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Poets Present Work And Give Advice At Conference

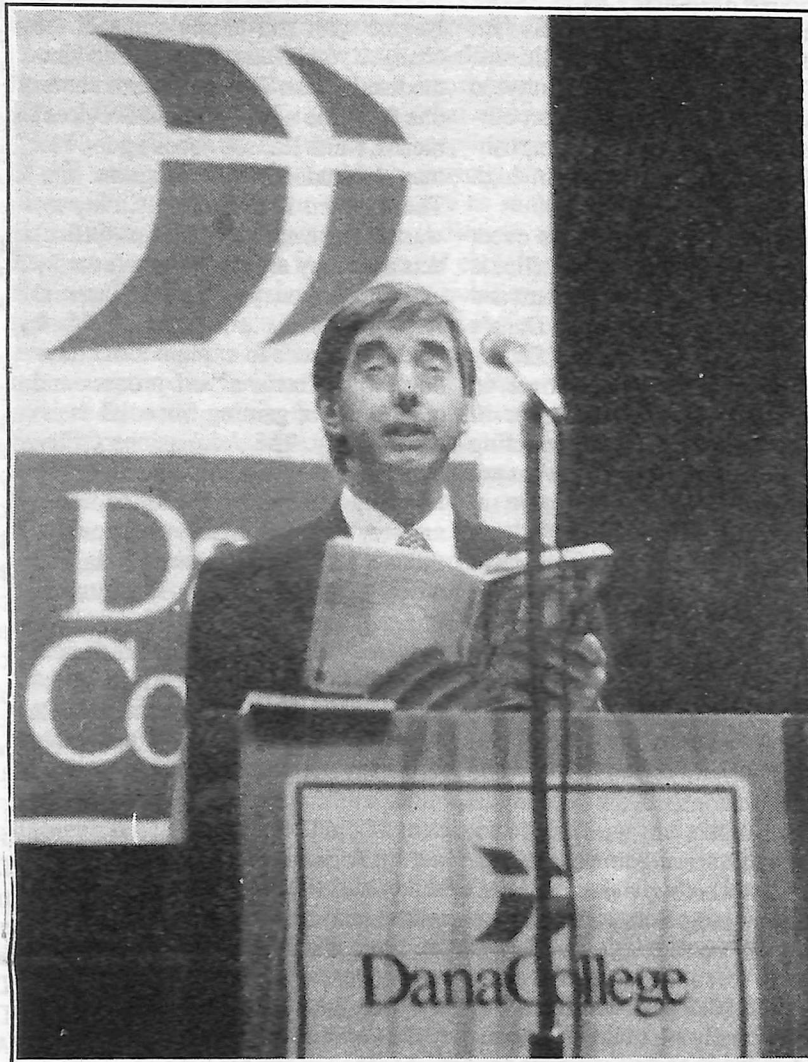
By Shelia M. Young
Hermes Staff Writer

Dana's new organization, The Writer's Project, hosted seven poets for a Writers Conference on Feb. 14-15.

The Conference began at 10 a.m. on Valentine's Day with a poetry reading by Ron Block. Block's poetry has appeared in the "Prairie Schooner", "New Letters", "Iowa Review", "Epoch", and an anthology, *Strong Measures: Contemporary Poetry in Traditional Forms*. His volume of poetry *Dismal River* was on sale at the Con-

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— Ron Block



Desmond Egan: "Ireland's 'greatest modern poet'."

Photo by Doug Piper

Artifacts were both on sale at the conference.

"Poetry chose us."

— Cynthia Pederson

The next poetry reading was at 10:30 a.m. by Huesgen, who has twice received the Thomas McGrath Poetry Award sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. Huesgen has had her poetry published in literary magazines such as "North Dakota Quarterly", "Great River Review", and "South Dakota Review". A forthcoming anthology, *Only Morning in Her Shoes*, has accepted some of her work.

The last poetry reading was given at 11 a.m. by Robert Coleman. Coleman lived as a Peace Corps volunteer in India and now works for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. His poetry has been published in "Riverfront", "Annex 22", and "Laurus".

At 1 p.m. the poets (with the exception of Egan and Block) gave another panel discussion. The topic was "How to Get Published" and the moderators were Dana students Kristi Olsen and Pete Svendgard. The panel members gave many insightful tips on the best way to go about getting published.

The conference came to a close with a combined reading at 3:30 with Pederson, Daniels, Huesgen, and Coleman.

Students and faculty who helped with the Conference were: Dr. Kathleen Collins, Dr. Ben Collins, Lisa Campbell, Sheila Young, Tara Wassman, Prof. Krueger, Thom Morrow, Kristi Olsen, Jeff Tebbe, Pete Svendgard, Derek Spear, Becky Porter, and Veejay Veerappan.

The funds for this conference were received from Student Senate and the Special Events Fund.

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At 11 a.m. there was a poetry reading by Dr. Michael Sundermeier, who has published poetry and criticism in various journals and has co-edited a book of criticism. Dr. Sundermeier has participated in readings and conferences in the U.S. and Ireland. He is currently a professor of English at Creighton University where he serves as English Department Chair.

A panel discussion on "Sources of Inspiration" was held at 1:00 p.m. The panel members were: Cynthia Pederson, Celia Daniels, Ron Block, Jan Huesgen, and Robert Coleman. Dr. Kathleen Collins was the panel moderator. When asked what inspired the poets in their writing, Block responded, "Lately, the war seems to

intrude into every poem I write. I don't know whether that's good or bad, but it seems to be there." When asked why they chose to write poetry, the panel seemed to agree with Pederson's comment, "Poetry chose us."

The same poets took part in a shared reading at 3:30.

Desmond Egan, who has been called Ireland's "greatest modern poet", presented at 7 p.m. His poetry of many topics caught the attention of the audience and held it to the end of the reading. Egan's last poetry reading concerned the death of his father. For this poem he asked Dr. Collins and Dr. Sundermeier to help.

Friday's first reading was shared by two sisters: Pederson and Daniels. Pederson's book reviews and poems have appeared in a number of journals, including "Kansas Quarterly", "North Dakota Quarterly", "Cottonwood, Earth's Daughters", "Farmer's Market", and "Great River Review". Daniels' poetry has also appeared in many journals including "Anthropology and Humanism Quarterly", "Inscape", "Plainswoman", "Son River Quarterly", "Midwest Quarterly", and "Kansas Quarterly". She is now directing the education program at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kansas. Pederson's *Spoken Across A Distance* and Daniels'

War, Homosexuality, and Heterosexism

By Coleen Lennemann
Hermes Staff Writer

Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung will be the guest speaker for the Staley Foundation Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series being held at Dana on Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 25-27.

Jung is the visiting Associate Professor of Social Ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

"When is War Justifiable?" will be the topic on Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Doctor's Auditorium on the first level of the C.A. Dana Hall of Science.

"Homosexuality: A Review of the Moral Positions," is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. also in the Doctor's Auditorium.

"Heterosexism: Can it be Justified?" will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Chapel with Dr. Jung as the regular morning speaker.

All lectures in the series are open to the public with no charge. Opportunity for fellowship and informal discussion will be provided at a coffee hour following each presentation.

The Staley Lecture Series at Dana College is made possible through a grant from the Thomas F. Staley Foundation.

CD Review:

Trixter Right behind Bon Jovi

By Jon Rademacher

All CD's reviewed by Shaker can be heard on KDCV 91.1 FM.

If there's one band that puts the fun back in rock 'n roll, it's Trixter. Hot on the heels of fellow New Jersey rockers Bon Jovi and Skid Row, Trixter's self-titled debut CD is exactly that - fun.

Not overpowering but definitely not wimp-rock, these four youngsters (all are under 21) play their way through 12 tracks that show there are big things in store for this band. With "Line of Fire" and "Heart of Steel" getting the blood flowing, catchy first single "Give It To Me Good" and "Only Young Once" keep the foot-tapping action moving and don't let go. The mandatory ballad is here, too, with "Surrender," a strong effort that radio will likely jump on in a few months' time.

With single #2, the equally-solid "One In A Million," currently climbing the charts, Trixter is well on its way to rock 'n roll success.

[Shaker's rating: 3.5 ears]

Extinction: Numbers Climb Over The Years

By Shelley Edwards
for EAO

An extinct species: not existing now; something that has ended or died out; gone, vanished. The fact or condition of being extinguished; annihilation.

The rate of animal extinction during the last three centuries has escalated to several hundred times its previous rate and that rate will likely increase in the next century. Why? -For progress? Man's dominion over the earth is great and his capacity and potential for destruction is unlimited. Between 1680 and 1980 nearly 300 species became extinct. One of those 300 species is the wolf.

People who have never seen a wolf picture them as bigger than they are, as the villain who ate little red riding hood, or the werewolves of folklore. The truth is that wolves are largely victims of the growth of livestock grazing and deliberate United States government predator extirpation campaign. The campaign ended, but the killing continued. As man began to "tame" the land by bringing domesticated animals to it. The wolves would prey on these new sources of food and in turn men would kill them to secure their economic interests.

Problems for the wolf were just beginning. Bounty hunters would kill wolves for money, trappers for their pelts, scientists for data, and big game hunters for a trophy to show off in their sitting rooms. Many people didn't find fault with these practices, yet as a species the wolf was literally dying fast. In the past 75 years, seven of the wolf's subspecies have been exterminated. Beautiful and mysterious creatures gone-forever.

Only the mountain has lived long enough to listen objectively to the howl of the wolf. Wild untamed music that echoes from the hillsides and fills the valleys.

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Time For Construction

By Joel Robert Morgan

Hermes Editor-in-Chief

A week has passed since a controversial editorial was published in *Hermes*. This editorial has generated much discussion and response in the form of letters to the editor. This issue of *Hermes* is dedicated to the people who have taken time to write and express their opinion. The paper is designed to be an open forum for students and staff to express their opinions on subjects from abortion to how money is spent at Dana. In the last two years however, *Hermes* has not received such an outpouring of

letters. Personally, I am excited about the future for the paper and for the campus.

Last week's controversial editorial threw a cherry bomb into Pandora's Box. It is now time for students, faculty and administration to clear away the rubble, define the problems facing us as a community and work together for solutions. I, along with my fellow editors, will be personally communicating with the Campus Life Committee to help define problems and work for solutions. I urge every student who wrote a letter to get involved and help work for a stronger community. We are here for you.

Dear Editor,

After allowing myself sufficient opportunity to re-read the article several times, wondering each time why anyone would deliberately write an article as inaccurate as this one, it was my conclusion that the author(s) was simply suffering from a severe case of frustration. What I observed seemed typical of actions that often occur when frustration is not dealt with properly—striking out at whatever is most convenient, hoping that perhaps someone will pay attention. It's somewhat like the person in a residence hall who elects to crank his/her stereo up to ear-blasting level, not because he/she really likes to listen to the music that loud, but rather because this in one way the person can say, "Hey! Will someone please notice me? I may be obnoxious, but I need some attention".

Well, I'm responding to whomever wrote that article, be it one person or a group of people. You have my attention. Tell me what's on your mind. Talk to me. I'm willing to listen to what you have to say.

But I would also like to add that I, too, am frustrated. I am frustrated with having to regularly deal with situations in which people not bothered to inform themselves adequately. I am frustrated with those who make rash, inaccurate, self-serving statements at the expense of others. Communication is to be a two-way proposition. It is most effective if those involved are either well informed, or are sincerely seeking to gather information that will help them know and understand each other better. If you (the author/authors) truly want to help bridge the "communication gap" then do your part by asking questions before you begin to put things into print for all to read.

You could begin by actually asking Darryl Shelton about the Care and Share program. I believe he requested that an article about CASH be placed in the *Hermes* a couple of weeks ago. I happen to know that he is very interested in finding ways to share information about the program.

If you are really interested in knowing why the Student Services Office was closed for three hours on Feb. 11 (one of the two hundred and fifty days it's open each year), I'd be happy to explain. I'd also be interested in knowing from you if the real issue was that a specific service was being sought at that time, or was it just use of the copy machine located in our office? You know, of course, that there are three other copy machines on campus.

I know Pat Mallory would welcome the opportunity to help you understand why overnight parking on Dana Drive has been prohibited since the start of the school year, and what he is doing to try and make that system better. It would also be a good chance for you to learn that Keith Hansen has nothing to do with parking, so you don't have to attack him on that subject any more.

Esther Gunderson would be pleased to explain how much activity really takes place at the Information Desk/Switchboard during the evening hours, and why that service has been reduced. And I know Ruth Rassmussen has worked very hard to gather some facts about how much the library services are actually utilized by Dana students, and how much money is already being invested in the current level of service.

If you truly believe the offering taken during the Sights and Sounds concert is being misapplied, it seems as though it would certainly be for various academic programs actually takes place. I'll bet Dr. O'Connor could help you out immensely, if you were really interested in knowing the facts.

Are you really concerned about Presidential Scholarship Day? I know John Schueth, Director of Admissions, would welcome a telephone call or visit from you. Specific ideas for improvement are always sought.

Believe it or not, I also share your frustration with the fact that I don't get to know students on a more personal level. I'd love to talk to you about the things that I am doing to try to combat that problem. It probably won't be material for another sensational and controversial newspaper article, but you might just learn a little more about me and my position. I am open to specific suggestions from anyone regarding how contact between me and the student body could be improved.

The offering of constructive criticism is based on the premise that one has some knowledge, information, experience, etc., worth sharing. Contrary to what the author(s) of the Feb. 15 article may have intended, there was virtually nothing constructive about the comments made, except perhaps for the well-deserved compliment offered to Mark Anderson. Everyone else suffered unnecessarily. People were harmed in ways that will never be repaired.

In the future, I hope that the writing of an "editorial and opinion" article will be preceded by a reasonable attempt to ascertain the facts. Without such precautions, the communication gap this most recent article was purporting to bridge will only be widened further.

Dan Travaille

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude for the contributions of Dana's students, faculty and staff to our recent Presidential Scholarship and Melchior Voice Competitions. The Presidential and Melchior Competitions were held on Saturday, Feb. 9, and a make up competition took place on Thursday, Feb. 14. Altogether, 96 high school seniors and over 130 parents visited campus to participate in these two events.

Although the primary focus for our student quests on these two days involved scholarship competitions, Dana also took the opportunity to celebrate the academic, extra-curricular and leadership accomplishments they have achieved in high school.

The goal of every campus event sponsored by the admissions office is to encourage prospective students and parents to communicate with Dana's most important resources: our faculty and current students. With over 45 Dana faculty and staff and over 40 Dana students personally contributing to these two events, my office cannot help but declare both days to be resounding successes.

Finally, I want to thank the resident Dana students for adjusting their Saturday, Feb. 9 lunch schedule to help AFM accommodate to our large group. Whenever we experience a large number of campus quests on a single day, we ask AFM to provide a separate buffet line so that the group can be served in the most expeditious manner. (That is why we often do not use the same serving line as our current students on big visitation days.) In addition, I regret that on such days as Feb. 9, the cafeteria isn't large enough to seat all of our quests along with current students—and that is why we occasionally ask students to adjust their lunch schedule for us. Indeed your flexibility has been tremendous!

In summary, we thank the entire

Dana College community for helping us make the Presidential and Melchior events so successful; and I hope that you will continue your support and your patience for future admissions events!

John Schueth
Admissions Director

I would just like to express my gratitude and thanks for last week's editorial on the conditions here at Dana. It seems as if you were reading my mind. I agree with you totally and feel the changes you discussed are needed immediately. Dan Travaille needs someone to define what "Student Services" means, Keith Hansen needs a good PR-man so students can recognize him. The problem I see is insensitivity towards students. The Business (Office) acts as if they are doing us a favor by taking our money. Though Financial Aid (Office) is understaffed Mark Anderson needs to explain more thoroughly the financial aid process and other ways of gaining financial assistance if any. The Admissions Office must find new ways to even out the minority male to female ratios which are very poor. Dana has many positive things Mr. Travalle, Pastor Linda, and others to get upset over students expressing their concerns, at a school they are paying for, is childish and much like a dictatorship. These problems should be addressed and dealt with. Those criticized should take this as positive criticism and deal with it as such. Until changes are made we students should keep speaking out, standing up for what is right, and fight to make our school a better place, no matter who stands in our way. United we stand, divided we fall.

Finally, thank you second Mike for showing the kind of school spirit that makes college fun. Keep up with the fight *Hermes*, we are with you.

Patrick Sanders

Dear Editor,

I am responding to the editorial in the last issue of the *Hermes*. I thought it was an excellent start to pointing out the problems this campus has and, as the editorial states, should be taken as constructive criticism.

I would like to take the time to address an issue that was brought up-school spirit. I agree completely with the editor and think that anything that promotes spirit should be encouraged, not penalized. On campus activities are generally only of marginal interest. A person can only go to so many dances with the same music again and again. I point out that one of the main reasons that anyone showed up for the Valentine Suitcase Dance at all was that they were bribed with a trip to Florida. People are generally creative and should be allowed to utilize this creativity when planning events and floor activities, decorations, etc.

The other issue I'd like to mention is retention. There is a lot of ill feelings on this campus when the prospective students have special meals served to the exclusion of the students who are already going here. Speaking of food... has anyone else noticed that AFM serves better (edible?) food when there are visiting important people, the Board of Regents, a recruiting drive, or other major events on campus? My overall complaint is that people who already go here are treated like second class citizens while the administration wonders why the retention rate is so low. My high school had a motto -Dux Esto- Be a Leader. Perhaps it is time for some of the "followers" that go to Dana to take a leadership role. It is time to face up to reality and begin challenging the problems and changing the elements that bring down the Dana community. THE "DANA DIFFERENCE" SHOULD NOT BE APATHY.

Bradley Volcek

Second Mickelson Response

Dear Editor,

I really have to agree with the editorial printed in the Feb. 15 edition of the *Hermes*. It is strange to see how fast the red rug is rolled out to visiting people, and how things are actually are when no one is visiting. The school is transformed into a nice, exciting place to live on the days that Dana is expecting visitors. Little do the outsiders realize how unexciting it is to return to the dorms after and between classes. The halls seem to much like institutions in themselves. This place doesn't even seem like home although we do spend nine months out of the year at college. A personal touch should be allowed if the residents want to take the time and effort to show their school spirit. Are we allowed to be comfortable at this college? I've noticed that people who do not feel at home tend to be more stressed out. How can anyone relax in a place where they feel like they are just visitors and have not been asked to stay? No wonder everyone leaves on the weekend. I don't like to stay in places where I don't feel comfortable. Let's get something going here that will actually make the residents want to stay.

Scott Gregory

I agree with the statements in the article in the Feb. 15 *Hermes*. I think the point that effected me the most was the choice of meals for the Presidential Scholarship day. They did have basic food for us and gourmet, fine dining for the prospective students.

Dana Kloth

Since I am a new student at Dana, I thought that the names above the doors on second Mickelson looked good. It showed some spirit. I am afraid that any other school or floor spirit will be dealt with harsher or more extreme methods. Should we have nice white clean walls, or should we have pride for Dana. I

guess Student Services have made there policies known.

Ed Basler

My feelings on last weeks editorial is that it was necessary for everyone to know the student's viewpoint. I still can't understand why the paint on second Mickelson had to be removed.

We had promised all concerned persons that it would be removed at the end of the year, at our expense.

Where I come from, verbal permission is as good as written permission. We were given verbal permission to decorate our floor! I also feel some administrators should remember who provides the funds for their salaries and why they have a job, THE STUDENTS!

Chis Ulven

I want to applaud you for an article well written. The article described what happens to me, a student, when I have to go to the business office. I have longed to see an article that clearly tells what is going on and this stuff that the campus wants people to think.

I have an idea of what they served to the Presidential Scholarship people, roast beef and other fine food items that current students only see when off campus. What right does the campus have for making people stay and show them around like they are gods.

I also felt like my home was taken away on second Mickelson.

Gabriel Mouse

I must agree with most all of the points mentioned in the editorial article of last weeks *Hermes*. There are plenty of things in this school that need to be changed. Many that weren't even mentioned in the article. Campus life is one of the big needs that should be dealt with. I am 100 percent behind the *Hermes* staff in their commentary about the school.

Jens Als

I felt that the paintings on our floor gave us an identity. Then they stripped it away from us and wouldn't give us our money. That was a rip-off. The administration of this school needs to get their act together.

Bryan Dirks

As a second Mickelson resident and a Dana College student, I agree very much with the article in the last issue of the *Hermes*. I would also like the administration to tell the students where the money from the general fund is going and if nothing wrong is happening to the money then they shouldn't have any problem telling us. I have talked to other students who have done some research and talked to faculty and were told flat out to back off. So, Dana, if nothing wrong is going on then tell us where the money goes.

As a Dana student I am very proud to go here, but I am tired of them thinking more of what the administration wants than what the students think. I will be the first to admit that their are a few administrators who are genuinely concerned with the students but most aren't.

Brad Hopp

One thing that made me upset was that we, on second Mickelson, spent a lot of time and pride in painting our hall. We thought that by painting our wall it would make it look more like a home and show how much pride we have in Dana. When we heard we were getting fined for it, we were very angry. Not about losing the money, but that we had to clean it off. Now that all of it is cleaned off it looks empty. I thought showing school spirit was encouraged, but maybe I was wrong. The things that we painted on the walls was in school spirit, nothing dirty. I am really upset that all our hard work was looked down on.

Chad Steele

Politoonist Decides to Take Time Off

By Matt Plowman

Hermes Politoonist

Last week, Joel Morgan and I sat down together and were voicing our concern about particular issues on campus. We came up with the idea of a joint-editorial in which we could both interwind our views and concerns into one voice, that we attempted. We had the editorial staff read it and they agreed—hence the collective staff opinion. It wasn't meant to hide anyone, I think everyone knows who writes the editorials.

We wrote the editorial as any other, figuring a few would read it, most would skim it—if that. We agreed that we were going to write it without any research, as the view from the average student—so those concerned could see what the average student sees. Of course we were ill-informed, hence the title "Communication Gap Leaves Students in the Dark". This was not a report, thus no research, but an editorial on what the average student feels. We wrote it with the amount of information and observation that is sent to the students.

My reasoning was that there are two ways to bring issues to light that are hidden deep in a forest of miscommunication, either go in and find them, taking the time to understand and track them down (which I felt the average student doesn't have time for) or fire wildly with the information we had and hope the issues would come out on their own—what we didn't figure on was when coming out they'd charge at us.

It's funny how controversial editorials are written on subjects from abortion to taxes to war—with people dying—yet not a peep from students, faculty, or administration; but an article expressing an average, possibly ill-informed view of campus policies brought on waves of controversy and flame.

The critics that were inflamed about our misinformation or couldn't understand our frustration should only take that as a sign as to what the average student sees—and should go

about educating the students as to the 'whys' and 'hows' of Dana policy. Many who are in the dept's we criticized and in other organizations were angered by our lack of inquiry, Morgan and I felt that it was their responsibility to inform us as students and not the *Hermes'* task to; the burden of informing the students on departmental policy and reasoning rests with the administration not to student inquiry. Some said that communication is a two way street, this is true, however neither the students nor the administration had a car on the road.

Some didn't like the negative tone of the editorial, I think they'd be pleasantly surprised at our conservatism compared to a majority of the students—and that is who we tried to represent. If it lacked understanding, tact or real solution, it's because the average student lacks understanding, tact or real solution when walking around discussing these issues. As for the word "constructive criticism", that I am responsible for. Maybe I was wrong in using it, but I hoped that the construction was in the building of an understanding of the students' level of information and the hopes of building better communication. As for any solutions, the best I can give is an annual "town meeting" in which every dept. is represented with the President, where the students can voice concerns and the administration can answer them in direct communication.

Some critics said we were contradictory in the editorial—this is true, when more than one person writes on emotions and concerns, there's bound to be variance in opinion. Morgan and I agreed that if we were to receive any heat from critics that we would arrange a meeting with them where both of us could state our intention—however this never worked as people singled us out, and we were in the awkward position of defending each other's views and taking a lot of heat for them.

Some asked why we didn't include the good things that Dana accomplishes. The reason is room and purpose. The purpose of the article was

to address frustrations, let the administration know how most students see things, and attack the lack of communication that plagues this campus. As for room, quite frankly if we had to list Dana's good qualities it would fill not an article but a newspaper—and maybe we should sometime. I wouldn't be here if I didn't love going to school here.

I apologize for any frustration we gave to our critics, though we as students can sympathize with that frustration. We knew from the start that writing from the student's perception wouldn't be infallible, and if anyone was angered, it was because we as students were angered. I am, however, very pleased with the letters of explanation and other needed information from the administration coming in—this in a sense is what we were crying out for as students. Our editorial was a frustrated question and attack on miscommunication, now I'll yield to the real and correct answers. We flushed them from the forest, now judge them in the light.

I must say I was shocked by the response, and maybe I shouldn't have, but I feel depressed as a student writing his view—however noninformed by the school. I don't think I'll write again about controversial campus subjects though, I think I'll stick to safe issues like abortion, taxes, environment, and war—with all its death—the issues that no one cares about. I would like to say, however, that I'm taking a break from editorials and please excuse the discontinuation of "Politoons". I apologize and thank you.

Dear Editor,

While I agree that there is often times a need for "constructive criticism," I am having a hard time figuring out what you feel is actually constructive about this article. I can agree with some of the points you brought up in the article, but quite honestly, they are buried beneath three columns of inaccurate and unnecessary attacks against Dana.

Your attack against Student Services is totally unjustified. If you would have inquired why the office was closed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 11, you would have found out that it was due to an emergency. You addressed this as if it were a recurring problem. Does something this insignificant need to be addressed with such a negative attitude.

Equally unjustified were your attacks on Keith Hansen. He had absolutely nothing to do with the seemingly devastating "snow removal" parking policy. By not allowing us to park there on weekends when there is snow, we students are not being denied a right. We have been privileged all year by not receiving tickets on weekends. The original parking policy was no parking from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week. It was then changed so we could not park there from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week. Never were we informed that we could actually park there on weekends. We were given a break every weekend. By the way, no one has received a ticket on a weekend when there was not snow. I'd like to thank the person who gave us a break.

Can you not think of anything better to do than rip on Dan Travaille. All you managed to do was uncover an old concern of students here at Dana. You stated that he speaks only to "representatives of the senate, R.A.'s and people who have violated the law," and has "very little contact with the students." I challenge you to spend a few hours in Student Services some day and count the number of people Travaille talks to for other reasons than just disciplinary, R.A., or senate matters. You seemed to feel that "most know Dan by a negative image in disci-

Dear Editor,

First of all, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the *Hermes* staff for taking a bold stand on issues that need to be addressed. However we do not totally agree or disagree with all of the issues presented.

We felt it is very unfortunate that school spirit and floor unity have been "stripped" from second Mickelson. It is unusual to see that kind of school spirit and unity displayed by any floor; male or female. It should be applauded and possibly encouraged.

Students versus administration seems to be a major concern facing Dana. For example, The treatment of students by the Business Office. I have personally been treated very rudely by a Business Office staff member. I had gone to the office concerning my tuition payment. The staff member simply showed me the amount due and stared at me. "So what do you want to do about it?" she said. I was given no options of payment plans. Isn't that part of their responsibility to inform students of all payment options available?

The treatment of the present student body versus the prospective students is another point of contention. During one of the days attempting to draw students to Dana, the prospective students were served essentially a banquet. Meanwhile, present students were shoved off into a corner to eat sandwiches and chips. We were treated as if we were not important and needed to be hidden from our red carpeted guests. Is it not true that we have already payed our dues for food service?

One of the faculty members has stated that Dana needs to be "student friendly." This statement implies that staff and faculty are here because of the student body. If it were not for the students, Dana would not exist.

Seeing the needs of students and meeting them is a difficult process. However, the first step is admitting that we do have problems. Stating these concerns is only the beginning of a long process to make Dana a "student friendly" campus.

Please take this letter to heart. We as students, have the right to voice our opinions, something more students need to do. The administration needs to know what our concerns are, and what we would like to see changed, so that changes can be considered and implemented.

Lisa Mellgren and Heidi M. Hahn

plinary action," and we (students) never pass him in the residence halls and say "hi." That image is due to years of unjustifiable attacks like the one published last week. Do you honestly think Travaille has time to walk through the residence halls and just chat with people. He does take time out to chat with students in the campus center, but you seemed to overlook this when attacking his lack of contact with students.

Your comments about second Mickelsen were ridiculous. Before the painting went on the walls, the floor was asked to submit plans for approval. This was never done. The floor just went ahead and painted anything they wanted. It was only intended to be decoration for Homecoming in the first place. Even had it been approved, it most likely would have been with the stipulations that it be removed after Homecoming. If second Mickelson wants to decorate their floor, all they have to do is go through the procedures like every other floor, and get it approved.

When speaking of the offices in Pioneer Memorial, you stated, "couldn't they make phone calls for the student, or is this college to big for that?" Are we to lazy that we can't walk and take care of our own business, or is this campus to big for that? It doesn't matter if there are 400 students or 40,000. They can't take time out to call all over campus for us, and by criticizing them in this manner you have certainly not made

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to last week's letter in the *Hermes*. Since I'm a nontraditional student, not living on campus, I don't have the same complaints as other students.

I do agree that Mark Anderson needs help in the Financial Aid Office. Why should he take so much flack from the students when he's trying to do a job that requires at least two people.

Another area I would like to address is the Business Office. I have always learned that people are to be treated as intelligent worthwhile human beings who are capable of making decisions. The people in the Business Office, in my opinion, have yet to learn that. I always come away from there feeling like some lower class citizen. They may not want to be there but is being friendly too much to ask?

As far as the student body goes, we need to join together and put forth all of our efforts towards the changes we want. I hear a lot of students complaining, but only a few are willing to organize and tackle the problem. Come on students and get together! We are intelligent human beings who can change things if we try.

Shirley Hansen

I am shocked at the reaction of some of the college administration and staff concerning the article written in the *Hermes* in last week's issue. From what I have heard, it was not met with great enthusiasm by several of the administrators and that the members of the newspaper staff have possibly been reprimanded due to the article.

This greatly disturbs me. After all, it is a student newspaper and the opinions in it are student concerns. Part of the function of the newspaper is to provide students and staff a medium through which to voice their opinions. All such articles should be viewed by other readers as exactly that, opinions to be thought about and either disregarded or acted upon.

The administration should be asking themselves if some of the concerns forwarded by the article are justified. Along with what can be done about them, instead of getting angry at the students that had every right to voice opinions.

Jennifer McCoy

them interested in making any exceptions. Mark Anderson is not the only person on this campus with lots of work.

You misled the campus when you spoke of the notes the R.A.'s received asking them to "clean the beer cans out of their recycle-stock-piles in the restrooms." Its as if they got a note, and all it said was, "Attention all R. A.'s; We're having prospective students on campus this weekend, so throw away all your beer cans." The intention of the note was for the R.A.'s to try and make the floors look nice. Sure, that includes throwing away cans, but it also means throwing away trash, and anything else that makes the floors look bad. Was it so bad that for one day, we had to sacrifice our schedule and eat a quick meal at a different time than normal. Kathy Buckner and A.F.M. do a wonderful job all year to prepare food for 400 fairly ungrateful students.

I am not criticizing you for wanting to express your opinions. What I am criticizing is the manner in which you expressed them. It seemed to me like you randomly chose problems across campus, and tore them apart. The article had a negative tone the whole way through. If you want some positive response from those in positions to rectify your concerns, why don't you start by addressing them in a positive manner. When addressing them, it might also interest you to gather some accurate information before publishing it. Sure, that takes time and effort, but that is what it takes to have a quality publication which, normally, the *Hermes* is.

Greg McBride

Staff Commentary

Dear Editor,

In my four years working with Mickelson Hall, we've not had a good reputation. This was the first time a guys' floor had really gotten into the Homecoming spirit. The paintings were great and gave the hall life. I didn't like the idea at first, but I miss the paintings now that they are gone.

Lou Lurman
Housekeeping Technician

Dear Editor:

Under the byline of "The Editorial Staff", an anonymous letter was published in last week's edition of *Hermes*. It was offered, the authors stated, as "constructive criticism." Unfortunately, the form negated the letter's intent. It was, at best, self-contradictory. Even as concerns were raised about inapproachability, unfriendliness and insensitivity, a format was utilized that simply broadened the spectrum of those perceptions. The authors themselves came to embody that against which they were protesting. An unsigned letter, attributable, really, to no one, does nothing to encourage conversation about difficult situations, and a monologue can never offer positive critique to another person.

I find myself wondering: "By whom, really, is forgiveness to be sought, and by who shall it be offered?" Those whom you noted in your editorial? Or those of you who authored it? The lines are blurry.

I found last week's editorial to be simply another form of gratuitous and not-so-subtle violence within this community. It served only to deepen the amorphous conflict that you sought to address. It brought injury to us all.

Perhaps one day we will learn different and more honest ways of addressing our needs and concerns. I can only hope and pray that it will be so.

Linda C. Walz
Campus Pastor

Morale Boosted With Viking Win

By Dixie Whitlow
and
Coleen Lennemann
Hermes Staff Writer

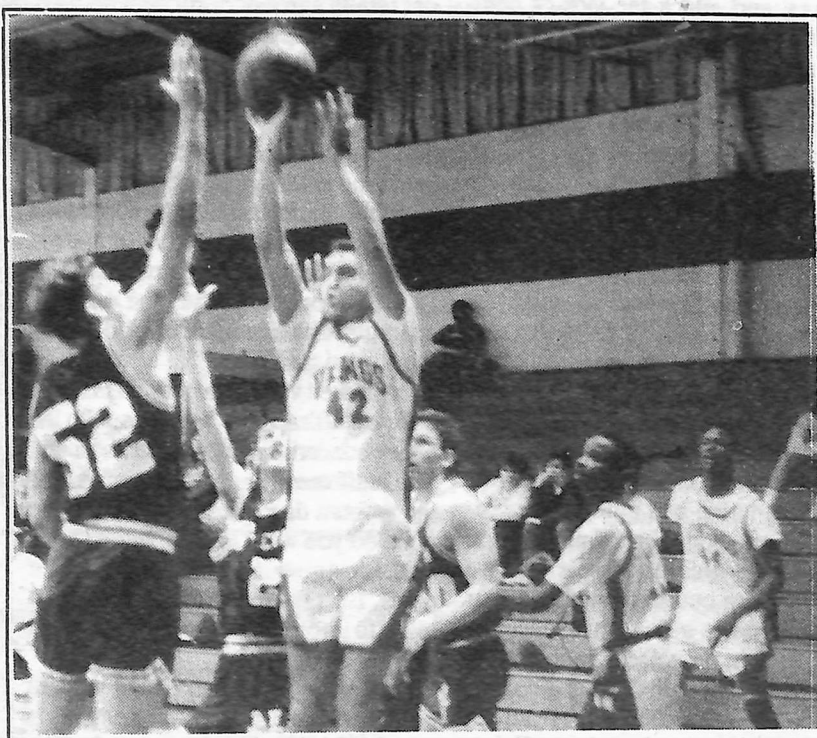
Ed Breckenridge and Jeff Miller led the way to a 107-75 Viking victory Feb. 11 in the game against Bellevue. This was the third win of the season for the Dana College Men's Basketball Team.

Breckenridge scored 19 points with Miller adding 18. Overall, Dana was 48 percent from the field leaving Bellevue behind with 33 percent. Other leading scorers were Robert Wright 15, and Patrick Sanders and Dave Samson with 13 each.

Ryan Collier led Dana at the boards pulling down 11, Shawn Winters 8, and John Arensberg, Samson and Wright each pulled down 7 rebounds.

Coach Baird commented, "We played well against Bellevue. It was good to score 100 points and win the game." The Vikings lead at half-time 48 to 35 and ended up with 107 points to Bellevue's 75.

The men's basketball team played again on Feb. 16, but this time they fell short to a good Nebraska Wesleyan team who are presently leading the conference. The Plainsmen took home



Jump Shot: Senior Dave Samson goes up for two of his nine points.

Photo by Doug Piper

a 106-79 victory over the Vikings. Breckenridge scored 24 points in the losing effort while the team shot 49 percent from the field. Nebraska Wesleyan shot 54 percent.

Baird said, "We were overpowered by Nebraska Wesleyan's inside

game. They played very well. We just came up a few points short."

The Vikings last game of the season will be home against Doane on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Cagers End Season With Losses

By Dave Samson
Hermes Staff Writer

The Lady Vikings concluded the 1990-91 campaign with a disappointing loss to Doane Tuesday night 112-67.

Dana fell behind early 53-29 at half, and Doane never looked back from there. Kim Farmer finished her final campaign in fine fashion distributing seven assists for the game, five points and a steal. Laura Allen led in the scoring column with 17, Jennifer Edelman had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Stacey Byers finished with 12 points and 2 steals.

The team previously traveled to Lincoln last Sunday night for a rematch against Wesleyan. Wesleyan got the best of them this time by a score of 89-75.

The team did place five players in double figures, led by Cathy Shaw with an impressive 16 points and bringing down 13 rebounds. Kris Grappendorf finished with 12, Byers, Edelman, and Laura Allen all finished with ten each.

Plan to attend one of the following

HELP SESSIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 10-noon

Blue Room, Campus Center

- Information to be covered will include
- How to complete all application forms
 - How financial eligibility is determined
 - scholarships that are available
 - the importance of meeting deadlines
 - your questions
- Bring as much of the following information as possible:
- copy of 1990 Federal Tax Return
 - copy of parents/spouse Tax Return
 - a list of your parents'/spouses' assets--value and debt
 - the cost of: medical/dental insurance premiums paid in 1990, other medical/dental expenses paid in 1990, private elementary, jr. or sr. high tuition paid for 1990.

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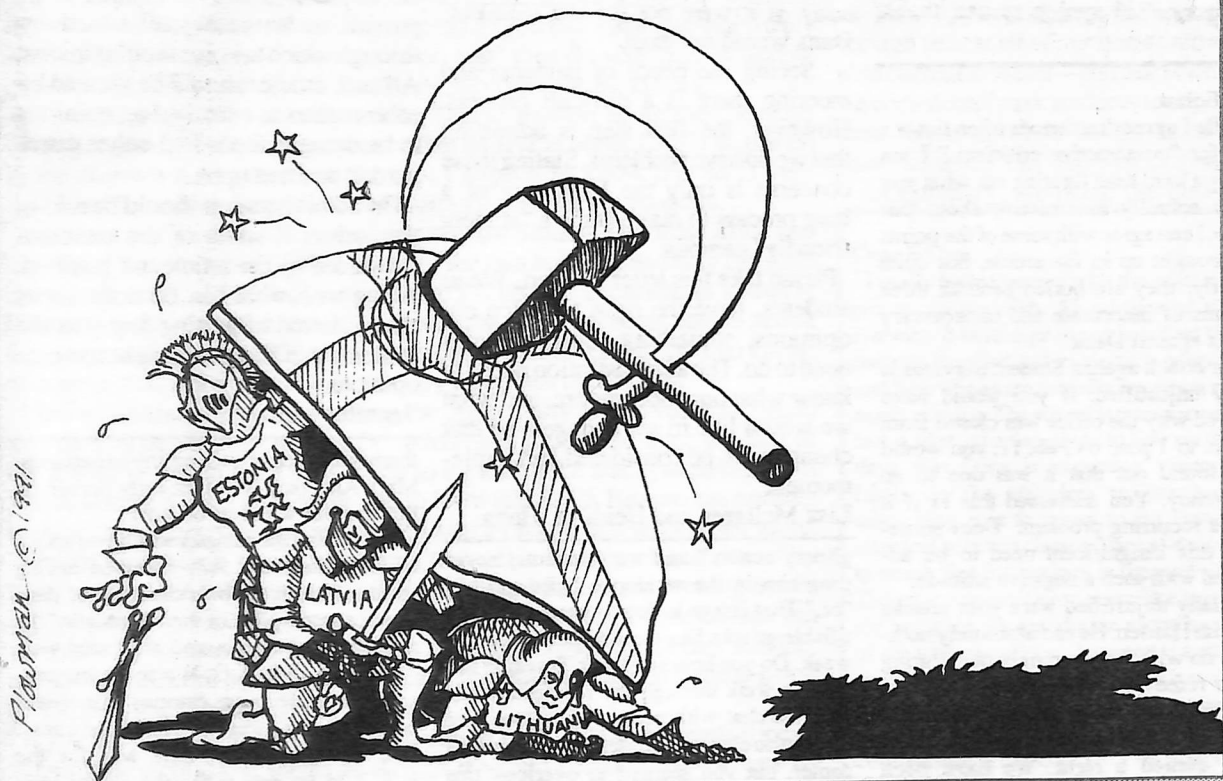
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WINTERFEST

MARCH 2, 9:30 - 1:00 A.M.

BLAIR FIREHALL

PURCHASE TICKETS FOR WINTERFEAST TODAY!

TICKETS ONLY NEEDED FOR WINTERFEAST

Calendar of Events

(for the week of Feb. 22 - 28)

Exhibit in Parnassus: "Discovering the Abstract"

<p>Dr. Julien Lafontant</p> <p>Professor of French and Black Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will be a guest speaker at Dana.</p> <p>February 28, 7 p.m. in D.H.A.</p> <p>Dr. Lafontant will speak about</p> <p>The Importance of Black History Month.</p>	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	<p>7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Doane College, BC</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. On-campus worship in Chapel</p>	<p>Women's basketball District Playoffs 10:00 a.m. Chapel, H.O.P.E. Organization 7:30 p.m. Stanley Lecture, Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung, "When Is War Justifiable," DHA</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. Staley Lecture, Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung, "Homosexuality: A review of The Moral Positions," DHA 3:30 p.m. Music Dept. Recital, Neve Room 7:30 p.m. Staley Lecture, Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung, "Hetrosexism: Can it be Justified?" DHA</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Chapel, Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung, Staley Lecturer; PM 318</p>	<p>NAIA Wrestling Nationals at Butte Montana 7:00 p.m. Dr. Julien Lafontant presentation on Black History Month, DHA</p>