paris before ferrying across the English Channel.

While staying in London he lived in an old hotel and shared a dorm room with two students from Arizona State University. They had their own bathroom, bunk beds and shared a small kitchen with the other students.

The students did their own cooking and bought groceries at a nearby Safeway store. Morrow recalled how hectic it was between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. because so many people had to share a few pots and pans, four burners, one oven and three refrigerators.

There were 45 rooms in the hotel which was run by an English student who attended the University of London.

In the package deal through AIFS, Morrow received a tube (subway) pass that allowed him to travel anywhere in the center section of London for free. But once he became more acquainted with the area he did most of traveling by foot.

Taxis and trains were very expensive, so when he traveled outside London he took the coach (bus), which was the cheapest mode of transportation.

While attending the University of London-Bloomsbury Morrow was required to take two mandatory classes; one on British Life and Culture and an independent term paper where he focused on his major: Communications and how it was dealt with in England.

The British Life and Culture course focused on famous landmarks, the current situation between Ireland and Great Britain and the theater in England.

He also took an Intro to Theater course taught by an English actor, which gave an English perspective to the theater. He was required to attend a

specific number of plays and write critiques on them. Morrow was very impressed with English Theater and



Photo by Becky Porter

Morrow

saw such productions as *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats* and *Les Miserables*.

Finally he took a course entitled Special Problems in Languages, which was a linguistics class comparing British, and American English in such areas as spelling, grammar, and pronunciation, as well as a look at the future of both languages.

He collected phrases and words that were different in spelling or pronunciation, from newspapers, TV, or people on the street to bring to class.

Classes were very small as they held no more than 15 people. Morrow's classes met in the student union where there were classrooms and a bar.

Overall he stated that there was more straight lecture than the combination of lecture, and discussion prominent at Dana.

Classes met on a Monday-Thursday basis and outside assignments included primarily field work such as attending theater plays and writing critiques.

Long weekends enabled Morrow to take trips to a number of different locations.

For example he spent St. Patrick's day in Ireland where he received the most vigorous border check of the whole trip.

His bags were emptied twice and he passed through two metal detectors. Also the authorities opened his camera and the battery compartment in his radio to make sure he was not hiding anything.

In London he saw Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street, the home of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament and a boat race between Oxford and Cambridge on the Thames River.

A variety of culture was evident in London as some people held their coats close and walked with their noses in the air, while 'punks' with purple mohawks and army boots were also seen. Street musicians were evident everywhere and the homeless people of the city were quite obvious. Also demonstrations protesting higher taxes were almost a daily event.

The weather was gray and overcast most of the time with a very strong wind. In March the rainy season began and everyone had to wear trench coats, and long gloves.

The highlight of the trip was having the freedom to do what you wanted. As he expressed it, "What can't you do," shows that you had to be organized about what you wanted to see and do.

On the other hand the main disadvantage that he saw in this experience is the fact that he has forgotten a great deal that he actually saw, and that took place. The good taste he had in his mouth following the trip now seems so far away.

Morrow would advise any student considering a trip abroad to see him so they would know better what to expect. He also recommends studying the area you plan to tour so you can take advantage of what the trip has to offer.

In summary Morrow stated, "It was an incredible opportunity to go over there and see all that stuff and try to bring it into your senses."



Photo by Doug Piper

Stiff Arm: Mike Carubba evades a Tarkio defender.

NEWS & FEATURE

Moore Brings Varied Experience to Post

By Becky Johnson
Hermes Staff Writer



Moore Photo by Becky Porter

For those of you that have walked through the Student Services office lately you may have noticed something different. No, there is not any new furniture or new wallpaper, it's the smiling face behind the front desk.

Barbara Moore is the new Administrative Assistant for the Student Services office.

Moore is originally from Maryann, FL, but has resided in many other states including South Dakota.

Through visiting with Moore, I realized that I had gone to highschool with two of her sons: Aaron, currently a Marine, and Eric, a recent graduate from the University of South Dakota located in Vermillion.

Aaron has been the Marines for three years and is currently home on leave but will soon be sent overseas. "He'll probably be sent to the Philippines to relieve some of the soldiers that have been there for quite awhile. The thought of it scares me though," states

Moore Moore has two other children: Jennifer who is studying Mechanical Engineering in Oregon, and Christopher who is currently a sophomore at New Mexico State University.

Moore enjoys quilting in her spare time.

Moore attended a Junior College in Maryann, FL, where she studied Marine Biology although she confessed her major should have been "beach life" as that was where she spent most of her time.

Moore's job here at Dana entails

being supervisor of the mailroom and pop machines, assisting students in any way she can, and various secretarial jobs in the Student Services office.

Moore was drawn to Dana when she saw the advertisement in the paper for this job opportunity. She worked in a similar position at Mount Marty College in Yankton.

She likes Dana because it is a small school with a lot of interaction with the students and faculty. "It's more fun to be in a smaller school where you can really get to know the people as people," states Moore.

Moore also likes the community of Blair for the same reasons. She has been in Blair for four years now and hopes to stay here for a while. "Although I have only been here a short time, I love the interaction with the students and my co-workers. I'll probably stay here until they throw me out!" laughs Moore.

Having Barbara Moore in the Student Services Office is a pleasant change. She is there to help anyone in anyway she can.

Dana Hires New Communicator

By Sara Olson
Hermes Feature Editor

I like Dana, it's a good school," says Professor Mike Moriarty. Moriarty likes the fact that since this is a smaller atmosphere it is easier to interact on a more personal level with the students.

Moriarty, who is beginning his first year of full-time teaching at Dana, (During the 1989-90 school year he taught here part-time.) completed his undergraduate studies at University of Nebraska-Omaha and then went on to acquire his Masters Degree in Communications at Kearney State University.

"It is kind of an interesting theory how I got into the field of communications. I started out as a music major, but as a child, radio and TV broadcasting was always fascinating to me." He is pursuing his Ph.D in Mass Communications.

Before Moriarty started his teaching career at Dana he worked in radio broadcasting at KIOS-FM for three and a half years as an Announcer Engineer. He hosted for a national morning news program and supplied the local news. Moriarty also did some remote recording with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra and the Opera for the radio station.

When Moriarty is not in the classroom, one of the things he is involved in is Civil War reenacting. "There are several groups in Omaha that have gotten involved in that. We travel all over the country... we have the uniforms and firearms..." He also enjoys baseball. "Baseball is my 'national' pastime," he said. Two of his favorite teams are the Kansas City Royals and the Chicago White Sox.

Moriarty was born and raised in the Omaha area and he is now living in Ft. Calhoun with his wife and step-daughter.

Al-Absy Initiates Environmental Organization

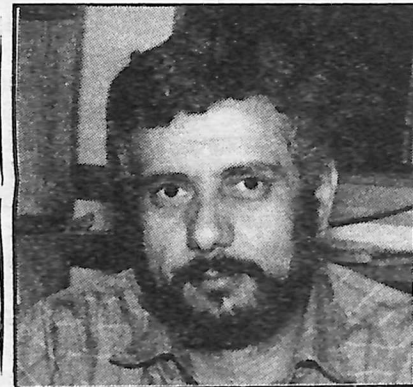
By John Wolf
Hermes Staff Writer

Another one of the new faces this year at Dana is Dr. Ahmad Al-Absy, a professor in the Biology Department. In addition to teaching a variety of courses in anatomy, ecology and wildlife, Dr. Al-Absy is interested in developing an environmental science program here at Dana.

Getting the students involved in environmental issues is another goal of Dr. Al-Absy, volunteering to establish and advise a student environmental organization. Dr. Al-Absy has been quoted as saying, "college students should be the leaders in understanding environmental issues and taking initiatives in protecting wildlife."

Past accomplishments of Dr. Al-Absy include supervision of the twentieth anniversary Earth Day celebration at Tarkio College in April 1990, and many trips to various parts of the world in the research of wildlife.

Dr. Al-Absy is not a stranger to travel. Born in Palestine, Dr. Al-Absy's professional life started with a teacher assistant job at Yarmouk University in Jordan. He received a scholarship to Iowa State for three



Al-Absy Photo by Doug Piper

years, and upon completing his Ph.D., returned to Yarmouk University for four years. Two years ago, Dr. Al-Absy returned to the United States to take a position at Tarkio College, and moved on to Dana this year.

Life outside school for the professor includes time with his family. While at Iowa State Dr. Al-Absy met his wife, a native of North Dakota, and traveled with the doctor to Jordan. He also has four children, and his family was a factor in his decision to return to the United States from the tension in the Middle East.

Although Dr. Al-Absy has chosen to live in the Midwest, the rest of his family remains on the West Bank. It

was a struggle to get permission to visit his family five years ago, and the worsening conditions has Dr. Al-Absy very concerned for his family. The doctor's family lives under occupation, which is very much like prison. When asked about returning home, he commented that "even though there is no place like home, I enjoy being here."

Dr. Al-Absy also hopes for a peaceful solution in the Gulf Crisis, and feels this is not a different issue from the conflict over Palestine between Arabs and Israelis and firmly believes that "if there is a war, no one will benefit."

In the future, Dr. Al-Absy hopes to get some wildlife research going at Dana. Cummings City National Reserve and Desoto Wildlife Refuge are expected field trips for the students. With the proximity of Desoto Bend, he said that "it is a good opportunity for the college to have Desoto Wildlife Refuge very close by to utilize for field research and teaching purposes."

Apart from the school, Dr. Al-Absy likes the surroundings, and plans to settle with his family in Omaha or Blair. Dana welcomes the addition of Dr. Al-Absy to the faculty, and is wished the best of luck during the new school year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(For the Week of Sept. 28 - Oct. 4)

Exhibit in Parnassus: "Fragments from the Ancient World" from the collection of Dr. Lloyd Neve

Friday

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Ken Jensen, First Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Home, Blair; PM 318
- 12:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball, Sterling, Kansas Tourney
- 8:00 p.m. Phil Giordano's Big Band Jazz Orchestra; MFAC

Saturday

- 1:30 p.m. Football, Benedictine College, Viking Field

Monday

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Pat Mallory, PM 318

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Faculty Business meeting, Blue Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. People and Issues, KDCV, Kris Voss
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball at Doane College
- 7:30 p.m. Blair World Entertainment Series, MFAC, Reuben Ristrom, guitar/banjo; limited number of complementary student tickets available in Parnassus

Wednesday

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel, PM 318
- 2:30 p.m. Meeting for non-teaching staff with representatives of TIAA/CREF; Presidents Room
- 3:30 p.m. Meeting for faculty with TIAA/CREF representatives; Presidents Room
- 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Musical Concert, Witherspoon at Joslyn, Matt Haimovitz, cellist

Thursday

- 12:00 p.m. DOCS meeting in the Dragon's Head
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball, at Hastings College

NEWS BRIEFS

President Christopherson was elected President of NETCHE and Vice President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska for this year.

The gallery in the recently completed Madsen Fine Arts Center will be named in honor of Dana professor Emeritus F.W. Thomsen. Professor Thomsen was instrumental in establishing the Dana Art Department in the 1930's and served as head of the department from 1942 until his retirement in 1975. The F. W. Thomsen Gallery will be officially dedicated during ceremonies scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, in the main lobby of the Fine Arts Center.

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Giordano's Jazz Band Sounds Off Tonight

By Melodi Campbell
Hermes Staff Writer

The Student Activities Board brings to campus tonight September 28, 1990 a performance by Phil Giordano's Jazz Band.

The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

The Phil Giordano Jazz Band is a national acclaimed 16 piece band from Philadelphia that performs jazz and is known for the sounds of Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, and others.

Drummer Phil Giordano is both founder and music director of the 16 piece Jazz Band and of the Phil Giordano Jazz Quintet.



Giordano has studied drums privately with some of the finest drummers; Mel Lewis and Philly Joe Jones, Sonny Igoe and Joe Morello.

Giordano attended the Philadelphia Musical Academy, and has studied percussion with Nick D'Amico and arranging with Manny Album and Jim Amadi.

He has performed with The Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, The Four Aces, and many other big names.

Philadelphia Magazine "They're exciting and send goose bumps crawling across everyone's skin."

Humanities students will receive Double Event Credit for attending the performance.

Vikings Collect a Win Against Tarkio

By Shad Beam
Hermes Sports Writer

The Dana football team won its first game of the season on Saturday by defeating the Tarkio Owls 31-30.

The two teams started the first quarter feeling out the other's defense.

Tarkio struck with 1:18 left in the first quarter on a 16-yard quarterback run. The kick by Tod Bocanegra hit the upright. The first quarter ended with Tarkio on top of Dana 6-0.

Dana's offense came alive in the second quarter.

The Viking offense effectively moved the ball down the field by mixing up their running and passing plays.

A big break came for Dana when a Tarkio defender was called for pass interference around the 15-yard line. From there, Dana scored on a James Anderson one yard touchdown run with 11:58 in the second quarter. The kick by Troy Buss was wide left.

Following a Michael Allen fumble recovery, the Viking offense was on the move again. Dana scored for the second time in less than six minutes when junior running back Sean Dalton ran straight up the middle for a two-yard touchdown with 6:09 left on the clock. Buss this time connected on the extra-point attempt and gave Dana a 13-6 lead.

Tarkio scored two points when Dana took a safety on a bad snap to the punter.

Dana scored for the final time in the half following a Chad Bonar fumble recovery. Buss added a 20-yard field goal to give Dana a 16-8 lead over the Owls at half time.

Both teams came out for the second half ready to score. The third quarter saw Tarkio tie the game up after a Hogan 26-yard and a Oliver two-point conversion run with 7:03 left in the third quarter.

Dana answered the score with a drive



Photo by Doug Piper

Run, Run: Running Back Sean Dalton tries to make progress as Mike Maxwell looks on

which regained the lead. The Vikings scored on a four-yard completion to Corey Mitchell from senior Anderson. Senior punter/kicker/fullback Buss added his second extra point of the game with 5:15 left in the quarter to give Dana a 23-16 lead.

The fourth quarter saw Tarkio score 14 unanswered points before the final Dana score.

Tarkio's veer offense gave the Vikings problems as Tarkio quarterback Derek Oliver sprinted 26-yards into the end zone for a touchdown.

Oliver also scored Tarkio's two-point conversion.

Neither offense scored until late in the fourth quarter.

Tarkio again scored on a Chavez one-yard run with 2:59 left in the fourth. This time the Owls missed their two-point conversion attempt.

Dana did not let this bother their offense. Sophomore quarterback Mike Carubba led the Vikings down the field for the winning touchdown. Carubba hit Steve Rodgers with a nine-yard touchdown pass to pull Dana within one point with 1:16 left in the game.

Carubba then hit receiver Brent

Leafers on the two-point conversion to give the Vikings the win. Tarkio was stopped on their final drive when sophomore Joe Musgrow intercepted an Oliver pass with four seconds left on the clock.

The Viking offense totaled 450 yards of offense and the defense allowed 392 yards.

Individual leaders for the offense were running back Dalton who ran the football 25 times for 146 yards along with one touchdown and caught four passes for 28 yards.

Anderson ran for 68 yards along with a touchdown and also completed 11 of 28 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown.

Receivers Mitchell and Leafers caught 6 and 5 passes respectfully for 71 and 59 yards.

The defense was led by Mike Allen who recovered two fumbles and had four solo tackles.

Adam Lippincott led the team with 11 tackles. He was followed by Russ Wilcox (10), senior Kurt James (8), and Kyle Lindelof (6).

Dana is now 1-3 on the season and faces Benedictine tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Veterans Field.

Volleyball Kicks-Off Intramural Season

By Chris Voss
Hermes Copy Editor

Intramurals are for those people who enjoy sports activities, but don't have all the time or talent to join up the College teams.

Of course the rules are somewhat different and winning can earn prizes like shirts, pizzas, or other rewards, as well as being just plain fun.

This past Sunday, the first Intramural event of the year was held, 4-4 volleyball.

Ten teams were signed up to play in the all day single elimination tourney.

The games were to begin at 10 am, however due to forfeit the first game was at 10:45. The tourney continued throughout the day, with several teams suffering from absences of teammates due to the chilly weather and a late night on Saturday.

Overall though the teams that did show up and take part had a pretty good time. The final game was duked out between Tina Reimer, Jeff Miller, Sheryl Shuster and John Arensberg against Derek Spear, Deb Rife, Don Brown and Lori Johnson, with the latter team coming up with the win.

First prize in this tourney includes a pizza party for the winners at their convenience.

Sign up sheets for flag football are

currently available in the information desk. The sheets are due back tomorrow. If you have any questions give Voss a call at 7507 or drop a note in campus mail box 631.

Dates and times of the games will be posted after all sheets are handed in and the tourney is set up, most likely by the middle of next week.

Teams can have up to 10 players, with 8 on the field at a time.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the Dragon's Head for those interested in Pool or Ping Pong.

These tourneys will be non-elimination, set up in ladder structure. A meeting will be held for all those interested to go over rules and tourney information. Players will be contacted by campus mail.

PowderPuff football is back for Homecoming this year.

There will be sign-up sheets in the next couple of weeks. This is for those girls out there who think they got what it takes to play football.

Male cheerleaders are welcome to come and cheer on their team, as well as anyone else.

This year the plans are to have as many intramural activities as can possibly be done.

If you have any suggestions, questions, comments, or whatever to say about intramurals, let me know. Chris Voss x7507.

by slamming 55 kills, 26 points serving with seven aces, 15 blocks, 21 digs, and finished 29-31 in passing. "She is a big asset to our program and continues to get better with every match," Foley commented. Skelton registered an impressive 45 digs in the tournament and Tine Lucero had 90 assists.

Tuesday night it was off to Tarkio, MO for the Tarkio Triangular. The first match against Avila didn't last long with 6-15, 5-15 score. After losing to Avila, Dana rebounded and controlled the match against Tarkio 15-4, 15-1.

Steph Svoboda had eight kills in the triangular and Joei Arens was 6-6 in serving. Skelton lead in digs with 16, and went 10-11 in passing. Setter Lucero added 26 assists.

The next day was off to Sioux Falls for the Sioux Falls College Tournament. The Lady Vikes lost to Sioux Falls in game one 15-11, 11-15, 12-15, and again to Northern 14-16, 11-15.

Arens continued to dominate with 22 kills for an average of 4.4 per game, and eight blocks. Steph Brondel did a good job serving 21-22 with three aces, 10 digs, and 23/24 in passing. Skelton had another 34 digs, and Lucero had 50 assists.

The 6-18 Vikings came home last Friday night to start off conference competition with a win over Nebraska

Wesleyan 15-2, 11-15, 10-15, 15-7, and 15-4.

Arens had seven blocks and put down 15 kills. Daylene Perrino served 6 out of 15 points in game four. Skelton finished the fifth game with great serving, including 11 points with four aces.

"We definitely came ready to play. As the score shows we totally dominated games one and five. I feel that we could have beaten about anybody that night. The win was the first since 1987 against Wesleyan.

Arens Dominates Court With Kills

By Chris Voss
Hermes Copy Editor

The volleyball team came up short last Thursday night in Borup Coliseum against the Defenders of Dordt. They fell in three games 6-15, 16-18, and 10-15. "We played a very good team in Dordt College," coach Foley said. "The match may have turned out differently if we would have won that second game in which we led 16-15 at one point."

Shelli Wiebelhaus had 10 kills in the match. Kim Gosch was 13-13 in serving with eight points and was also 12-13 in passing. Deb Keller had 20 assists and combined with Kris Skelton for seven digs each. Kim Mikos defended the net with five blocks.

Lat weekend was spent on the road to South Dakota for the South Dakota Tech Tourney. Foley stated that the team struggled throughout the tourney. Four matches were very close and could have gone either way. "We simply need to learn how to win the close ones."

Win or lose, the tournament belonged to freshman Arens. She was named to the All-Tournament team



Photo by Doug Piper

Bump: Kris Skelton shows her stuff as the team concentrates on the game at hand.

by
Caryn Hacker

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Education Has Duty of Changing U.S. Virtues

By Peter Sierant
Hermes Guest Editor/ist

Intellectual curiosity is not a virtue the U.S. can claim. The American attitude developed over the last two decades is one of educational egocentrism.

The U.S. has been re-tribalized into a warring culture that is superficial and rending itself apart.

The U.S. public has convinced itself that collectively, as individuals, there are no intuitive means to change the natural order of human conflict beyond military and police action.

Education has been left standing in the rain as a means to solving cultural and political differences.

Western civilizations in the past, especially ones with an aggressive military, have concentrated on indoctrinating foreign societies about the "correct way" of handling political matters—that there is only one way of doing things, and "ours" is better than "yours".

The U.S. felt this attitude with Britain, and it caused the Revolution. A Civil War was waged in this country over American ideology. World War Two was a fight over which culture was more desirable: the Aryan one, or the non-Aryan one. Vietnam was a war over the U.S. desire to impose democracy and check the flow of communism.

Societies which believes it has the pure answers to political systems

slowly evolve into a state of educational hypocrisy.

Again, the world is on the brink of war. It is an accepted fact among most Western countries that Saddam Hussein is the anathema. Rarely does the media report on the massive chasm separating Arab and Western cultures which has caused the Middle East to become a powder keg and allow dictators to gain power.

Where are the educational answers to human conflict and cultural differences?

The American public is in a political rut. When it comes to military actions, it is the only way solve the Problem.

No longer does the American character reach out and attempt self-education about different cultural issues, or the developing relations necessary to function with other societies, to help improve the global standard of living among human beings without pouring U.S. ideology down the throats of unwilling, foreign cultures.

It seems absurd that a country based upon values of independent thinking and political freedom has to restrict itself to an archaic system of educational egocentrism which brought about wars and conflict in the past.

Look at how the U.S. has slashed social programs in order to help the less fortunate: Medicare is on the agenda for budget cuts; the homeless rate is staggering to the point of violating human rights; social

security is being eyed with drool; destroy the drugs but neglect the economic infrastructure which causes drug use.

These can not possibly be the decisions of an educated society.

Dana has the ability to be a catalyst for social change. Through a liberal arts education, people can use their minds rather than their muscle to solve the world's strife; where people celebrate the complexity of their minds to solve problems rather than primitive responses that breeds isolation and ignorance.

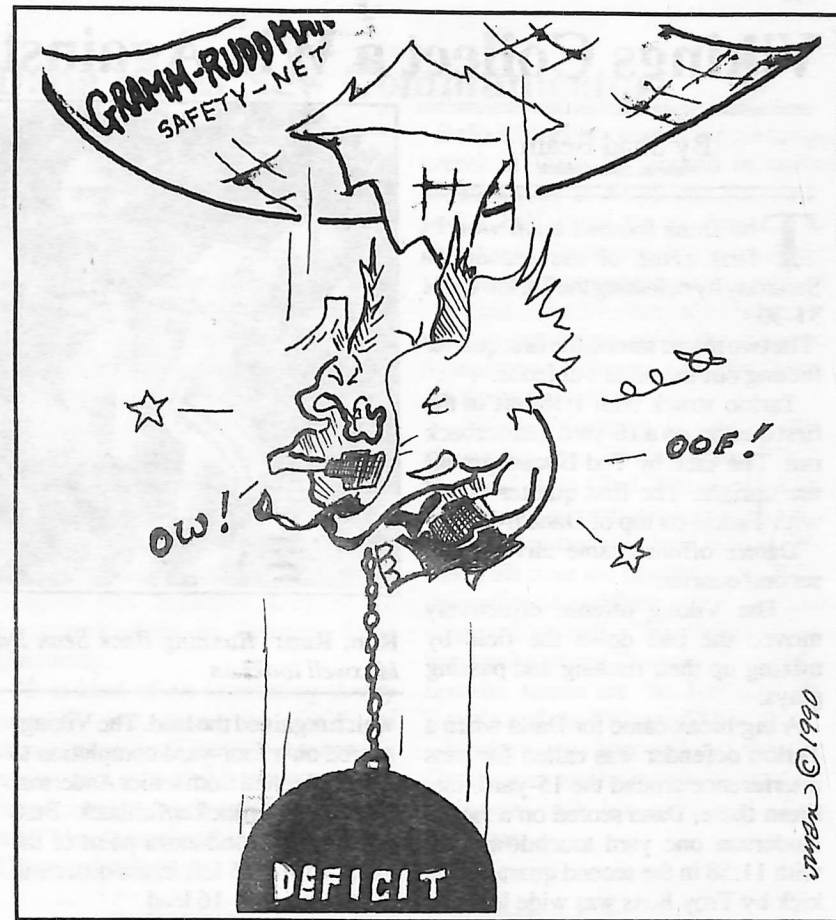
Hopefully, there is a thinker in the educational system that will facilitate change in the social order of the world and alleviate human suffering and cultural ignorance.

Education at a liberal arts institution founded upon a belief in higher learning has been regarded in the past as a beacon to wisdom and the improvement of the human condition.

It is not an education of the meek of heart, spirit, or mind—it requires an individual to search for educational meaning, and apply that search to a holistic view of society.

A liberal arts education should allow people to intellectually define and develop opinions about politics,

Politoons by Plowman



society, and art, in order to allow society, (which is fast becoming a unified, planetary one), the ability to search for stronger and harmonious values beneficial for all of the human race.

Public Pulse

This week the *Hermes* asked members of the student body: "Do you feel that the media coverage of local gang activity is being blown out of proportion?"

"The most important function of the media is to inform the public. With this in mind, I feel the media is doing good work. Omaha has always been portrayed as the 'heart of America.'" This thought puts a halo over the city. Now Nebraskans need to be aware that the 'big city' problems have found a new market. The media has shown the people this grave issue. I applaud the print and electronic medias for opening Omaha's eyes. The best city is an informed city."

-John Hundahl, '92, Marketing, Tekamah, NE.

"No. There are a lot of gangs, especially in larger cities. Some of the gangs are not very dangerous, but others are heavily involved in drugs, theft, and killing. The problem is a serious one and needs to be controlled. Teenagers should spend their time at more worth while, or at least less harmful activities. The media coverage helps people become aware of what is really going on around them. Some people don't realize what some of these gangs are doing or don't want to confront the problem."

-Dan Hanson, '91, Math, Computer Science, Des Plaines, IL.

"Yes. The activity the media is focusing on is in the north side of Omaha which is predominantly black. There are white gangs in Omaha, but the media is blowing the black gangs out of proportion."

-Stefan Davis, '91, Sociology, Omaha, NE (Midland Lutheran College student).



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