



# HERMES

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## Governor Speaks on Environmental Issues

by Sara E. Olson

It is an honor for us to host you here," said Dana College President, Myrvin Christopherson, as he addressed Governor E. Benjamin Nelson yesterday.

Governor Nelson stopped at Dana as part of his Environmental Concerns Tour. "Nelson has set out on a recent effort to create an awareness and a concern on

environmental issues throughout the state of Nebraska.

While Governor Nelson spoke, he addressed three main issues: the wetlands and the draining of them

in an agricultural setting, waste management and the importance of the local government control and air quality.

One person's wetland is another person's swamp," Nelson said. This conflict is man versus man and man versus nature.

One problem addressed by the Governor was how are we going to deal with solid waste in the long term?" The government at the state level is listening an hearing the problems of the local areas. Since government functions best at the

lowest possible level, the government should be junior partners" in the process of waste management.

Local leadership is the best way to solve local problems. Leaders will decide for themselves whether they need to join together on a more regional basis," said the Governor.

This is the challenge: enjoy today and preserve tomorrow. If we do not begin to plan today and if we all do not become environmentalists today, there will not be enough money tomorrow to take care of the problems, which will be much greater by then," said Nelson.

Stronger laws, stronger regulations and greater enforcement," said Governor Nelson, will still not de-



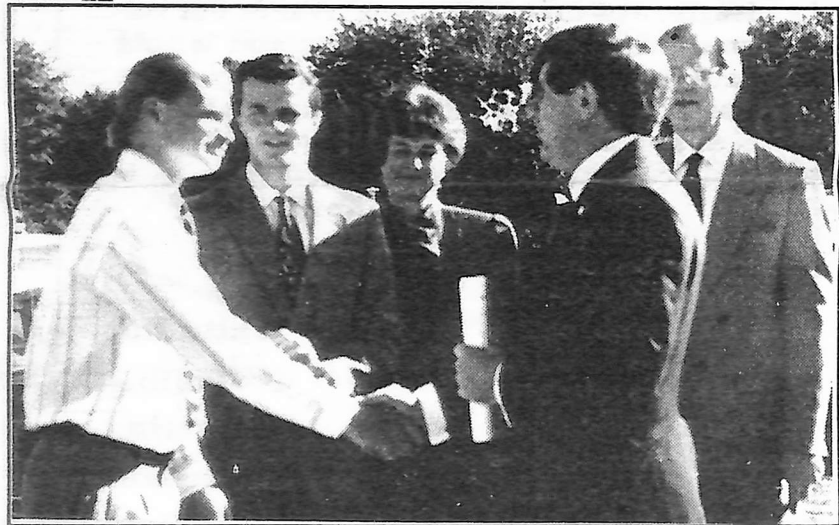
President and Mrs. Christopherson greeting Governor Nelson

liver the product of being an environmentalist, unless you want to be an environmentalist, unless you

want to recycle or conserve the natural resources or conserve water usage."

Governor Nelson described his idea of how we as individuals have to help in preserving the environment. Unless there is a commitment, unless there is a conversion, protecting the environment is the equivalent of a religious conversion. It will not occur unless you do it because it is right and in your heart that that is what you want to do. It does not have the same level of commitment or contact that it will otherwise have."

Unless you are prepared to make a difference yourself, you are not an environmentalist.



Pete Svendgard and James Piester meet the Governor

## Godden Joins Residential Life Staff

by Kristi Olsen  
Reporter

She's not much older than most of the students at Dana. As a matter of fact, 22-year-old Melissa Godden graduated from college this spring. As a former resident assistant and assistant hall director at Wayne State College, she knows her duties as the new director of Holling Hall quite well.

Like most college freshmen, Godden said the past few months have been loaded with changes. She graduated with a speech/communications major at Wayne State and married her husband, Brian, in June. Like her residents, Godden came to Dana to learn and enrich her life.

"This is the kind of place I want to be," Godden said, adding that Dana has provided an ideal opportunity for her. A member of the E.L.C.A., she said she is happy to be a part of Dana's Christian community. She also has an active role as the director of the Student Activities Board.

In what free time she has, Godden enjoys walking around the trails at Black Elk Neihardt Park. She also likes to rent and watch movies, bake and shop.

An advocate of open communication, she believes, "Everyone can learn from everyone else. Keep an open mind. Communication is so important."

Her duties as director of Holling Hall will include conduction of residence life programs, coordinating RA's and hall council. Her position on SAB will require her "to coordinate events - keep things going... and see that student leaders are getting their work done."

Godden is prepared to assume these responsibilities at Dana after surviving three years of being on Wayne State's residence life staff. She was an RA for two years and a student assistant hall director one year.

She is optimistic about her positions at Dana, insisting that despite the hard work involved it should be fun. "When this job becomes just work and not fun at all - that's the time to go."

## Homecoming Promises To Be Entertaining

by Kelly Stember  
Reporter

You'd better get your costume together quick because you're going to need it for Monday, the first day of Homecoming week. Monday is 'dress up as your favorite character day' and only one of many activities planned for next week.

Starting Monday, everyday will have a different dress-up theme. Here is what the schedule looks like

- Monday-Favorite Character Day
- Tuesday-Neon Day
- Wednesday-Inside-out and backwards Day
- Thursday-Dana Day (Wear anything that has Dana written on it.)
- Friday-Hawaiian Day
- Saturday-Red and White Day.

Another activity that Homecoming Committee is sponsoring is the Hall Decorations Contest. Every floor in each residence hall will receive streamers, paper and balloons to decorate their hallway. The categories these floors can choose from are Spirit, Most Colorful, and the Homecoming theme of Island Paradise.

Judges pick the first place winners from each category on Thursday of next week. The winners will be announced at the pep rally on Friday night. Winners will receive a certificate for free pizza.

Homecoming t-shirts may be purchased next week at the Campus Center. Members will be selling them for \$6.

Is there going to be anything different this year? There sure is! Darryl Shelton, Director of Residence Life at Dana, started a Pep

Club. Currently there are 20 participants and the number is growing. The Pep Club will be sponsoring a tailgate party before the game on Saturday. It will start at 12:30 p.m. behind the football field 'box'. Pep Club will handing out the words to Dana's fight song, along with lots of food and everyone is welcome to attend.

Student Activities Board (SAB) is also sponsoring activities next week. Student directors Sharon Weis and Kelli Crannell want to have a Powder Puff football game on Wednesday with a chili cookout afterwards. Signs will be posted around campus when these activities held.

On Tuesday night the Lady Vikings will take on Bellevue College in Borup starting at 7:30 p.m.. On Thursday night they will play Concordia at 7:30 p.m. Come support the Vikings!

On Friday night, a pep rally will be held in Borup starting at 8 p.m..

The football and volleyball players will be announced as well as the Homecoming Royalty. Candidates for Homecoming Queen are Jennifer Barabas, Claudia Brown, Kristen Skelton and Sheryl Shuster. The king candidates are Joe Arellano, Sean Dalton, Stuart Koci and Pete Svendgard. The king and queen will also be crowned at the pep rally.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dana football will compete against Midland Lutheran College. Let's hope for a smashing **VICTORY!**

SAB is also sponsoring the Homecoming dance on Saturday night from 9p.m.-1a.m.. The dance will take place on the tile floor in the Borup with 'The Maxx' performing. The theme for the dance is 'Island Paradise' and the attire is casual.

Let's hope for a spirited Homecoming week and victories for the volleyball and football teams.

## Auction Benefits President's Room

by Pete Svendgard

Dana College will be holding an auction on Saturday, Oct. 19. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be on the lower campus across from Petersen Field.

Ann Christopherson is coordinating the effort and has announced that a variety of items will be sold. Among the things to be auctioned off are collectibles from various storerooms and estate gifts. Several people have also donated items to be sold.

Other activities have also been planned for the day. There will be a tail gate party from noon until 1:00 p.m. This will be held in the Borup parking lot and free hot dogs will be served to those who attend.

Tom Allan of the Omaha World Herald and Jack Jensen, a Blair resident, will be the auctioneers. President Christopherson will also be calling some of the items to be sold.

All of the proceeds earned during the sale will go to a fund that will contribute to the refurbishing of the President's Room in the Campus Center.



## Football Team Recovering From Injuries

by Joe Ellis  
Reporter

The Dana Vikings football team needed a week off to recover physically from the first part of the season. The team suffered some injuries to starting players in key positions. Several players are still healing but did not miss a game because Dana was idle Sept. 21.

The most serious blow to the Vikings is the loss of senior middle linebacker Greg Hanson. Hanson reinjured the anterior cruciate in his right knee at the Peru State game. Hanson's knee was previously reconstructed in 1987. There is also the possibility of cartilage damage which may require surgery. Hanson will miss the rest of the season.

Many other players were injured but have returned to practice. All of the following players are expected to play against Mayville State Saturday, Sept. 28.

Jeremy Hill, a senior captain and defensive end, suffered tendon damage in his left shoulder. Junior defensive safety Mike Allen separated his left shoulder. Ryan Barr, a sophomore offensive guard, hurt his right hip. Hill, Allen and Barr were all injured in the Peru State game.

Sophomore Matt Mentink sprained his achilles tendon and also sustained a second degree sprain in his right ankle. Mentink returned to practice this past week.

Freshman outside linebacker Ron Bezousek suffered a severe case of turf toe during the Benedictine game. Bezousek returned to practice Monday after sitting out the previous week.

Inside linebacker Dan Barton stretched ligaments in his right knee against Dakota Wesleyan. Barton, a junior, will be back in action Saturday for the first time since the injury.

## Volleyball Team Completes Tight Schedule

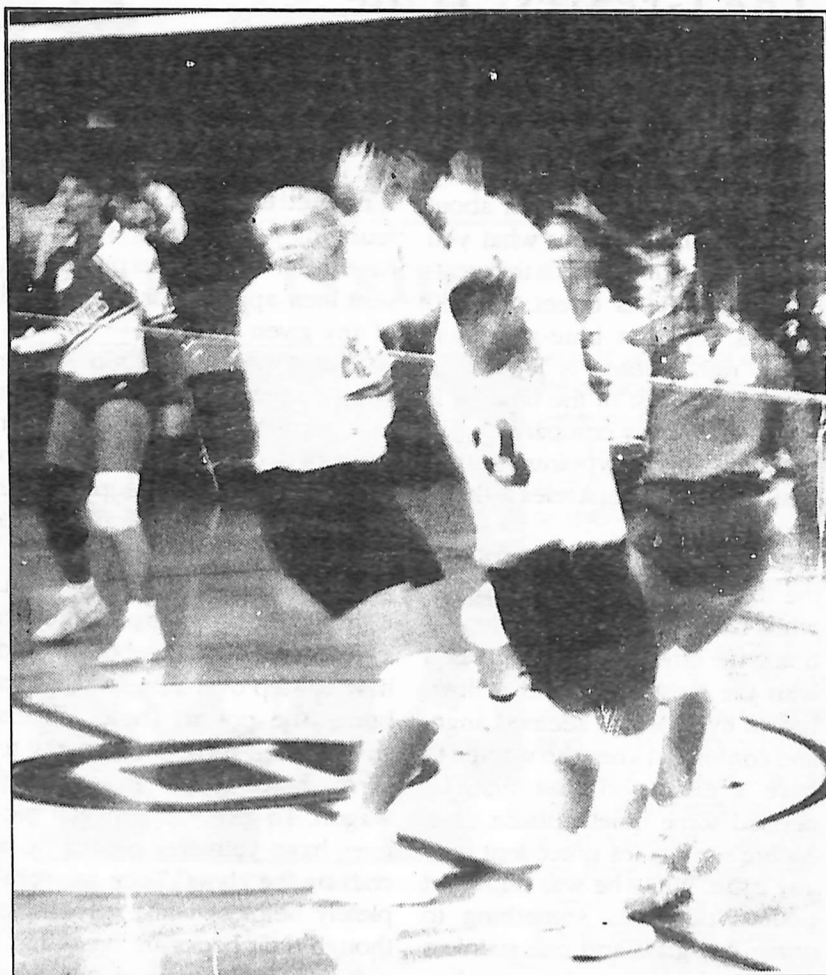
by Shawn Osbahr  
Reporter

The Dana Viking volleyball team squeezed in five matches in less than 72 hours only to come away 2-3. On Thursday the squad journeyed to Dakota Wesleyan and came up with an important pre-conference win. The Vikings then traveled to South Dakota Tech to play in a tournament scheduled for the weekend. At the tourney, Dana split matches with Black Hills State and suffered two losses to Valley City State University and the University of Mary.

Stephanie Svoboda and Kris Skelton led the Vikings in the big victory over Dakota Wesleyan. Dana took the road victory 15-12, 15-8, 15-12. Skelton hammered a total of six kills along with serving 28/29 with four aces, and below the net she tallied 19 digs. Stephanie Svoboda could also do no wrong as she led the team in hitting and in kills. Svoboda knocked 24/26 hits and landed 13 for kills. She also powered one ace in her 9/10 serving attempts. Aiding in the victory was Vicki Behrends with six digs and serving 11/11 while Joei Arens nailed 14/16 hits with three kills.

The Dana Vikings suffered two defeats on the opening day of the South Dakota Tech Tourney. The first came to a tough Valley City State University 9-15, 11-15. Leading the Vikings in the match was once again the combination of Kris Skelton and Stephanie Svoboda. Skelton served 7/7 with one ace while Svoboda pounded 18/18 hits coming up with seven of those for kills. Katie Krueger lent a hand by adding 12 digs and serving seven for seven. Kim Mikos also shared in the effort hitting 9/10 and scoring two kills. Looking for a win, the Vikings ran into a disappointing loss to a very evenly matched Black Hills State 9-15, 11-15. Joei Arens, Kris Skelton, and Stephanie Svoboda led the attack on Black Hills State. Excellent serving and hitting by the three wasn't enough to come up with the victory.

Getting a chance to redeem themselves against Black Hills State, the Dana Vikings played them again the following day. Dana came up with a victory 11-15, 15-11, 15-10. The Dana serving and spiking came alive as the familiar trio of Skelton, Arens, and Svoboda took command. Skelton, 13/15, and Svoboda,



Viking Volleyball: Joei Arens and Kris Skelton goe up for a block.

18/18, rocketed two aces apiece to lead in the serving department. Arens, Svoboda, Katie Krueger and Mikos combined for a total of 28 kills throughout the game. Behrends served 10 for 11.

Coming off of a big win, the Vikings tried their hand with a strong team from the University of Mary. U of M played the role of the spoiler as they handed Dana a close first game loss, 15-17. The Vikes suffered even a tougher blow as they were sent home after the next game losing 4-15. Mikos gave it her best effort hitting 8/10 and smashing four kills, while an improving Arens hit 22/27, knocking down nine kills. Svoboda remained a serving power as she led the Vikes serving 11/12 with one ace.

As the Vikings keep improving, they search for consistency as they head into conference play. Without a doubt, the trio of Svoboda, Skelton, and Arens are a force to be reckoned with. They travel to fifth ranked Doane Friday.

### SPIRIT WEEK!

Mon. Favorite Character Day

Tues. Neon Day

Wed. Inside-out and Backwards Day

Thurs. Dana Day

Fri. Hawaiian Day

## Parsley Joins Athletic Department

by Mark Wiederin  
Reporter

"I am not a savior."

These are the words of the new athletic instructor, Charles "Chip" Parsley.

Coach Parsley came to Dana after working at Tarkio College. He will not only be the head coach of men's basketball, but he's also teaching four classes: psychology of coaching, methods of teaching physical education, introduction to physical education and golf.

Parsley likes a challenge and he's got one ahead of him. Last year's basketball team finished the season at 3-27.

He realizes that things aren't going to change overnight. "Like I always say, you've got to crawl before you can walk and you've got to walk before you can run."

"The first thing we need to do is

start competing respectably. Our goal is to win the conference championship- but whose isn't?" Coach Parsley knows how to win championships. When he first arrived at Saint Paul Junior College, their record was 0-20. Their best record under him was 20-3, with four conference titles in a row. He inherited a 5-25 record at Tarkio. Their best record was 20-7, with one championship title. They finished no lower than third during his six years.

His main goal off the court is to make an impact in the classroom and on the campus.

Chip Parsley grew up in a Lutheran background in Milwaukee. He has been married for 13 years and has two children, ages seven and five.

He has always had a burning desire to succeed, and he hopes that it will spread through Dana.

### ANNUAL HOMECOMING GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 5 BLAIR GOLF CLUB

Registrations are now being accepted with a modest entry fee. Prizes will be awarded along with a *traveling trophy*.

Sign-in will be Saturday morning between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. with coffee and donuts being served. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

For registration and more information contact  
Ducy Heffelfinger at 426-7333.

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## KDCV ADDS SOME NEW CHANGES

by Brad Volcek  
Reporter

In a world where every station on the dial is searching for the ideal slogan to represent themselves, KDCV stands alone.

KDCV, Dana's one and only radio station, is located at 91.1 FM on your dial and in Pioneer Memorial on your campus. Run by students for students, KDCV is the FM voice of Dana. Broadcasting is presently from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday to Friday. The station will soon be expanding hours to include weekends.

KDCV offers more to the listener than your average station. It is DJ programmed which gives the listener a huge variety of musical styles. It also offers play-by-play sportscasts, interviews, comedy, re-

quests and dedications, special presentations, and a variety of off the wall antics.

Over the summer, the station has completed a production studio. Along with a second CD player and a second cassette deck to the broadcasting studio, there is a variety of new on air talent as well as many returning favorites.

Interested in being on the radio? The person to contact is Carrie Larkins (ex 7550) here on campus for further details. Don't be shy. It's her job.

In the entire history of KDCV, no one has yet pinned a suitable title on the station. KDCV: standing defiant, never to be named! Truly a renegade among radio stations. Hey, I like that! Renegade Radio. Hmmm.

### Movie Night!

Saturday Sept. 28

7 p.m. in the Linden Rm.

Featured:

*Sleeping With the Enemy*

&

*Dances With Wolves*

**BRING YOUR PILLOW!**

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## The Greatest Dane . . .

### Speaks on Strikes

by John Hundahl

Reporter

It is a meeting of the minds. Two Danes form a dyad to talk about their thoughts. I know what you might be thinking. Who is the greatest Dane? He is 6-feet tall, 130 pounds, and has blue-gray hair. That's right. Moses is literally, a great dane. Most of the time he is content being my companion, yet sometimes his viewpoints become so strong that he must release them. I am his victim.

I leave the television on during the day. It keeps Moses occupied while I am at school. When I came home the other day, I was greeted with the most perplexed yellow-brown eyes. Moses seemed angry and confused. I knew he wanted to have a discussion. But first, he needed some quiet outside time. Nature's call takes precedent over any issue. While he was outside, I poured ourselves something to drink: one glass and one stainless steel bowl. Now we were ready.

Moses' mood became somber as he began to speak. "Today, I watched a protest on television. At

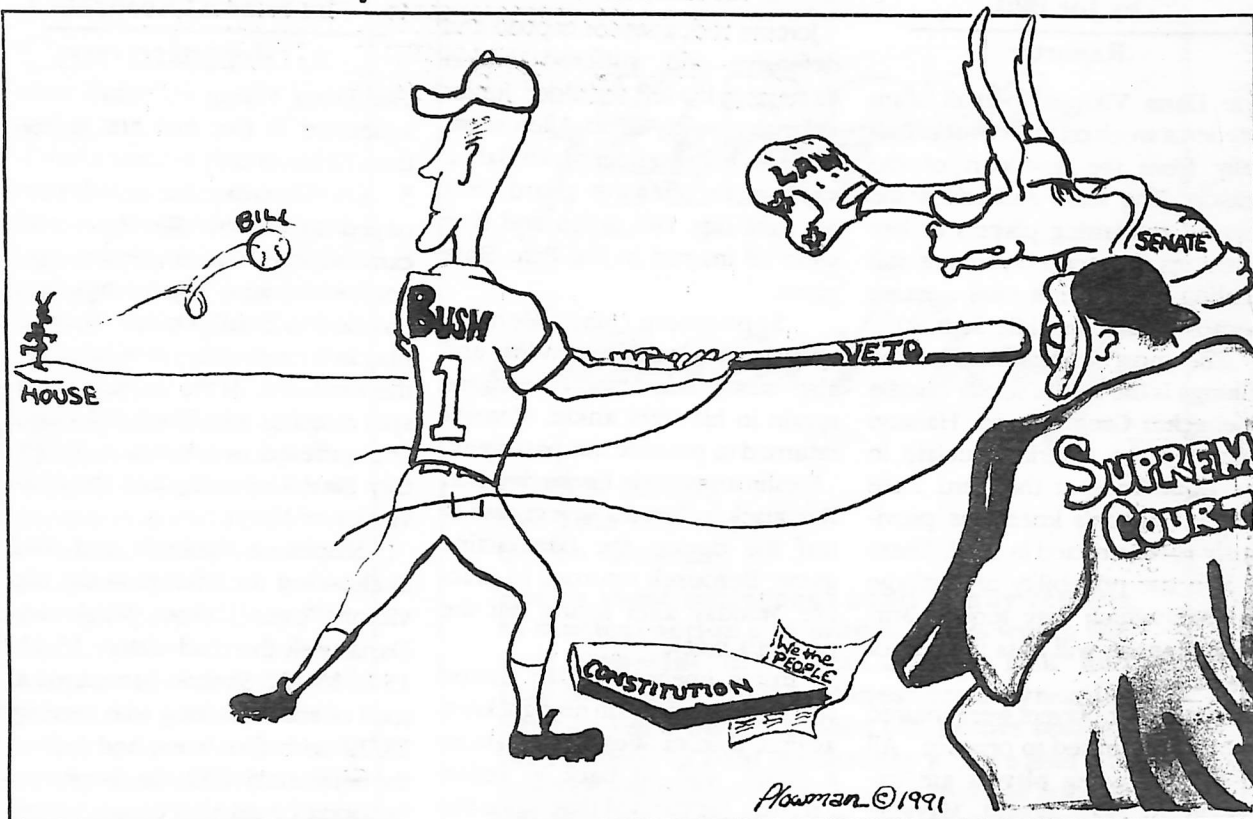
first it was interesting. My thoughts wandered to the late 1700's and the founding fathers. This is why we have a Bill of Rights, so people can vent their approval or disapproval of any given situation.

"John, here is the rub. These people were blocking the entrance to a legitimate business, in their name of decency. My first concern was where did these people work? Did they waste a day of work to protest? Let's assume they did.

"The protesters began to lie down. It is difficult enough to pass through a picket line; now somebody would have to step over a body. This act brings the police. These officers have to stop protecting the city to carry these people to a paddy wagon. To give you a mental picture: have you ever picked up a crab by the claws? They are completely helpless while it looks as though their backs are breaking.

"So, now we have people who took the day off (assuming they even had jobs) to protest and be arrested for obstruction of justice.

## Politoons by Plowman



"The American Past-time"

The irony is that they might be fired because they cannot afford bail money since they keep taking days off. As admirable as the cause may be, the end did not justify the

means." Moses was through with his thoughts for today. I was given a chance to say something. "Well, Moses. The protesters did what

they set out to do: gain media attention."

Grrrrrr! I guess that was it for my rebuttal. Moses always has the last word.

To be continued...

## Nothing To Do At Dana...

by Bradley P. Volcek

Reporter

Recently I have been hearing the familiar phrase, "There's nothing to do at Dana." Of all things, this is not true.

The second word of Dana College is college. It is an institution of higher learning where much time is spent studying and working on school projects. That is a given. How to fill free time is up to the students.

Dana hosts many organizations including Student Activities Board (SAB), intramural and varsity sports, Social Awareness Organization (SAO), Hall Council and Hall Activities, Campus Ministry, and the newly formed Pep Club.

Dana also has radio and TV stations, a newspaper and a yearbook staff. All of these groups would be more than happy to gain new members and share in the experiences that make Dana a community, more than just a college.

Most importantly is the true advantage of attending a small college such as Dana: you can do anything! If Dana doesn't offer the activity that you are interested in, try to start it yourself. It is not the responsibility of the school to spoon-feed entertainment to the students.

As M.L. Runbeck once said, "Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of travelling." Search for an activity to meet your needs or start one of your own and get your friends involved.

## Closing the Distance of Time and Space

by Matt Plowman

Cartoonist

In our minds, there are many cultural barriers. These barriers tend to create great distances between ourselves and reality, allowing the fog of stereotype to come in between. These barriers are only ignorance to what is really out there. Time and space are the real distances that need to be spanned, reaching out from our ignorance.

Time and space act as illusions to us. For instance, when you drive, those objects that are closer in space seem to pass by more quickly than those afar. The same can be said for time, those events in the newspaper or TV seem explosive and rampant compared to similar events of ancient times that seem frozen and cataloged in history. But this is only an illusion.

What happens in Europe or China seems so far away, when you don't know your geography. The fog of stereotypes move in. Many think themselves or our nation are isolated from the currents of politics and nature—but if they took the time to break their ignorance, the

The memories that you will take away with you when you graduate are of thing you have done and have been involved in. If you choose to be a spectator and not be involved, your memories will be of other people being involved and having a good time. Don't let this happen to you.

Earth would shrink before their eyes—no one or no place, is truly isolated. With knowledge, distance in space decreases at an alarming level.

The same can be said for time. If people examined past events, time would shrink and the distance between today's events and those in history would close on one another. Correlations would emerge and stereotypes would be destroyed. People would be surprised that the Roman Empire was not so long ago and how it still influences the events of today—through that short distance, called time.

If a person lives in one place, like Omaha, rarely traveling outside the area, they tend to look on Nebraska as being a vast and vacant realm. But to someone who has moved around and criss-crosses the State traveling, the borders become smaller with many different cultures emerging.

We need to work harder on closing these distances in time and space, realizing that we're a global community and that we're controlled by many events of the past.

If we know our community and past, reality is closer at hand without stereotype.

Many say space is running out on Earth. The world population is moving quickly towards 6 billion, with many saying it could reach 10 billion next century—with nations like Bangladesh (the size of Iowa) surpassing the United States. Some say the maximum capacity of the USA is around one billion. In which case, there needs to be better individual and group efforts for the environment and conservation.

Others say time is running out on Earth, that the judgement of the world is at the hand of Christ. In which case, the individual needs to prepare his soul and the Church its sheep.

In the fourth dimension that we live in, we are bound by time and space. To survive, we need to bring down the barrier of distance that lurks in our ignorance. Only education can span the distance, destroy the stereotypes, and help us to realize the world and the events that we live in.

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