



Meeting Begins Amid Controversy

By Dixie Whitlow
Hermes Sports Editor

Looks of discontentment were reflected by many people at the spring 1991 budget meeting of the Student Senate.

The meeting began on a bad note when controversy arose over a new organization. The Resident Assistant Council (RAC) proposed their constitution which would only allow RA's as members. Christa Johnson stated that since this was a student funded organization, all students should be eligible to join this group. Johnson brought up the point that because this organization limits itself to RA's only, the group should not be evoked on campus.

Other senators, many of whom are RA's or former RA's, believe the organization will benefit the students and work to bring education and activities to them. After much discussion, RAC was accepted as an organization.

Another new organization brought a constitution for approval to the senate. AWOL (A Work Of Love) is an organization designed to provide service opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff. All students are eligible to join and will be participating in volunteer work.

The budget part of the meeting then commenced. This also began in discord. Anita Woodward moved that a new budget be presented to the sena-

tors without any proposed cuts made by the executive committee. The motion did not pass and the meeting continued.

As the night wore on, disagreement and frustration continued. Questions over budget items did not cease until the budget was finally accepted. By this time, it was obvious that many guests and senators were upset.

As the meeting ended, Joe Ellis moved to adjourn as he expressed the idea that, "We should keep in mind that while we are here we are senators representing the student body. When we leave we are students just like everyone else."

Since this meeting, much discussion has developed on how the budget meeting process can be improved. However, Lyn Seiser thinks the process works. "I was surprised at the opinionated remarks that were irrelevant, but in the end they didn't seem to make a difference in the votes which makes me believe that the system is working. Senators are making responsible decisions and supporting what they think is best for the campus."

Kelly Wesemann, a new freshmen senator, said, "It was an interesting first meeting, but I am excited to be on the senate." When asked what she thought of the budget meeting Weseman said, "No one is always going to be happy with every budget decision. Almost all senators are in another organization which could lead to biased opinions."

Desert Storm:

Islamic Culture Through A Student's Eyes

By Tammy Hoyer
Hermes Guest Writer

Editors note: Tammy Hoyer was asked to give a perspective on the Islamic culture of Iraq and how that may be affecting the Desert Storm Operation. Any opinions are hers and not those of the Hermes.

To some people, the war in the Persian Gulf seems to be millions of miles away. To others who have loved ones in the Middle East, it is constantly on their minds. It does seem like a long way away, but I have had several experiences during the past six months that make this historical event have a strong impact on my life. I have learned about Islam and the Arab World through my journey to Israel last summer; the course, "The World of Islam," during interim; and various lectures on related topics--including the recent lecture by Imam Alum Lodi: "The War in the Persian Gulf: An Islamic Perspective" at Dana.

While I was in Israel during July and August, I saw first-hand how the Arab-Israeli conflict is a part of daily life. Travel may be restricted along with

shopping in areas due to strikes or stonings.

When I was visiting in Israel, I stayed with my cousins near Jerusalem. He is a professor of the Old Testament and teaches at an institute there. I met many of his Arab and Jewish neighbors. All were very friendly. However, the Middle East is a troubled land. Some may recall that two Jewish boys were found stabbed near Jerusalem last July. This caused a great outrage. Jewish mobs protested these deaths by stoning Arab homes and cars in the area. It was assumed that an Arab was responsible for the deaths of these youngsters. However, Arabs retaliated by throwing stones back at the Jews.

Why is there so much tension between these two groups? Why did the Arab-state of Iraq invade Kuwait? Do all Muslims support Saddam Hussein? How do Muslims view this war in the Persian Gulf? Is it similar to our view?

No one has the answers to these questions and I am not an expert on Judaism, Islam, politics or war strategy. However, through my experiences I have grown to appreciate



Photo by Doug Piper
Pickin' an' a Grinnin': James Anderson makes his own music video with Fun Flicks last Wednesday.

LARP Popular After 30 Years

By Sheila M. Young
Hermes Staff Writer

LARP, the Liberal Arts Reading Program, has been a program for about 30 years. In an interview, Dr. Sybille Bartels said the program has become more distinguished than in the earlier years. She said one way in which the program has become more distinguished is through the opportunity for students to evaluate the selections, professors, and effectiveness of the sessions. The faculty also has the opportunity to evaluate selections, and Dr. Bartels said that a lot of this information is heard as informal feedback at such functions as faculty coffee.

Course evaluations for the fall semester of LARP were very positive this year. The students who participated in the program evaluated such things as reading selection (*The Sound of Waves* and *Anna Karenin*), the success of the discussion group, discussion leaders, and course materials.

All of the students' evaluations were fairly high. The much talked-about *Anna Karenin* was also given a good review.

The program has what is known as the LARP committee. This is a sub-committee of the Academic Affairs Committee, and is made up of students as well as several faculty members. This committee suggests books and then reads many of the suggested texts. Dr. Bartels said the committee usually reads approximately 20 books to narrow the selections down.

Dana students do have input. This semester, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was strongly supported by two student members who are on the committee. These students told the other committee members that they had heard about the book, but never had the chance to actually read it. This was important information, according to Dr. Bartels, for the committee to get personal input from students themselves.

Any students who are interested in being a member of the LARP Committee for next year can contact Dr. Sybille Bartels at 7276.

EAO Asks For Cooperation

By Chris Hough
Hermes Guest Writer

Editors note: This is the premier in a series of articles concerning our environment. Each week an Environmental Awareness Organization (EAO) member will write about a topic concerning our earth. They will attempt to inform you on a variety of issues ranging from global warming to recycling and what the Dana community can do to help.

Recently EAO has concentrated most of its energy into recycling. On Jan. 19, EAO members participated in the Blair recycling drive. EAO is now setting up a recycling program for Dana. Several weeks ago, Trinity Recycling came to the campus to estimate its recycling capabilities and confirmed that it has great possibilities.

EAO has set up bins in all of the resident halls for paper, plastic and aluminum recycling. Bins will also be placed in Rassmusen, Pioneer Memorial, the library and the campus center for paper recycling.

Once a week Trinity Recycling will come and pick up the plastic and paper. EAO will take care of the cans because of their potential profit which will go into the EAO fund. Arrangements are also being made for Trinity Recycling to make a pick up at No Frills supermarket which generates a great deal of plastic per week.

Please help Dana do its part in saving the environment and recycle. If you don't want it, don't waste it.

If you have any questions regarding recycling in your hall contact Dixie Whitlow at 7689.

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Tip of the Week

Avoid plastic containers, especially "squeezeable" ones, which are made up of different types of plastic in several layers and are dramatically non-biodegradable.

the view and beliefs of others, namely Muslims. By studying the basics of their religion and culture I have a broader perspective and better understanding of the Islamic way of life.

Islam means submission to Allah. It is the second largest world religion numbering approximately 900 million members. It is a religion based on orthopraxy, a religion of action or right conduct. This is revealed through the five pillars of Islam. The Shahada (a creed—There is no God but Allah and Mohammad is his prophet), Salat (prayer five times daily), Ramadan (month of fasting), Zakat (alms-giving), and the Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) are acts which show a Muslims devotion to the Islamic way of life. Sharia, religious laws of marriage, divorce, inheritance, and even the charging of interest. The Sharia is both universal and egalitarian.

Although, how does all of this apply to the Persian Gulf War? Hussein has been reported as encouraging his people to fight a jihad, holy war.

The idea of holy war comes from the Quran, Islamic scriptures. "Whose fighteth in the way of Allah, be he slain or be he victorious, on him we shall bestow a vast reward," (Surah

IV). Therefore it is important to fight for Allah. And retaliation is also accepted by Allah according to His revealed word in the Quran. "O ye who believe! Retaliation is prescribed for you... This is an alleviation and a mercy from your Lord," (Surah II). However, it also states "And if they incline to peace, incline thou also to it, and trust in Allah," (Surah VIII). Peace is best if the enemy wishes for it. And Allah is described as forgiving, all knowing, beneficial, merciful, and compassionate.

These concepts support Saddam fighting back at U.S. troops. However he is bombing Israel and being aggressive by invading Kuwait. According to Imam Lodi, the requirements for jihad have not been met and not all Muslims support Saddam. It is not only a war about oil, but about deep-rooted beliefs in an Islamic culture which goes back to the Iran/Iraq war

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NEWS & FEATURE

Traditions Vary From Culture to Culture

By Kirsten Kristensen

Sometimes when people get a little too stressed and frustrated it seems so odd that they actually spend so much time running around buying things which can help use up time. People think they have to buy a new television to escape from everyday life or get more information on catastrophes in better colors, that they must buy a new car to get from place to place more quickly.

Suddenly out of nowhere we have the opportunity of showing people that we care about them. We have the opportunity of dealing with something that really matters, the feast of hearts—Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a beautiful tradition, but just like so many other holidays it almost disappears in gifts, cards and food we have to buy.

In Taiwan they have another calendar and a different Valentine's Day. Chia Chin Lee's article might put a different perspective to the way you think about time and celebrations.

Ndeapo Kandjimi's article speaks for itself, so just kick back and enjoy both articles.

The Seventh Eve Festival

By Chia Chin Lee

The Seventh Eve Festival, Chinese Valentine's Day is on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month.

As legend has it, the cowboy who blows flute and takes care of the cattle and a weave-girl who weaves silk into cloth, fall in love. They work for the Goddess of Great. They date almost every day and then they forget their job. The Goddess of Great is very angry and decides to punish them. She requires the "cranbird" to tell them their punishment; that they will only meet once a month. Unfortunately, the silly bird misunderstands and tell they can meet once a year on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month. On this night the "cranbird" will make a star-bridge that connects the two different places. They can meet on the star-bridge for one night.

The young Chinese couples get together on the night of the seventh eve. They go to worship in the temple and try to find a quiet place. They walk under the moonlight and make a deal of their love forever...for as long as the moon lights or the waters run in the rivers."

The Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year is celebrated Feb. 14. The New Year is the biggest and noisiest celebration, traditionally called the Spring Festival. It is like spring signifying a fresh start every year - out with the old, in with the new. The celebrations last for a full month from the 16th of the 12th lunar month (Jan. 31, 1991), through the 15th day of the first lunar month (March 1, 1991) of the new year (Lantern Festival).

Some people notice that the Chinese celebrate their new year in late Jan. or Feb. and they do not even have a set date because they use the lunar calendar and in the west uses the solar

calendar. Actually, the solar calendar forecast more accurately the change of seasons, and the lunar calendar hold the change of the moon, fair skies and cloudy skies.

Since the theme is one of newness and renewal, everyone buys new clothes which they begin to wear on the first day of the new year. The climax of the celebrations is New Year's Eve, when they have a feast and later light off firecrackers and bottle rockets to welcome the new year. The Chinese give hung-bao (money-filled red envelopes) to friend's relatives and their own children on New Year's Eve. Since the family reunion is the most important facet of new year, it is essential that a family spend New Year's Eve and Day at the home of the husband's or father's parents. Then on the second day of the New Year, the family returns to the home of the wife's or mother's parents.

Chinese eat new year cake on the New Year. It consists of a kind of rice-cake. There are many different kinds of rice-cake, such as meat, red beans, Cantonese carrot, toro, steamed sponge cakes, etc. The fifth day of the new year is believed to be the birthday of God of Fortune. It is said that on this day he brings a bag of fortune to earth to spread around. Business people light off firecrackers to attract his attention when they reopen.

Views From A Foreign Eye

By Ndeapo Kandjimi

It is difficult to know or understand other nation's cultures, but there are some things which cultures have in common. Some people try to learn about other cultures by reading, some try to learn by travel. But they still don't know what the differences are.

Here I want to talk about a difference which I see. I take two

examples: friendship and marriage. Friendship is important in society. At school, we communicate with others because we want to learn about their background and culture, but we don't really come to an understanding. We pass each other instead of talking and changing ideas of walking together.

In some of the African countries people have much interest in friendship with people from other countries. This is what they do: When a foreigner comes to their country or to their village, they spend time talking, asking questions about the visitor's home and trying to make him/her feel happy.

People have miscalculations about other nations. Take Africa and United States, for example. Some people in the United States think that Africa is a poor jungle. And in Africa, some understand that the United States is just like heaven. If you want to know about another culture, you have to disregard race, tribalism, and color. Look at people as equal human beings.

School is a good place to observe segregation and cultural differences. Everyone walks with people of their own culture. When leaving school, you might think that you had talked with people from other cultures but it is not true.

African marriage customs are quite different from Western customs. We have to go through our parents and they will know the background of the man or woman and agree to the marriage. Sometimes you can make your own decision, and it may work out. But if there are problems, parents will find it difficult to help you. On the other hand, if your parents totally disagree, you have to follow their advice and not marry the person of your choice.

But here, it seems, as long as you love each other, it is your choice, it is your own business.

DAVID LEE ROTH - A Little Ain't Enough

Diamond Dave is back in a big way with his third full-length solo CD - and it's got multi-platinum written all over it.

With a revamped lineup, Roth presents his best material yet. Tearing into the fun title track (and first single), Dave barely comes up for air, leading into the infectious "Shoot It" and ZZ Top-ish "Hammerhead Shark." Slowing down just long enough to "Tell The Truth," the Diamond One is back in high gear with the frigid "40 Below" and fast-driving "It's Showtime!"

Roth shows he's more than capable of pulling off a few blues numbers, too, with "The Dogtown Shuffle" and likely single-candidate "Sensible Shoes."

Roth's trademark humor is here, too.



Lines like "...I asked her 'How the hell ya get into those tite blue jeans?'" She said "for starters you can buy me a drink!"..." are proof that he hasn't lost the charm that's

made him so successful. Produced by Bob Rock, A Little Ain't Enough is easily David Lee Roth's strongest effort yet. Already headed for the top of the charts, look for this disc to explode very soon.

Students interested in learning more about careers in business are invited to attend an Alumni Career Panel planned for Wednesday, February 20. The Panel begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Presidents Room of the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

After the panel students will have an opportunity to meet and talk to the panelists over lunch in the Blue Room.

The panelists are: Steve Albertson '80, Production and Music Director at KEFM, Omaha; Bruce Bro '80, Sales Manager at Schaeffer Business Systems, Omaha; Roger Howland '63, President and General Manager of Country Tire Inc. Blair; Irene Inman '85, Customer Service Inquiry Manager at Abbott Bank Card Services, Omaha; and Rod Thompson '65, Vice President and Consultant at Mammel Schropp Swartzbaugh Engler and Jones, Omaha.

Some of the questions panelists will discuss include the following:

- Describe a typical day at your job. What courses and activities at Dana have benefited you the most? What would you have liked to know as a senior that you know now? What are your recommendations for today's college students?
- What was your first job after you graduated from Dana? How did you get it? How important is an advanced degree? Would you recommend going to graduate school immediately after graduating from Dana, going part-time, or waiting?
- What changes have you noticed over the years in the treatment of women in business.
- What do you like most about your job? Least? What skills do you need? What are your future goals?
- What are present and future job opportunities in your area? What are entry-level positions in your organization for a college graduate? What is the application process for getting a job with your organization?

While they are on campus the panelists will also meet with several classes taught by members of the business faculty.

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Calendar of Events

(for the week of Feb. 15 - 21)

Rxhibit in Parnassus: "Discovering the Abstract" through Feb. 28

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:30 p.m. Women's basketball at Midland College	7:30 p.m. Men's basketball, Nebraska Wesleyan University, BC	7:00 p.m. Worship service in the chapel	10:00 a.m. Chapel, Mike Moriarty, Professor of Communication 2:10 p.m. Rev. Mark Granquist, Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minnesota, Parnassus 8:00 p.m. "Geoffrey Chaucer and the Poetry of love's Dreadful Joy" by Greg Sadlek, reception to follow in Parnassus	11:30 a.m. Dr. Dale Simmons, "Is there a Doctor in the House? Spiritual and Physical Healing in the 19th Century", Parnassus 7:30 p.m. Women's basketball at Doane College 8:00 p.m. Tuesday Musical Concert presents Elmar Oliveira, violin, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha	10:00 a.m. Chapel, Linda Walz 7:30 p.m. Men's basketball at Midland College	5:30 p.m. Clep test

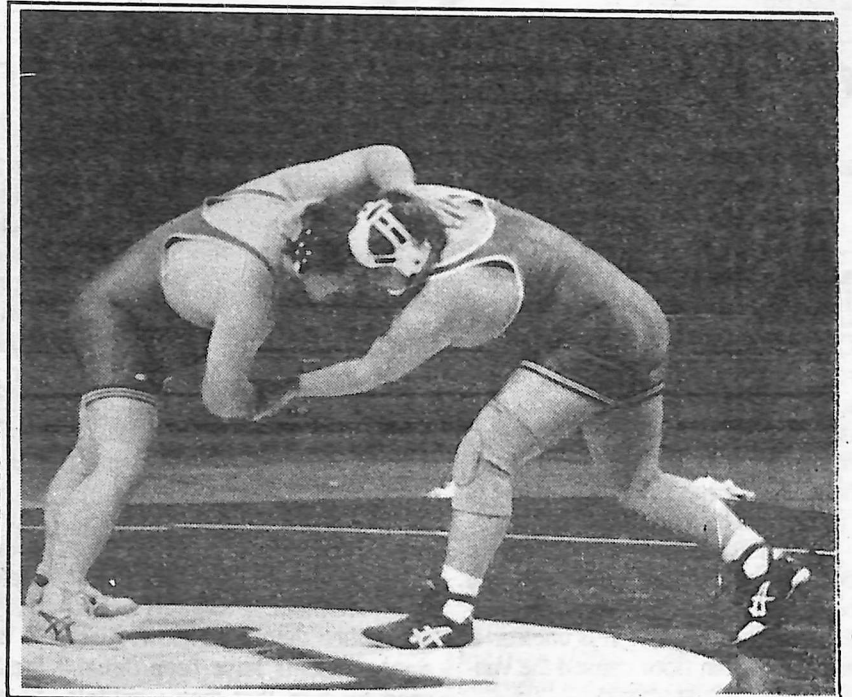
Wrestlers Send Two More To Nationals

By Shad Beam
Hermes Staff Writer

This weekend the Dana wrestlers traveled to Le Mars, Iowa, to participate in the Five State Area Tournament. For all of the senior wrestlers this was their last tournament before nationals at the end of this month. Also this weekend, Dana achieved its season goal of sending five individuals to the national tournament. Troy Greder(142) and Jared Foggin (Hwt) qualified for the tournament this past weekend.

The Dana grapplers were led by Steve Mathis and Scott Stickler. Mathis(178) took another first. Stickler(134) placed second on the day. Stickler lost to the Most Valuable Wrestler of the tournament, Wess Harding of Ft. Hayes State, in the finals. Corey Peatrowsky(118) and Mike Ewalt(126) went through a tough tournament coming up with respective 0-2 tournament records. Stickler brought home a second place finish to end his regular freshman season.

Troy Greder(142) went 1-1 on the day, placing third for the tournament. This placing was high enough for him to qualify for nationals. Jon Rhodes(150), wrestling in a tough class, went 0-2 on the day. Matt



Jared Foggin: Wrapping up his opponent at the Dana Invitational. Foggin qualified for nationals.
Photo by Doug Piper

Mentink(158) went 1-2 on the afternoon. Phil Warner(167) went 2-1 and placed third. Jarad Foggin(Hwt) was the last of the Dana wrestlers to qualify for nationals as he captured third on the day.

The Viking wrestlers finished fourth in the tournament. National qualifiers for the Viking matmen are Mathis, Stickler, Greder, Foggin, and Warner. Nationals are being held in Butte, Mont. at the end of the month.

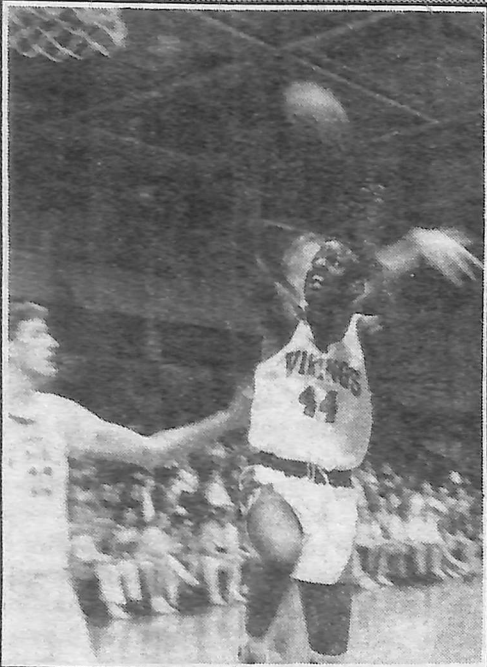


Photo by Lisa Welch

Driving to the Hoop: Scott Gray watches as Terry Breckenridge attempts to score. The Vikings won their third game of the season on Monday against Bellevue College.

European Vacation Becomes A Reality

By Amy Barta
Hermes Staff Writer

During Interim, a group of Dana students accompanied by Professor Jim Olsen toured several European countries. The title of this course was *Encounter With the Classical World*. Professor Olsen says the trip was planned to focus on the part of western cultural heritage that traces from Ancient Greece through the fall of the Roman Empire. Aside from the educational aspect, the trip was designed to be fun for the students. This experience also allowed the students to view all the cities in a contemporary atmosphere.

The tour included stays in four countries. While in Italy the group toured Rome, Florence and Ravenna. The city of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia provided a place for the students to have a few days to recuperate. Athens was visited and the final stop was Istanbul, Turkey.

Part of the challenge on a trip like this is maintaining workable relationships between group members. Olsen said that each student has an independent reaction to everything and then there is a group reaction. "This particular group seemed to compliment each other very well. There were some individuals that were nervous and jittery the whole time, while others remained calm and even tempered throughout the trip," said Olsen.

This was a first-time experience for the majority of the students who went, and for them the trip was a real eye-opener. "Tours of this type are often a

mind-stretching event for students. Many times it leads to the phenomenon of finding one's self. Regardless of experience or personality traits a trip of this nature requires a lot of adjustment from everyone," Olsen said.

Kevin Wass, a sophomore Music Education major, was one of the students who made the journey. Wass cited St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome as one thing that really impressed him. Another factor of the trip that affected him was the condition of the Yugoslavian government. They charged a tax for everything, including leaving the country, in order to finance their government.

Another student who took part in the tour is Roxane Fenton, a freshman International Communications Major. The ruins of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi left a lasting mark on her. This temple was a spiritual experience because it was the Greeks' most holy place. "I got a real feeling of what it would've been like," said Fenton. Aside from historical education, Fenton learned a social lesson, too. She learned not only to get along with, but to have a good time with, a group of people that she otherwise wouldn't have met.

The *Encounter with the Classical World* affected each group member differently. Each individual has their own memories and feelings to share. On Feb. 22, at 2:10 p.m. in Parnassus the group will be hosting a Humanities event to tell about the trip. This will serve as the students' opportunity to share their memories.

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Lady Vikings Grab Quick Win

By Dave Samson
Hermes Sports Writer

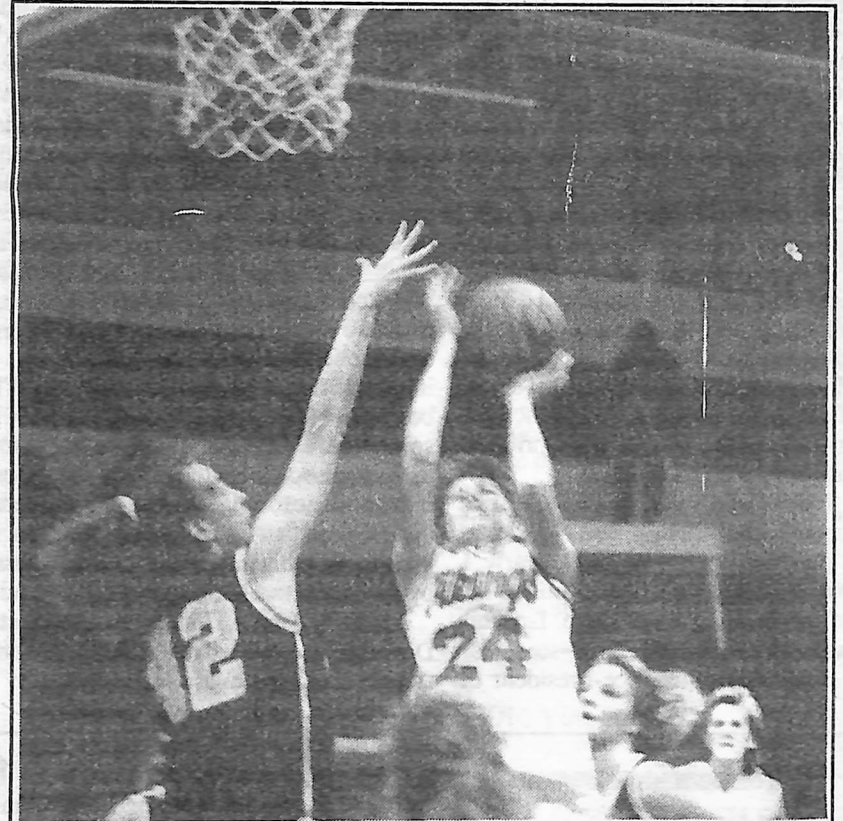
Nebraska Wesleyan, rated in the NCAA Division III in three point percentage, made one serious mistake Tuesday afternoon before the game against the Lady Vikings.

It's one thing that Dana was on a seven game losing streak. But when the other team's coach called and asked to buy the game ball after the game because they would break a record was more than enough for Dana as they went on to embarrass Wesleyan 70-69.

Dana jumped out to a twelve point lead at half time led by Kris Grappendorf, who had 19 of her 25 points in the first half. Wesleyan made a strong effort and came back to tie it with nearly five minutes left. But in the final seconds it was only fitting that Senior Kim Farmer, who was playing her last game at home, stole the outlet pass to seal the victory.

Wesleyan wasn't about to break any three point records with a 2 for 12 effort, and with their main gun shooting merely 0-1 from the field.

Grappendorf was on top of the scor-



Jennifer Edleman: Goes up strong for a shot in a win against Nebraska Wesleyan.
Photo by Doug Piper

ing column with 25 points, six assists, and three steals. Edelman was tough inside with 11 points, 13 rebounds, and five steals. A brutalized Katie Corbitt rounded out the scoring in double figures with 11 points, two

assists and four steals. The Lady Vikings are on the road from here, traveling to Midland on Friday, and Doane on Tuesday. They then conclude the regular season against Wesleyan on Friday.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Communication Gap Leaves Students In Dark

By Hermes Editorial Staff

Many students were given a shock Monday on how much Care & Share money they were to be rewarded for fall semester and Interim. Although any money received is a reward, not a refund, many were frustrated because money was withheld from some floors or buildings for reasons beyond their control.

Third Blair received no reward because of a hole in the wall and because fire extinguishers were exhausted on that floor. It is unclear if anyone on that floor caused the vandalism.

Residents of both Blair and Mikelson had reward withheld because of the damage to the door between the halls--which is thought to be done by a person who doesn't even live on campus.

Second Mikelson, who spent many hours of labor and spirit painting nicknames above their doors, and school-patriotic symbols (vikings, etc), was nearly penalized hundreds of dollars. There was miscommunication between the RA's and Student Services as to the approval for the painting, so it was considered vandalism. Such spirit from men's floors is seldom, so no matter who was to blame, Dana should have rewarded such spirit (many visiting students and parents had great interest and positive comments), not extinguish it. Intensive negotiations by the RA's and a great effort by Darryl Sheldon did in the end give the withheld reward to the floor, with the understanding of cleaning it up. But it wasn't as much the money as the principle of pride in one's floor being crushed.

When is the Student Services office open? On Monday, the office was closed from 10 a.m. until nearly 1 p.m. Students needed to utilize the office, but no one was there. Isn't this what the office is all about--students?

Dan Travaile, Vice-President of

Student Affairs, has very little contact with the students. He talks to representatives of the senate, RA's and people who have violated the law. Most know Dan by a negative image in disciplinary action than passing him in a residential hall and saying "hi".

Keith Hansen, Business Manager, is another who needs more contact with the students. In fact most students don't even know him. Hansen can be thanked for the reason why security is now giving tickets on weekends because of "snow-removal"; even on weekends when there's no snow. Also, some students have been threatened by him that they wouldn't attend the spring semester because of held-up grants beyond the students control--come on Keith, this is a small school, can't we be a little more personal and communicate with the students? If Hansen doesn't know what students needs are, how can he be effective in relating to them.

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The communication between offices in Pioneer Memorial is worse than the federal government, making students travel back and forth between offices only to be sent somewhere else--couldn't they make phone calls for the student, or is this college too big for that? Many of the delays that the administration blames on the students are caused by their own malbureaucracy.

Mark Anderson, Financial Aid Director, is expected to handle the financial aid for every individual

on this campus. If anyone deserves praise, it's Anderson--working late nights and school breaks for us! Is it plausible that this school could hire more help for Anderson, to give him a normal workload?

Has anyone noticed how the hours for the Information Desk get shorter and shorter? Last year it was open to 11:30 pm, now they start shutting down before ten, what's next, nine?

It would be nice, as long as we're talking about hours, to have the library open more on Saturdays, for some who prefer to work then and for students off campus that need that time.

Why isn't the free-will offering that the New Day choir earn put into the Music department, why does go to the General Fund--to dept's that didn't work for it? The people that give this money believe that this money goes to the groups traveling expenses and equipment when in all reality it doesn't.

A final concern is for the image Dana put on for Presidential Scholarship Day. Memos went out to RAs to clean the beer cans out of their recycle-stockpiles in the restrooms, students were forced to shift their schedules that Saturday to cater to the Admissions office, and AFM put on a cuisine spectacular for the prospective students, while ignoring those students that have decided to come here--with sandwiches and crispy-bars (a let-them-eat-cake mentality). Why does Admissions keep them perspective students from those of us that are here. If Dana concentrated on the students that are here they wouldn't have to worry about wooing perspective students with an image.

This editorial by the Staff is meant to be constructive criticism and should be taken as such. We hope that those in positions to rectify these concerns will take positive actions in doing so. But take heed that there are many frustrated students across the campus, and some second Mikelson boys who lost their home, and now live in a simple dorm with a crushed moral.

Faculty Commentary

Dear Editor,

Many things disturb me about the war in the Holy Lands, but one of the most troublesome to me is the widespread "Support the Troops" movement. I find the popular statement, "I don't support the war but I do support the troops," to be intellectually and morally indefensible.

I understand the concern for the well being of a loved one in a battle zone, but that does not translate into, "support the troops." I can fear for the life and safety of an individual without supporting the motives and machinery that put her in danger. To support the "troops," requires me to support the military as a unit, as a whole; and that includes supporting the actions of the military and its leaders.

Let us never confuse the person and the organization. That is exactly what President Bush and the entire war-oil lobby is hoping will continue to happen. These forces are cleverly manipulating the, "support the troops," sentiment into a support for the entire war effort. Many well meaning people are naively falling into their trap.

I am asking that a subtle, but crucial distinction be made between the unit and the whole. Certainly those of us in academia should be capable of making such a distinction.

Let us continue to show our loved ones concern, pray for them and care for them in every way possible. But by doing so let us not allow ourselves to appear to support incorrect decisions and actions.

Sincerely,

Sieghard E. Krueger

Assistant Professor of Communication and theater Arts

Recent poetry readings at the Writer's Conference held February 14-15.

With his boots on the dash, Foster appears to be sleeping until he say's "Where are we?"

NEBRASKA.

"Nebraska?"

Nebraska.

"Yeah, but where in Nebraska?"

I don't know,

I thought "Nebraska" would be close enough.

"You have to get back on the main road," he says and takes his own advice, going back to sleep.

-Ron Block

Letters to the Editor

The following letters were submitted by students to the *Hermes*

When I started my sudden quest for a higher education a few years ago, I felt an intense fear that I would never be able to measure up to the standards of an educated population. That fear was kept in line by my desire and determination to become a member of the educated population of this country.

In the course of my education at Dana, I have at many times experienced great pride in the fact that I am a part of such an astute and aware segment of society. Coming from an uneducated background, I am especially appreciative of the opportunity to see educated people shine. Because of this fact, I have never hesitated to boast about Dana College and its people.

Six months ago I became the manager of the Omaha Village apartments. Sadly, I must admit that the job has forced me to see another, less desirable, side of the educated population.

Since the first day I took this job I have been working to counteract a reckless disregard for the rules, reputation and environment here at Omaha Village.

The issue I am speaking of is the careless and excessive littering that has been a part of Omaha Village since I can remember.

As manager, I do my best to compensate for the lack of pride and consideration exhibited here. Last Sunday I hired my seven year old son and a nine year old resident to pick up the trash from our yard. They collected four and a half garbage bags of educated people's trash. My son looked up at me as he picked cigarette butts off the ground and said, "Why do people throw their trash in our yard? They must just want to destroy our environment."

'Out of the mouths of babes.' A first grade education is enough to tell us that we should care more than this, but a college educated society has not yet figured it out.

Something must be done about this. After all, if we as educated people conduct ourselves in this manner, then how do we expect the uneducated segment of society to act.

Joetta L. Pitt

Dear Editor,

I recently gave a campus tour by accident because a senior in high school thought she would look at Dana on her way home from visiting Midland College. After giving her a tour, she asked me a couple of questions concerning the social life at Dana. The most interesting question she asked me was, "Is Dana a suitcase college? And if so, are we as an institution trying to change this?"

Many have complained about the "lack of nothing to do on the weekends." It seems as though those people who complain the most, also are the ones who do the least on this campus. College is a place for the mind to delve into creative thinking. If something is not planned in detail, then students will say there is nothing to do. High school was a place for planned activities. College is the place for people to make their own fun, without their parents approval. Before you whine, try to think of something creative to do first.

Signed,
A frustrated student

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