



Recycling Drive Underway

By Dixie Whitlow
Hermes Sports Editor

Dana College's Environmental Awareness Organization (EAO) has been busy climbing through trash to reach their recycling goals.

Recently EAO participated in Blair's Community Recycling Day. Ten volunteers unloaded incoming cars filled with paper, aluminum, tin, and glass. The numbers divided into teams and were sent to different stations. They then helped other Blair community volunteers of all ages sort, separate, and carry the trash to the right area or truck.

Carrie Larkins, one of the members who participated in the day, said, "It felt good to protect the environment and set an example for the community and the campus. Even though I was stiff the next day it was worth it. I was happy to do my part."

EAO members have also been busy placing new containers for paper and plastics across the campus. EAO is working to bring more permanent containers to the campus through the help of the Blair Recycling Committee. Trinity Recycling, a company who participates with the Blair Committee, has visited Dana College to see what kind of facilities could be used as storage. They also estimated the amount of recycling Dana College could be doing.

According to Lyn Seiser, advisor for

EAO, Trinity Recycling concluded that "Dana College could be making a definite impact on our ecological society and profit in recycling. All it would take is a few key people to keep on target in their respective departments. This would keep recyclable goods from becoming overwhelming."

For recycling to be successful at Dana, Trasy Sparr, a core member of EAO, believes that "It has to be something that the whole Dana community would be willing to participate in."

Sparr also commented on the purpose of the containers. "Through easily accessible containers placed strategically around campus we hope to give this campus the push they need to become environmentally aware."

Some of the other activities EAO has planned or are working on are listed below:

- * Earth day (week) activities including a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo

- * Excursions and tours of environmental importance

- * Canoeing trip

If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please contact Lyn Seiser, Trasy Sparr, or Dixie Whitlow. Seiser said more members are needed; however she is "excited to see the motivation and enthusiasm of the EAO members so far."

Oldest Building Has Vivid History

By Tina Zayat
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The year was 1923. At a cost of \$65,000, a four story building was completed containing a first floor kitchen and dining room facilities for the entire student body.

The second floor featured a large reception room with kitchenette, an office for the Dean of Women and a faculty meeting room.

The entire structure was designed to accommodate 60 students and female faculty members. Even laboratories for the various science courses were included. In 1923, it was called "The Old Ladies Hall." Today, it is better known as Argo Hall.

Homemade pies, fresh baked bread and hot meat and potatoes could be smelled throughout the dorm hours before mealtimes. Dinners were served "family style," complete with tablecloths and formal place settings.

Helen Sorenson, a 1968 graduate, remembers each student was only allowed one glass of milk at each meal. She said many thirsty football players would offer to buy her glass of milk.

For 14 years, Mrs. Ruth Carey was director of food services at Dana. Many remember her patient tolerance of

student pranks in the dining hall and kitchen, whether it be in Argo or the Campus Center.

With Mrs. Carey's retirement in 1973, Dana hired SAGA Foods to take over operation of the dining hall, thus ending the long tradition of employing individual cooks and dieticians.

"This is home," said Marcy Hansen. "Argo is more of a family than a dorm," added Shelley Edwards. Argo Hall has been described by many to have a 'homey' atmosphere, quiet halls, friendly people and a lot more room than other halls. Argo Hall seems to have a personality all its own.

Each room is different. Some rooms have plywood paneling, other have plain wood paneling. Some have concrete walls, but colors range from off white to baby blue. Spacious rooms and closets are two things that attract students to Argo.

Karen Froker, Argo's second floor resident assistant, said she prefers Argo over Holling Hall where she lived for three years. "I like the building and its wood floors. They give the dorm a 'homey' feeling," she said.

Hansen said she found herself really 'selling' Argo Hall to a prospective student recently.

Although Argo has some wonder-

ful qualities, it is not without its problems. "We need better heating facilities. The rooms are either too hot or too cold. And someday, all the toilets and both the dryers will work," said Jennifer Bultman.

There has been numerous times when the hall has been without electricity or heat, but that doesn't bring life to a halt. "It does get quite warm sometimes, but you get used to it after a while," Hansen said.

What would it be like if Argo were coed? "It wouldn't be the same if guys lived in Argo. First of all, it's a rarity for guys to be over here. And when there is one, everyone comes out to see," said Edwards. "Not to say that there aren't guys who come over, but it just wouldn't be the same if they lived here."

Jokingly, one Argo resident said she would love to convert third into a guys floor.

"The Old Ladies Hall," "The Women's Dormitory," and "Dining Hall" are all names of the past. Today it is Argo.

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President Who Brought Golden Years Remembered

by Coleen Lennemann

"If there was ever to be a model of a college president he would have to be it." Who was Dr. Myrvin Christopherson referring to in this statement? No one but Dr. C. Clifford Madsen. Dr. Madsen died January 21 at the Blair Hospital.

Dr. Christopherson was a student at Dana during a period referred to as the Madsen Years. Some look at that period as the Golden Years of Dana College.

Dr. Madsen was the longest serving Dana President, serving from 1956 to 1971. He was responsible for much of the development of Dana College.

"When I think of a Christian servant, I think of Dr. Madsen," said Christopherson. He was humble and loved his lord but he didn't wear it on his sleeve.

Dr. Madsen was just a personable-type human being, Christopherson said. While Christopherson was attending Dana he felt that Dr. Madsen was the type of person who cared about people and cared about you as a student. He gave every student the feeling that he cared about their personal success. He always gave students the feeling that they didn't want to disappoint him.

An incident that displays Dr. Madsen's ability to listen and support the students of Dana is when Borup was being built. It had been decided that there were not enough funds to build a pool in Borup. The students got together and asked Dr. Madsen if they could try to raise the money to build a pool. If it were not for his supportive attitude and willingness to listen, the fund raising wouldn't have been a success and there would not be a pool in Borup.

Madsen was loved by the community and was a person students wanted to please because of respect for him.

Madsen was born February 13, 1908, in Luck, Wis., just four miles away from the home towns of Dr. Christopherson and also Dr. Richard Morton another of Dana's presidents. He was a student at Dana in 1927. He earned a B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1931; A Bachelor of Divinity degree from Trinity Seminary in Blair in 1934 and a Th.D. degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City in 1949. He did additional graduate study at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill.

He was married to Esther Johnson of Plainview, Nebr., in June of 1934.

He was ordained into the ministry of the former United Evangelical Lutheran Church and served as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Kansas City from 1934 until 1942. He then became a chaplain in the United States Navy serving until 1946. His wartime service was active as a Naval Reserve officer, ashore and afloat, until his retirement as a Captain.

In 1946 he was named to the faculty at Dana College and Trinity Seminary where he taught Christianity and Practical Theology and served as Chair of Dana's Christianity Department.

Dr. Madsen saw many people from many walks of life. It is easy to see why Dr. Christopherson found him to be an exemplary human being.

Couples Make Commitment

By Joel Robert Morgan
Hermes Editor-In-Chief

Some people spend their whole lives searching for it. Some fall out of it. Some fall into it. Some do both many times. Some only once. Three Dana students, along with thousands of other Americans, believe they have found it. It is love. They are engaged. "It depends on the people. Some hit it off right away," said Becky Johnson, a junior, as she sat cross-legged in her chair. "Nothing can describe the way it feels."

Johnson has been engaged since Thanksgiving and has known her fiancé for five months. She will graduate in 1992 and will be married that summer. Johnson will be engaged for a year and a half.

Is that too long to wait to be married? Kim Farmer doesn't think so. Kim, her hair pulled back in a tight ponytail, was also engaged over Thanksgiving and has been living with her fiancé for a year and a half.

For Farmer, living together—taboo for many—was a must before she was going to make a commitment. "I had to know everything I could," she said,

a smile crossing her face. Farmer said that her boyfriend seemed to change as soon as she moved in. She said, "It helps so much to know these things beforehand."

Unlike Johnson and Farmer, Mark Rothfusz has been engaged for more than a year. Mark, a senior, and his fiancé have not lived together, but have received premarital counseling. When asked about this experience, Rothfusz commented, "It made us very aware of differences we had and some areas we needed to talk about. It was very valuable."

Rothfusz feels that living together should not be taken lightly. "The commitment should be there before a couple moves in together," said Rothfusz, his face the image of sternness.

Rothfusz, Farmer and Johnson are all searching for what seems to be part of the American dream—a lifelong relationship. All agree that making the kind of commitment they are is scary. Every day in America, half of the number of couples that get married get divorced.

Yet, there is a light in Becky Johnson's eye when she says, "You just know when you're in love."

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Can U.S. save the World?

Editor's notes: This editorial was printed in the September 30, 1966 issue of the *Hernia* which was Dana's student newspaper. The article came during the controversial Vietnam War. This article asks some questions that we should be asking ourselves during this time of conflict. The author is unknown.

After several years of involvement, the United States does not seem to see any way out of Viet Nam. The government has poured money and lives into a remote corner of southwest Asia.

Many people in America are in back of the government completely. They seem to think that if we win the war in Viet Nam, we will be winning a large part of the war against Communism. But in winning that war, what is the United States doing to itself?

The fact that hundreds of men are losing their lives seems to be of little concern to many. Oh, no one would admit this, but what other conclusion can be drawn

when the draft keeps calling for more and more men. This lack of concern is sugared over by saying that the greatest thing a man can do is die for his country. The important thing is to die for what one believes in, - peace, freedom, democracy, truth. What about living for what you believe in?

People don't seem to realize that the statistics don't represent numbers that are dead, but men - Americans, Aussies, or Viet Cong... Maybe they don't believe in democracy, but they are human beings. They have mothers, wives, and children just like the sons of Uncle Sam. The truly concerned individual must be concerned about the worth of human life.

Does America have to keep trying to solve the world's problems? Do the best solutions always have to be pleasing to us? Can we say without hesitation that democracy is always right for everyone, no matter what his cultural background? No.

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Calendar of Events
For the week of February 2 - 7

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Saturday

All Day Wrestling, Tri-State Conference at Wm. Jewell College
3:00 p.m. Women's basketball, Doane College, BC
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball, Midland College, BC
9:30 p.m. Dance sponsored by SAB following the basketball game in Borup Coliseum

Sunday

7:00 p.m. Worship service in the chapel, PM 318

Monday

10:00 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Linda Walz; PM 318
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball, Mt. Marty College, BC
7:30 p.m. Blair World of Entertainment Series. "The Make Believe Brass," Lauritzen Theatre, MFAC

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Faculty Business meeting, Blue Room
12:00 p.m. Discussion of Persian Gulf issues, Blue Room

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Chapel, PM 318
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7:30 p.m. Women's basketball, Concordia College, BC

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