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Jazz Concert To Highlight Local Professionals



Jazz Band: The ensemble prepares for its upcoming concert.

Photo by Doug Piper

Communications Panel Successful

By Sheila M. Young
Hermes Staff Writer

You may have seen and heard a lot lately about a group called the Writer's Project. This is a new organization that is starting to get underway. First of all, people may be confused by the name "Writer's Project." The fact is, a member of the organization does not have to be a writer to benefit from the group.

This is not an organization where students sit down and write a 12-page novel at every meeting. The main goal of the group is to bring professionals to Dana in the fields of communications, English, journalism, and eventually theater.

The organization has already been successful in bringing professionals to the campus this semester.

This was the Communications/English Career Panel which was held on Thursday, November 29. On this day, three professionals from the Omaha

area were present to give tips on the careers of communications.

The speakers were: Drew Bentley from KQKQ Sweet 98, Tom Allan from the Omaha World Herald, and Amy Elizabeth Hanten from KPTM-Fox 42. The day started at 10:30 when each professional separately held a session on their particular fields. At 11:45 the speakers were found eating lunch and enjoying an informal discussion in the Blue Room with students and faculty from Dana.

From 1:00 to 2:00 in the afternoon was the Career Panel in which all three professionals were together to talk in a question format about the similarities and differences of their jobs. The day went well and it was enjoyable and beneficial for all who attended.

Dr. Kathleen Collins, Lisa Campbell, and I would like to extend an invitation to all students and faculty to come join as at the next meeting. Come see what the Writer's Project is all about and let us know about your ideas for future projects.

By Dixie Whitlow
Hermes Staff Writer

Sights and Sounds may be over, but the music never stops at Dana college.

On Sunday, December 9, at 3:30 p.m. the College Jazz Ensemble and "We try and do one big event each semester, and this is it," said Michael Anderson, Director of Instrumental

Music. Anderson is also a member of the Jazztet.

The Jazz Ensemble will feature Dennis Strawn who is thought by many to be "the hottest saxophone player in Omaha." Strawn did some of his schooling at North Texas State and traveled with the Glen Miller Orchestra for a few years before settling in Omaha.

Jazztet members include Jon Novak, guitar, Steve Gomez, bass, Paul

Parker, piano, Steve Hutton, drums, Dennis Strawn, saxophone, and Michael Anderson, trumpet.

Musicians in the jazztet are either Dana faculty or alumni except Strawn and Gomez. Gomez plays with the Omaha based jazz band Luigi and Co and also freelances.

The afternoon of music is free to the public and humanities credit will be given.

Diplomat Gives Insight To Foreign Service

By Sara Olson
Hermes Feature Editor

The definition of a diplomat, according to Robert Fretz is: "a person to whom the government will give a job, only if they leave the country." Robert Fretz, the United States Consul to Denmark, spent Thursday, December 6, at Dana. He gave many different lectures throughout the day. The topics ranged from "Taking the Foreign Service Exam," to "United States and Scandinavian Relations," to "Europe—1992' Changing Political Relations and What it may Mean For the United States."

Fretz graduated with a Political Science major from Florida State University. He worked at the United States Customs for four years. He lived in many places during this time and worked in the U. S. Embassies in places such as Mexico, New Guinea, the Bahamas and Minagua. He describes his work with the foreign service as "getting paid to see the world."

Any person who likes politics and travel is encouraged to look into the idea of International Relation and Foreign Service work. The Foreign Service exam consists of questions from the areas of political Science,

history and economics. According to Fretz, there are approximately 20,000 people who will take the test for 200 available jobs. There is not only a written test, but an applicant passing the test will be interviewed and given a physical examination along with the family of the applicant. The examination is used to determine ability to survive in different climates.

Under an ambassador, which is the 'creme de la creme' of the embassy positions, are four other areas in which a person could work. The political officers job is to sell a particular country on what the United States is trying to do at a particular time. An Economic officer promotes American investment. The Administration does the physical running of the embassy—the budget motor poll, procurement, and security. Last is the Consul Affairs Department, which deals with visas, problems and interests of the Americans. This office has the most human contact, according to Fretz.

The early 30's is the general starting age of a person who is interested in Foreign Service work. (Although they do take people out of college and in their 20's.) The average starting salary is \$23,000. By the age of 40, a person can be making \$50,000 a year. Some of the benefits of this

line of work includes overseas transportation, housing, utilities, shipping and sending their children to English speaking schools. They also do not get parking tickets, and cannot be arrested. They do not pay taxes either. An employee of the embassy works an eight hour day and gets 2 weeks of sick days that can be collected over the years. Most people can retire by the age of fifty with a full pension, but all persons are required to retire by the age of sixty.

There is some preparation required in order to go overseas. If a person is not familiar with the language, there is a language institute located in Arlington VA. It is a five month intensive program—six months for spouses. A person is also required to take part in a two week area study which is an in-depth study on a particular country.

Life in the Scandinavian countries which Fretz is involved with is very different from life in the U. S. According to Fretz, these countries are experiencing the same type of racial problems that the U. S. faced 20 years ago. "The students in Denmark are fascinated by the United States," said Fretz. Scandinavia is socialist so it is a different government system. Socialism in these countries provides free schooling—including college—and post-graduate studies, along with free medical treatment. Although there are



Photo by Doug Piper

Danish Craft: Esther Gunderson leads a group in "making it Danish."

Senate Meets For Last Time

By Sara Olson

Student Senate met on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. This was their last meet of the semester. There will be one meeting of the senate, and one of the committees during interim. Look for the information on that.

President Christopherson asked Student Senate to choose two students, one female and one male, to serve on the steering committee for the preparation for the North Central Accreditation group that will be here next fall. The two students selected for these jobs were Melissa Reinikeinen and Joe Ellis. They will be serving on this committee for one and a half years, beginning next semester.

The idea of an outside telephone has been talked about for a long time. There will be a telephone put into the outside entry way of Mikelson Hall. This will be easily to most all people on campus. Security on those doors will be enhanced. If this telephone turns out to be a success, then in the future, a telephone might be put in the outside entry way of Holling Hall.

Student Senate wishes you a Happy Holiday season!

quite a few negative things, according to Fretz. "It costs \$4.50 per gallon of gas, \$4.00 for a pack of cigarettes and \$25,000 for a stripped down car," said Fretz. The unemployment rate in Denmark is nine percent and a person receiving unemployment will collect a check totaling \$27,000.

A couple of the issues that young adults in Denmark worry about are abortion and smoking. Fretz said, "Abortions per year are two-thirds higher there than the United States. Forty three out of every one hundred women have had at least one abortion. In 1989, fifty one percent of the babies that were born in Denmark were illegitimate." Most students who complete the required education program feel unchallenged by society to succeed in any type of occupation, according to Fretz. He said, "Why should they work when the unemployment checks are higher than the average starting salaries?"

Fretz and his wife will be living in Denmark for a total of four years, the maximum amount of time allowed by the U. S. government to serve in one country. Fretz's wife works in the American Travel Office at the embassy. Fretz's goal is to be at the top—an ambassador.

NEWS & FEATURE

Sights and Sounds 1990: A Pictorial

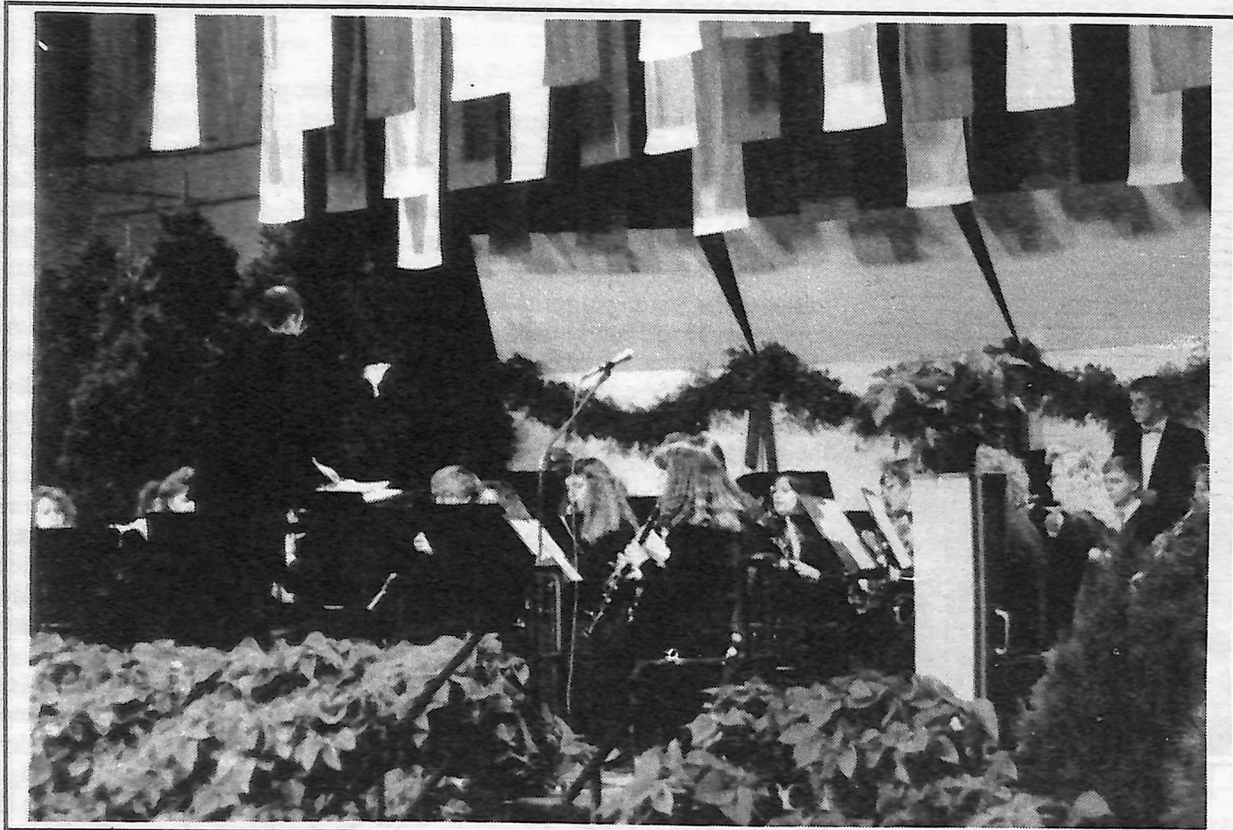


Photo by Doug Piper

Performance: The concert band, under the direction of Michael Anderson, performs for the Sights and Sounds crowd. The band was followed by the Dana Choir.



Photo by Doug Piper

Danish Stories: D. C. Lassen, a Dana alum, shares the fairytales of Hans Christian Anderson to the delight of many onlookers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(for the week of Dec. 7 - 14)

Exhibit in Parnassus: Quilts: Threads and Craft

Friday

Men's basketball, Pacific Lutheran Tournament, there 10:00 a.m. Chapel, Barbara Moore, Student Services Office; PM 318
8:00 p.m. Ed Fidlia, comedian, DH
10:00 p.m. Suitcase dance, sponsored by Holling Hall Council & SAB

Saturday

Wrestling, Kearney State Open at Kearney

Sunday

3:30 p.m. Jazz Band Concert, guest professional jazz artists from Omaha, MFAC
7:00 p.m. "A Parnassus Christmas," music, stories and tea, Parnassus

Monday

NO CLASSES

Tuesday

4-8:00 p.m. Weekend College registration in Parnassus
7:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Worship Service in the chapel

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Chapel, PM 318
5:30 p.m. CLEP test

Friday

Residence halls close at 5:00 p.m. for Christmas vacation

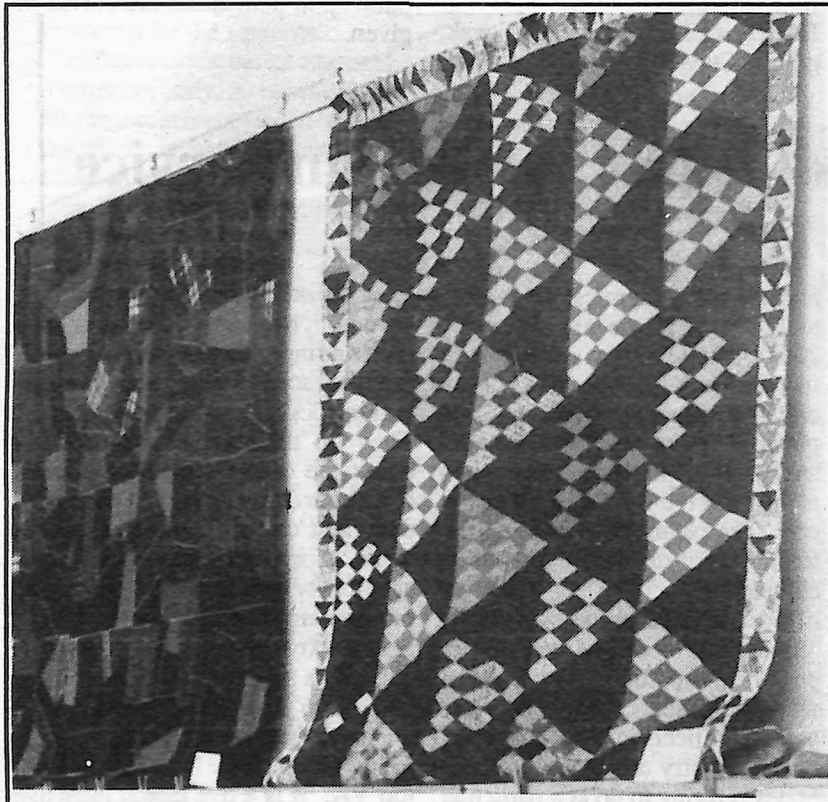


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Quilts: These quilts and many others were and are on display in Parnassus. The display, entitled *Quilts: Thread and Craft*, will be on campus until the end of the year. The quilts were made by faculty, staff and area residents.

Ed Fidlia Comedian

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Preparation Pays Off

Sights and Sounds 1990 brought many people to the campus to enjoy a day of Christmas celebration-Danish style.

The day also included Mother Nature's wrath in the form of a blizzard which made many travelers leave early from the yearly event.

Burke Petersen, Public Relations, said that this was the most successful Sights ever--even with the snow.

President Christopherson said, "I felt that our campus could not have been more beautifully prepared for Sights and Sounds visitors and the students performed at their best. To all who helped, I offer my sincere thank you on behalf of all of us who reap the benefits."

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Hall Residents Extremely Positive

By Dave Samson
Hermes Sports Writer

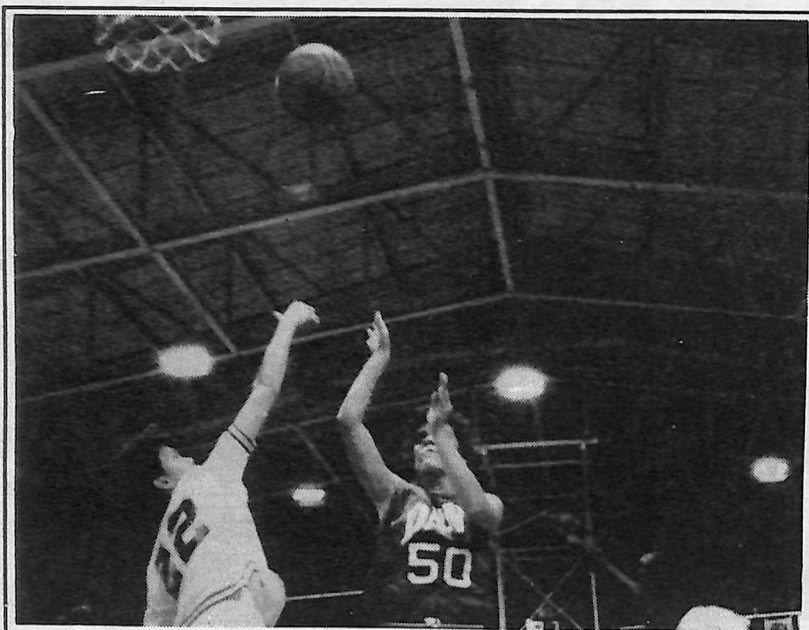
The Dana Lady Vikings are for real. They have accumulated a 7-2 record with their win Wednesday night over Tarkio College 94-76.

The team had balanced scoring, with four contestants in double figures. Katie Corbitt and Cathy Shaw were high scorers with 20 each. Kris Grappendorf was not to be denied with 19, shooting 70% from the field, and Jennifer Edelman added 13 points and eight rebounds.

The Lady Vikes took on Tarkio the week before and beat them again by ten 88-78. Corbitt was unconscious with 30 points, and freshman Laura Allen had 21, shooting 50% from three point range. Lori McMullen rounded out players in double figures with 12.

The squad passed on Sights and Sounds and instead defeated Kansas Newman 78-71. Six players finished in double figures. Grappendorf led with 16, Edelman had 14, Allen added 13, Katie Corbitt was human with 11, and McMullen and Theresa Hutfless each had ten.

It was a rough trip home, but it wouldn't show as the team returned home and beat up on Sioux Falls the next night 70-43. The victories have



Jump Shot: Cathy Shaw accumulates points

Photo by Doug Piper

come with balanced scoring. This game would be no different with four players in double figures. Corbitt led with 13 points, Allen added 12, Edelman ended with 11, and Shaw finished with 10.

Head Coach Kathy Foley stated that in her ten years of coaching at Dana, this team plays together better than any other, proving it with the best record going into Christmas break

ever. Foley is pleased with the entire team. "They use their experience to find a way to win, this experience can not be substituted." "They deserve a lot of credit, it certainly hasn't been easy for them," Foley stated.

The team is off for Christmas break, but will return next year on the fourth of January for the Dana College Tourney.

By Carrie Pedersen
Hermes Staff Writer

Resting on top of the hill at Dana College is the wild and crazy, yet close-knit, Holling Hall. After trudging up the infinite steps again and again, residents may ask "Why me?," but the answers to this mind-stunning question is quite apparent upon the end of the trek to Holling Hall. Here residents and guests find a laidback, wild atmosphere with a little something for everyone.

Holling Hall director Darryl Shilton has found this residence hall to be an "extremely positive environment" because people generally respect the quiet hours—they just try to maintain their craziness within the set hours. Holling Hall Council President Claudia Brown has called her residence hall "the most sociable and close-knit dorm on campus that caters well to its residents." Shilton also commented on the atmosphere of Holling Hall: "Holling is the ideal residence hall because, number one, the community life in Holling creates an atmosphere that no matter who you are, you can feel comfortable here. Holling has

a little of everything."

Bany hall activities, such as socials, shopping trips, sledding, and dances have all kept residents and other Dana students busy. Who knows what programming ideas will arise for next semester? One possibility is an off campus camping trip, something Shelton hopes will take off. Any ideas have generally been worked out and planned by Hall Council, RAs, and any other interested resident. Shelton is happy to say that the involvement thus far has not been "just the guys or just the girls" but rather a mixture of all types and personalities. Still, as in most cases, work can be done to further improve Holling's Hall Council. Shelton would like to see "more people involved in the council itself as well as having a more concrete meeting time." All in all, Hall Council can be very effective and will continue to be so. Project hopefuls are to place full-length mirrors and paper towel dispensers in the bathrooms of Holling and to fundraise for installing a telephone outside the building. Finally, when it comes time for you to once again brave those mighty steps of Holling, remember, it is worth it!

Success Comes At Simpson Meet

By Shad Beam
Hermes Staff Writer

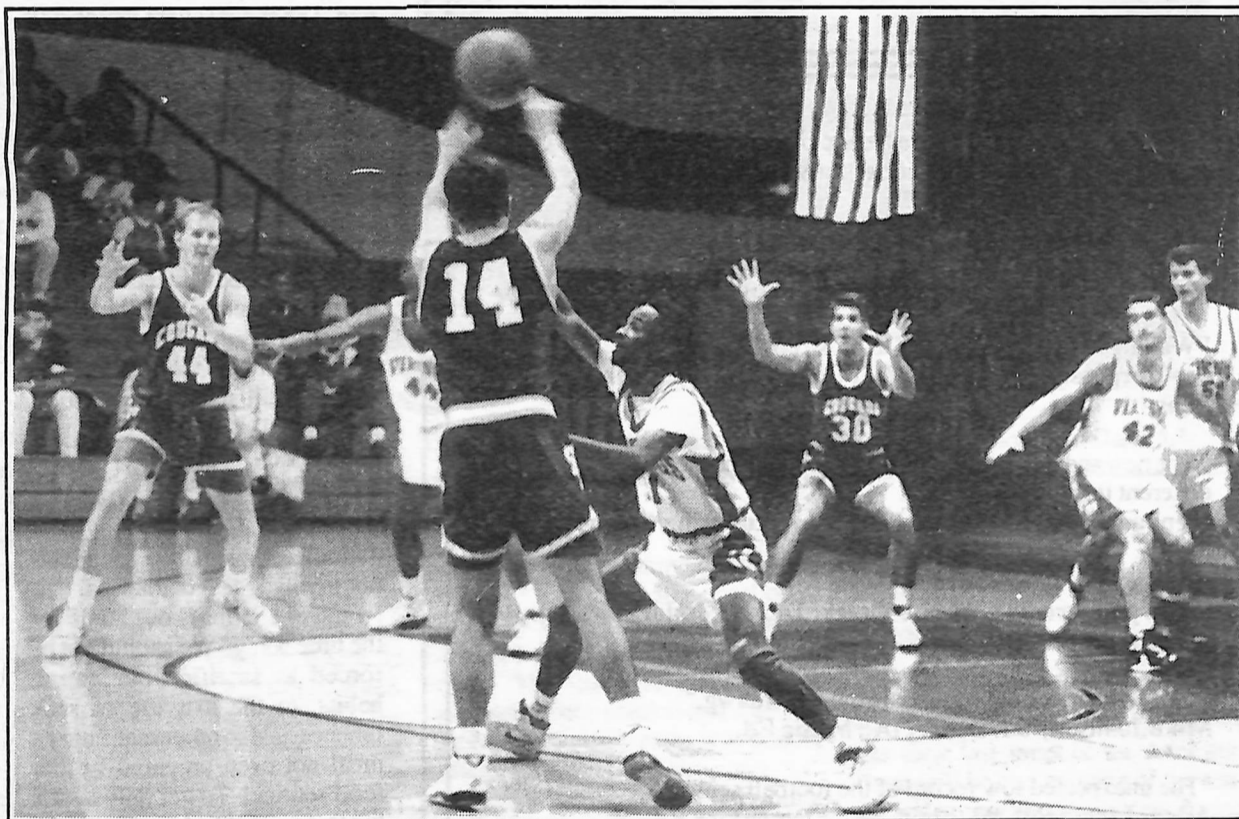
Last Saturday, the Dana Viking Wrestlers traveled to Indianola, Iowa, for the Simpson Team Dual. Dana as a team returned to campus late Saturday night with a winning 3-2 record.

The teams which Dana defeated were William Penn of Iowa, William Jewell, and the red team of the host, Simpson College. Dana's only set backs were to the gold team from Simpson and Cornell College of Iowa. "Simpson and Cornell each have impressive wrestling programs," coach Ron Beaman said.

The Viking grapplers were led individually by Scott Stickler (134) and Phil Warner (167). Stickler went 2-0 on the day with a rousing win against a senior wrestler from Simpson, Eric Venton. Warner picked up three victories on the day—two of which were by forfeit. Cory Peatrowsky and Mike Ewoldt represented Dana at 118 pounds. Peatrowski went 2-3 on the day and Ewoldt went 1-2. Dale Mattern (126) went through a tough day at the Duels going 0-2. Mark Ferrin was the other 134 pounder for the Vikings and he went 2-1. Bob Novotney and Chad Steele wrestled at 142 and were 1-3 and 0-1 respectively. John Rhodes and Derek Spear competed at 150 pounds. Rhodes went 1-2 while Spear were 0-2. Spear, wrestling up from his normal 142 class,

lost close matches to wrestlers from William Jewell and Cornell. Matt Mentink was the sole 158 wrestler for Dana and he was 2-3 on the day. Trevis Sallis, an NAIA national qualifier last year, made his 1990-91 debut Saturday at 167 pounds. Sallis for the day went 1-1, his loss was only by a slim margin. Steve Mathis, another of Dana's national qualifiers, went 3-2 for the day. Mathis (177) came up victorious against William Penn, William Jewell, and Simpson (red). His two losses were to Simpson and Cornell. Each of the wrestlers Mathis lost to on Saturday had defeated him during the 1989-90 season. Coach Beaman also praised Mathis for wrestling one match at 190 which is up a weight class for the normal 177 pounder. David Lewis (190) and Jered Foggin (HWT) wrestled at the heavier classes. Lewis went 1-3 and Foggin went 2-3 for the day.

This Saturday the Dana wrestlers travel to Kearney, Nebraska, for the Kearney State Open. This Open will be the last meet before the wrestlers take off for Christmas vacation. The tournament will be a tough one for the Vikings. The following teams are also scheduled to participate at the Open: Northern Colorado, Wyoming, Adams State (which is the reigning NAIA team National Champion), Ft. Lewis of Colorado, Ft. Hayes State, Chadron State, and the host school Kearney State.



Defense: Patrick Sanders, Dave Samson and Ryan Collier guard against the score

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

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Claus Ideology:
Possible Insigator Of "No Good"By Thom Morrow
Hermes Editor-in-Chief

I charge Santa Claus as corrupter of the youth. His school of thought teaches us that if we are good, good will come back to us. As being one that has experienced this infinitely evil and unfair world, I find Santa's philosophy of cyclic return of good deeds is folly.

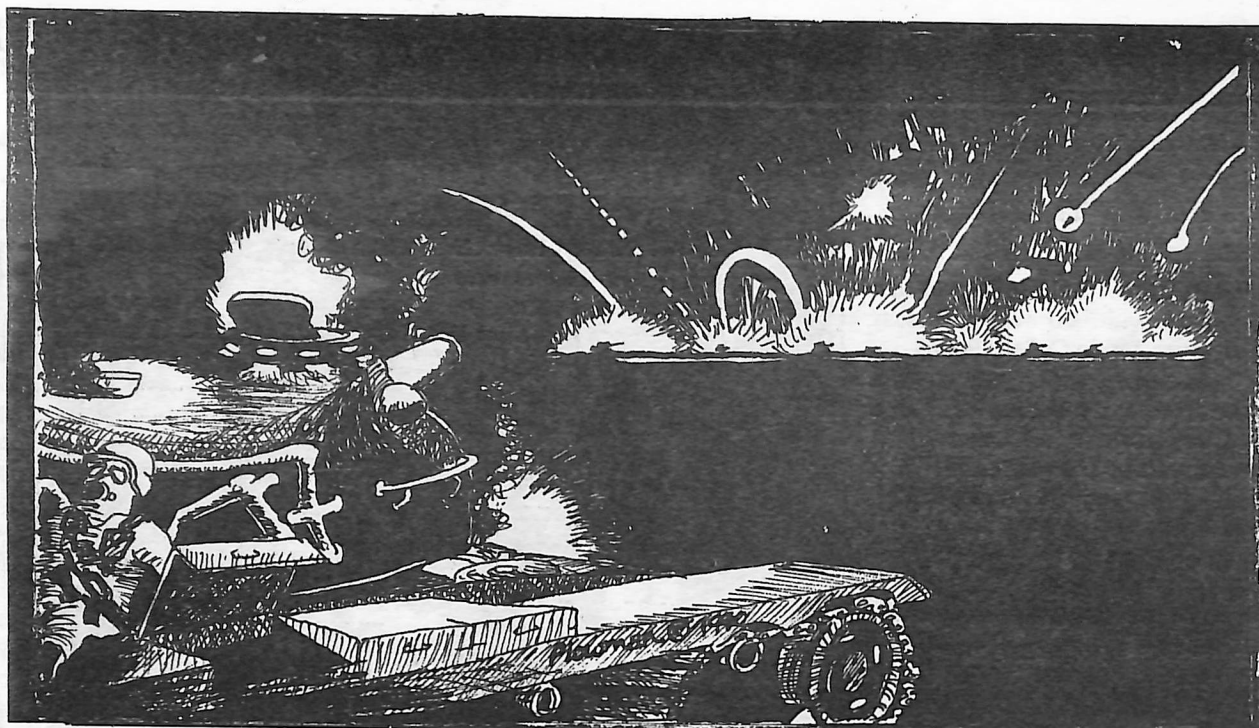
Impressionable children should not be taught that if they eat their brussel sprouts and don't pinch their sisters, they will get an electric train set. Later in life, what paradox will they find themselves in when they discover that not only is Santa not real, but his principles are imaginary too? Pessimism, apathy, and despair are the gifts they will find under the Christmas tree of life when they realize that they will not be served retribution for all of their actions.

Rightness and goodness should be something attempted, not in view of egotistic ends, but because it is right in itself. What sort of man puts virtue with toys? Santa's school works with cocker spaniels, but that is not how human beings should be treated. This

is not just about Santa, his ideas are found all too often when teaching naive minds. Bribery is no way to educate, show our students the real world where the good guys finish last sometimes.

The cruel and unreasonable world seems only to reward unexpectedly. There is no order or logic to be found, and this is what needs to be realized to survive. When I discovered that Santa's ideology of certain reward based on merit was not true, I was able to work towards completing myself through my own free will instead of expecting the universe to always watch me and grant me justice based on my actions.

Santa Claus's philosophy is as phoney as his beard. I find it of no surprise that Santa is an anagram of Satan. Let's do away with America's institution of lying and point our children towards a higher realm. Provide then with no false hopes but truth - no matter how disturbing it may be. Let us serve hemlock to the fat man who promises empty requests. I am for Christmas, but to Mr. Claus and his unrealistic school of thought, I say Bah-Humbug!!



"A Thousand Points Of Light"

Shell-Shock
The Aftermath Of Sights and Sounds

As the snow melts, so do the thoughts of Sights and Sounds here on the Dana Campus. The annual event which was brought about to show the Blair Community appreciation for all they do for the College. The flowers are gone, the trees from the grand finale have all been sold and life has pretty much returned to normal for the students.

Yet there is some unrest amongst the student body. It seems that in all the excitement of the event, the students have become put aside from the show. Although there is still some participation, the overall involvement of the students has

and white flags taunted them just yards away, they were verbally irritated.

This year, Spain was not represented after previous years being one of the top performances, and had the most student involvement. Although preparation for the event takes away from class time, the Spanish performance was one of which depicted the "fiesta" of Christmas. As for the Danish, the heritage of our college, it was not even done by the Danish department. If not for Ester Gundersen making Danish ornaments

By Kurt James and Chris Voss
Hermes Editorsand D.C. Lassen
telling
stories,

dwindled drastically. Students not involved feel ostracised.

First of all, this is our home for the time being. We should not be forced to sacrifice our eating habits, to the extreme of sack lunches, just so others can enjoy a meal not even prepared by our food service! To get only a sack lunch for \$4.90 when others are seated with "bon appetit" brings back memories of Marie Antoinette - Wasn't she the one who said "Let them eat cake?"

Left to suffer in the cold, seven baseball players did their best to park the bombardment of cars. Not to mention the number of large buses, 11 to count. Routing cars around campus, the parkers were forced to try to please the thousands of aggravated motorists, after the motorists were first directed to a dirt road. As the red

the Danish heritage would not have been represented.

And above all this, there was no traditional "Sights and Sounds Bowl" in the oval as in the past years. After last years incident where participants were shunned from the playing field, they chose not to show this year.

Feeling trespassed upon, many students feel that Sights and Sounds was once an occasion, it is now more of a pain in the poinsettia. Our home opened to guests is fine, however, the students should be welcomed as much as the guests are. The tradition of Sights and Sounds is beloved, but the atmosphere for the students has been neglected.

Public Pulse

This week the *Hermes* asked the student body, in a phone poll, "What will you remember most about the first semester of the 1990-91 school year?"

"The boring requirement classes."
Michele Nielsen '94, La Vista, NE., Accounting/Psychology

"Waiting in line to use the Macintosh computers."
Joel Jorgensen '91, Ripon, WI., Comerical Art/ Communications

"The new and exciting volleyball season. Because, it was so much different than high school."
Stephanie Svoboda '94, Scotia, NE., Accounting/Finance

"The making of new friends."
Kathryn Pierce '94, Battle Creek, IA., Secondary Ed./Language Arts

"I will remember my roommate the Sheerdawg."
Mike Johnson, '94, Boone, IA., Music Ed.

"The unexpected low record of the football season."
Adam Lippincott '93, Blair, NE., Elementary Ed.

"All the weekend tournaments to South Dakota and Kansas on the weekends."
Kin Mikas '92, Seward, NE., Math

"Cutting weight for wrestling. I went from 156 to 137, and I am still going down."
Marc Ferrin '91, Wichita, KS., Economics

"Kurt James in math class."
Brian Dirks '94, Fonda, IA., Commercial Art

"Scott Wagner bit the dust. He's my best friend and got married."
Troy Buss '91, Logan, IA., Business

"Practicing in 110 degree weather and living in Mikelson Hall."
Susan Lee '93, Rockford, IL., Music Ed. and Psychology

"I don't remember anything."
Kalani Simpson '93, Naalehu, HI., Communications

"I was on double secret probation, like in *Animal House*. And borrowing Anna Karenin."
Brian Williams '93, Woodbine, IA., Elementry/Special Ed.

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