



# HERMES



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## Carmichael Here for Black History Month

Press Release

To help commemorate Black History Month, the Dana College student organization, H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Expand), will sponsor a lecture by former civil rights leader Stokely Carmichael (Kwame True) on Tues., February 11, at 7 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

According to H.O.P.E. representative Patrick Sanders, Carmichael's lecture will focus on the state of black America today and is intended to educate the entire community about the struggles faced by blacks.

H.O.P.E. is a student organization whose purpose is to provide leadership, instill pride and unify students by bringing diverse programs to the campus to better educate all students about different cultures.

Tickets for the lecture will be

available at the door for \$3 each. Seating is limited.

Stokely Carmichael was born in Trinidad, and grew up in New York City and Washington, D. C. While a student at Howard University, where he graduated in 1964, he was very active in local and national civil rights and human rights groups, including a non-violent action group.

He began working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960. While working for SNCC he helped organize the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

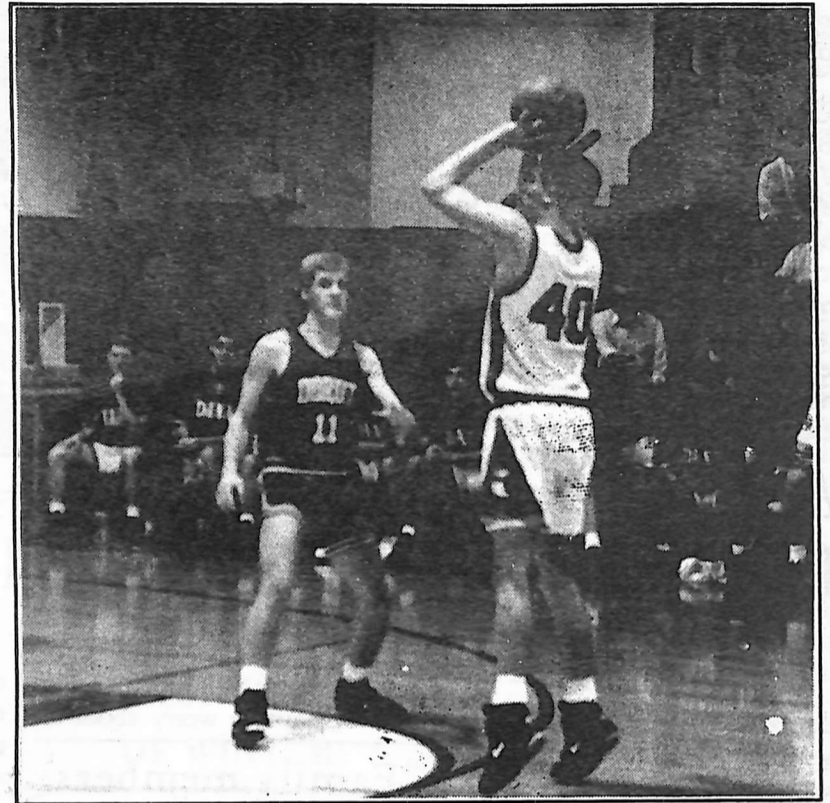
In 1966 Carmichael helped to organize the Lowndes County Freedom Organization and later was involved in organizing the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense on the west coast.

In 1966 Carmichael was elected

chairman of SNCC. After serving in that position for a year, he toured extensively in Africa and other countries. Upon his return in 1968, he organized the first Black United Front in Washington, D.C.

At the request of west coast members of the Black Panther Party, Carmichael, in 1968, agreed to speak for the release of jailed party chairman, Huey Newton. In conjunction with this, he agreed to become honorary prime minister of the party.

In January 1969, Carmichael left the U. S. to live in Conakry, Guinea, in West Africa. In 1972 Carmichael announced the emergence of the All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party, based in West Africa. The AAPRP currently is organizing in Africa, the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. He is now an organizer for the party.



Shawn Winters shoots for three. Dana won over Dordt 94-90. Sara Olson

## Accountant Serves Dana For 20 Years

### Gil Ragan, a CPA and Professor

by Kelly Stember  
Staff Reporter

Professor Gil Ragan currently instructs all of the accounting, business law, business in computers, and management information systems (MIS) classes at Dana College. In fact, Ragan has taught over 30 different courses at Dana.

Ragan received his bachelor's of art degree in business in 1956 from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. He went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a master's degree in economics in 1958. He received another master's degree, this one in business, from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the early 1970s.

Ragan taught economics for 20 years at Dana until Dr. Michael Doyle came. He switched to teaching accounting because he does outside accounting work. Ragan is a certified public accountant (CPA). He has taught accounting at Dana for 10 years. He has worked for Raymond V. Ryder and Associates for the past 17 years doing CPA work.

What does Ragan have to say about living in the small community of Blair? He says he loves it. He and his wife fell in love with Blair

after living in metropolitan areas. He mentioned the various advantages of living in Blair, such as being able to go home for lunch and not having to leave one hour early to go somewhere. He feels

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□ Gil Ragan

that many people take these benefits for granted.

Originally from Davenport, Iowa, Ragan likes to grow roses, fish, and loves all kinds of felines. He even has three 16-year-old alley cats at home.

Ragan has served on the Academic Affairs Committee, the Planning Committee and the North

Central Association for Reaccreditation at Dana. Outside of the college, he is a member and a consultant of the American Rose Society and a member of the Nebraska Scottish Society.

When asked what changes would he like to see made at Dana, he responded, "A change in the general education program—it's long overdue." He said that Dana has been slow in adapting to change, and that students and their needs have been changing greatly.

Ragan would like to see a distributive type of general education at Dana. He said that this would enable students to have a variety of choices. "People are so diverse it's hard to design courses that will hold the interest of all students," said Ragan.

Ragan also feels that Dana should have expanded their business program 10 years ago when demand was high. However, these curves are hard to predict.

Should everyone take an accounting or business course? Ragan says probably not accounting, but he would recommend taking economics and principles of management.

## Care and Share Reports from Fall Semester

**Argo Hall**  
Each resident  
will receive:  
**\$15.00**  
In Cash!

**Blair Hall**  
Each resident  
will receive:  
**\$14.34**  
In Cash!

**Holling Hall**  
Each resident  
will receive:  
**\$12.12**  
In Cash!

**Mickelsen Hall**  
Each resident  
will receive:  
**\$10.35**  
In Cash!

## Got a Problem? Call: 1-800-PRESIDENT

by Bradley P. Volcek  
Editorialist

Tired, frustrated, school got you down? Feel like you are getting the runaround? Got a problem with the college that you don't know how to solve?

Now there is a way to ask your questions and state your concerns so they are heard by the president of the college and the appropriate office. You can call the 'Hotline to the President' at x7744 and voice your concern on the answering machine. The messages will be gathered by members of student senate, written down and given to the correct office. A master list will also be given to the president.

But wait, there's more! Not only are your opinions voiced, but responses to concerns raised will be printed in a monthly column of the *Hermes*. Please leave your name on the tape. It will be kept confidential when published.

For example, you have a problem with an unfair rule imposed by the school saying your fish cannot swim on weekends. Student services can't help you, and you don't know where to turn. Call the 'hotline'. The message will be given to the president and to student services. In turn they will address the reason why your fish cannot swim on weekends. People read-

ing the *Hermes* will be able to judge whether the reasons are fair or not. Of course, this is a silly example but the 'hotline' can be used for many important issues concerning the campus.

Where did the idea of the 'hotline' come from? You! Student representatives on the campus life committee developed it after hearing the problems students were having reaching the right channels to find solutions.

Do you have a problem the campus and the president should be aware of? Call x7744 and leave your name and concerns on the 'Hotline to the President'.

## Al-Absy's Loyalty: Palestine's Problems Still a Concern

by Stan Shaw  
Staff Writer

Eating spaghetti without a fork would be a very difficult task and would take a lot of adjusting. Professor Ahmad Al-Absy isn't exactly eating spaghetti without a fork, but he is adjusting to a new life in the United States and he doesn't hold back his views on current topics.

It would be hard to be thousands of miles from your home and not have the ability to be there to support your country, but Al-Absy still has a great amount of nationalism.

Being from Palestine, Al-Absy knows all the problems that are occurring in his homeland at the present time. Since 1948, when Israel was established, the Palestinian people have suffered a great deal. At this juncture, young Palestinians on the West Bank are de-

nied of schools and work. Not only do they have to worry about an

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□ Ahmad Al-Absy

education or a job, but safety is also a main concern.

"Family members leave their house in the morning and the par-

ents end up worrying about which one of the kids will be missing in the evening. They might be killed or imprisoned by the Israelis," said Al-Absy. He knows this because his 15-year-old brother was imprisoned for five months without trial. He was accused of writing on a public wall.

One of the reasons he came to the United States was for his family. Al-Absy felt the "turmoil" and "instability" in Palestine. "I wanted to provide my children with a more safe environment," he said.

Al-Absy is married and has four children and is currently residing in Omaha. It is ironic that he has one wife and four children because where he is from you are allowed to have up to four wives. He said that this doesn't happen too much unless you are "extremely wealthy".

## Nurse's Notes...

You can be healthier, look better, feel better and live longer if you start your own personal wellness program today.

Health services has some educational program planned for February, designated as "Wellness Month."

Two activities are planned during the noon hour and one activity at night with free drawings at each event. Join in and be well!

### "The Bold and the Beautiful"

Kathy Brockman-Oleson, Ph.D., Omaha Counselor presents "Shaping Up Your Self-Esteem" Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m. Gold Room

### "One Life to Live"

Blair Hospital Dietician, Jeanne Christensen, presents: "Weight Loss: Cafeteria and Fast Food Style" Thursday, Feb. 20, 12:30 p.m., Gold Room

### "Love Connection"

Patti Nielsen, R.N. Campus Nurse presents: "Reproductive Health (or Chlamydia)" Thursday, Feb. 27, 8:30 p.m., Gold Room

## Bloodmobile Coordinator Visits Campus

A planning committee of Ars Medica and the campus nurse will meet with Joan Young, Red Cross consultant, on Fri., Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gold Room to plan the Bloodmobile visit.

Mark your calendars for **March 10** and say "yes" to saving lives when you are contacted to give blood.



Tune in to the Renegade radio station for all your favorites! 91.1 FM KDCV

**READ YOUR LARP THIS WEEK!**

Mom says: **HELP!! HELP!!**

## Calendar of Events

for the week of February 7-13

Exhibit in Parnassus: "A Sabbatical Retrospective Exhibit by Milt Heinrich"

| Friday  | Saturday   | Sunday  | Monday                                    | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday   | Thursday  |
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| 10 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Jim Fish, Director of Admissions at Wartburg Seminary, PM 318<br>7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at Concordia | Presidential Scholarship Competition on campus<br>Wrestling, Tri-State Conference at Teikyo Westmar<br>3 p.m. Women's basketball at Hastings<br>7:30 p.m. Men's basketball, Northwestern College at Dana<br>9 p.m. Winterfest dance, Blair Fire Hall | 9 a.m. "A Woman Called Truth," Emmy Gifford Children's Theater<br>2 p.m. Enrollment session for Health Assessment program; BC 213 | 10 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Doug Kings, PM 318 | 3:30 p.m. Music Department Recital, Neve Room | 10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318<br>7:30 p.m. Men's basketball, Doane College at Dana | 8 p.m. "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon, MFAC |

## Viking Men 1-3 in Past Week

by Kalani Simpson

In recent men's basketball news, the Dana College Vikings have gone 1-2 in their last three games. Dana lost a closely contested game at arch rival Midland College 93-90.

Dan Syze and Sean Arkfeld scored 25 and 24 points, respectively for the Warriors. Dana held Midland's star player to just 14 points, but Meister hit the key three-pointer to win the game.

A home game against Dordt College was a different story, however, as the Vikings won 94-90. Six Dana players scored in double figures, including the starting five.

Larry Walters had 23 points, Shawn Winters had 14, John Arensberg had 12, while Tony Collins and Andy Dotson both scored 11.

The sixth player was Terry Breckenridge, who "played very well off the bench", according to Coach Dave Samson, to score 18 points. Samson also praised his team's defensive efforts and rebounding against Dordt.

Wednesday night the team lost to the Plainsmen of Nebraska Wesleyan 112-68.

This Saturday the Vikings play Northwestern, who Coach Samson says can "shoot the lights out". He says the key to the game will be if Dana can hit their shots against Northwestern's 1-3-1 zone defense.

With only five games left Samson is looking to get game experience for more players. He plans to go with a new line up for Saturday's game.



Kris Grappendorf drives for two against Midland Tuesday night.

## Knee Injuries Plague Wrestlers

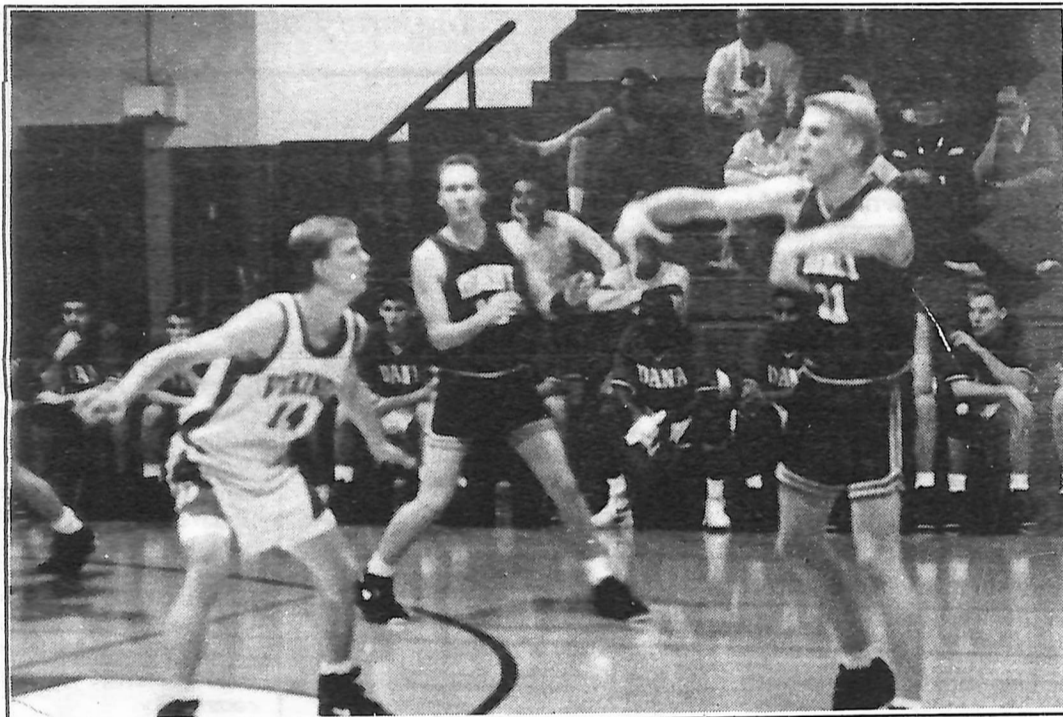
by Kalani Simpson and Curt Thomas

The college wrestling season is coming closer to an end as the Vikings prepare for the final three tournaments: conference, five-state area tourney and nationals.

This year's team has experienced a plague of knee injuries with six wrestlers currently out: Jered "Turbo" Foggin, Mike Wilson, Cory Peatrowsky, Luke Fiala, Phil Warner and Marty Killion. Sophomore John Rhodes, who had also suffered a knee injury earlier in the season, is back on the line up.

Despite the large number of injuries, junior Phil Warner believes the team will not hold back at the conference tourney: "The big one for us is to win conference...Its been a goal of ours every year I've been here."

Scott Stickler, in his second season as a Viking, is looking for a possible 30-win season. Steve Mathis, a 177 pound senior who was an Academic All-American last year, said, "I'm looking to end my college career on a positive note by becoming an All-American."



Andy Dotson defends against Dordt in Dana's 94-90 victory.

**THE GROUND HOG  
SAW HIS SHADOW!  
SIX MORE WEEKS  
OF WINTER!**

## "Barefoot in the Park"

will be presented...  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
**8 p.m.**  
Tickets are \$1  
and may be purchased from Melissa Godden

*Do Not Forget Winterfest Saturday Night!*

### Dragon's Head Weekly Specials

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Monday**  
Grilled cheese and ham sandwich  
Tomato soup

**Tuesday**  
Beef stew with biscuits

**Wednesday**  
Ultimate nachos  
Egg salad sandwich

**Thursday**  
Lasagna with garlic bread

**Friday**  
Hot turkey sandwich

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Nebraska's most beautiful camp, YMCA Camp Kitaki, located on the Platte River, is seeking applicants for the following positions: Boy's Counselors, Girls Counselors, Wranglers, Lifeguards, Waterfront Directors, Assistant Cook, Crafts Instructors' Adventure Trail Guides, Environmental Program Director, Archery Instructors, Riflery Instructors, Steward. Call or write: YMCA Camp Kitaki, 1039 P St., Lincoln, NE 68508; 402-475-9622.

### Blair Area Churches

**Assembly of God**  
1432 Washington  
Worship-10:30 a.m. Sunday

**First Christian Church**  
205 South 20th  
Worship-10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday

**Church of Christ**  
615 South 13th  
Worship-10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday

**Congregational Church**  
(United Church of Christ)  
16th and Colfax  
Worship-11 a.m. Sunday

**Country Bible Church**  
1 1/2 miles N. on Hwy 75 and  
1/2 mile E. of Blair  
Worship-9:30 a.m. Sunday

**Episcopal Church-St. Mary's**  
1734 Grant  
Worship-9 a.m. Sunday

**First Lutheran Church-ELCA**  
2146 Wright  
Worship-8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

**St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church**  
20th and Davis  
Masses-5 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday

**Trinity Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**  
141 South 20th  
Worship-8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**United Methodist Church-First**  
1656 Colfax  
Worship-9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday

## Boiling Point Reached in Melting Pot *Politoons* by Plowman

by Kurt James  
Editorialist

Somebody in this nation of ours is playing a trick on us. Not knowing if it is a male, female or group, it gives them a chance to have the last laugh.

What is this big action designed to achieve; an end by deceptive means, the entire depiction of our economy to the public, that's what. Somewhere a person or group is trying to gain power over our country. It is not people in other countries trying to uproot our nation. No, it has to be a "good ol' American," that's behind it all.

Using the media as a tool, they are scaring the public into panic over our economy. Cleverly with the help of loose tongued Japanese leaders, they nail home the point that these great states are sliding downhill.

What should be noted is the fact that many of the people that are the actual backbone of this nation don't have the same goals as those that want to achieve power. Most try to get by and have a little extra to pay for extras that people in other countries can't attain ever.

Many have been comparing us to the Japanese since the fall of the Soviet Union. Already forgetting that we once judged our country to a country now in turmoil. Importantly, we don't fully understand

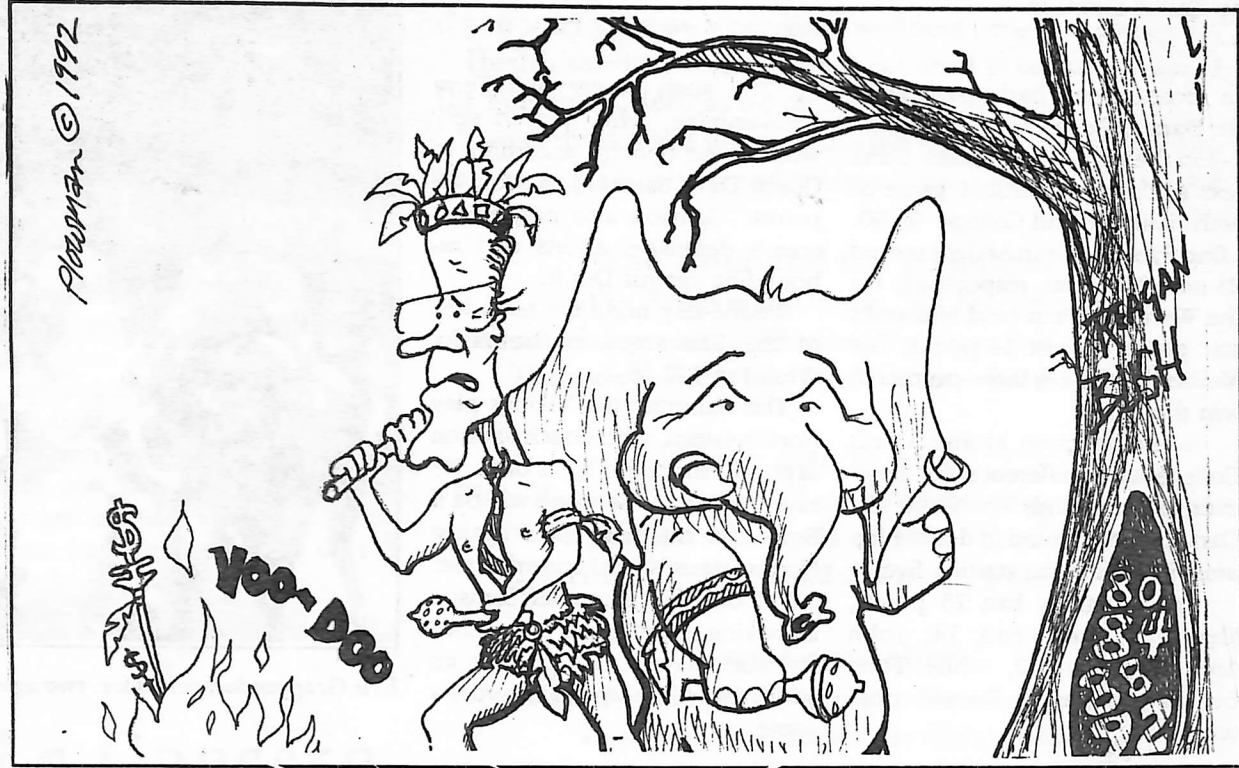
this new culture that we are already "behind".

How can we even begin to compare? Should we even try. No. The work ethic of Japan is totally different. They work far longer hours and days to get their jobs done. Here we work hard, but on a much different level. Would you rather work and not get time to do things that you enjoy on your time, or be working like the people in our country during the industrial revolution?

It's not the work ethic or the economy; it's the fact that no matter what we do, there will always be people trying to say others don't measure up. Who are they to tell us what to do with our lives? Most people would rather say they had a chance to live life not just be another member of a society that judges everything on numbers and statistics.

Keep in mind that people try to achieve their means by what gets to you the most. This big trick is real. Out there somewhere, someone is sitting back and watching all of this latest panic with a tremendous smile on their face. And don't think they don't, because the little plan is working.

We just need to realize their game, use some good ol' American know how and slap that silly little smile right off of their power hungry faces.



Sound Republican Economic Policy!

## November!!

by Matt Plowman  
Editorialist

The horses are out of the gates already for this election come November. Five major Democrats and three Republicans. On the left, you have Clinton, Kerrey, Harkin, Tsongas, and Brown; on the right, there's Bush, Buchanan, and Duke.

The Republican candidates leave little to be desired: Buchanan wants to return to turn-of-the-century conservative progressivism, and Duke even further back—like before the Emancipation, while Bush remains simply lost.

The Democrats are better, but nevertheless a motley bunch: Tsongas if you would like a rerun of another phlegmatic Greek Bostonian, or Brown who reminds us of real FDR like economic policy but with New Age power crystals. Harkin has a great message and satire, but none we haven't heard already. That leaves us with really two effective candidates: Clinton and Kerrey.

Kerrey, a local, reminds us of the first "boy orator of the Platte," William Jennings Bryan whose statue represents Nebraska in the Capitol in Washington. Kerrey, as Bryan

did, brings a message of morality and social improvement following an age of Republican scandal and plundering of the lower classes. Kerrey is one who can stir up the hearts of Americans, I believe, and force us to see and reform our faults that have arisen from our nation's shift to the right-wing.

Clinton, from Little Rock, Ark., has that same rural-influenced stability of character and voice to which people listen in confidence, what the Romans would call 'gravitas' (thank you Mr. Warman). He, like Kerrey but more moderate, possesses the charm and wit to turn this country around to the older attitudes of competition, regulation, morality and confidence.

I was only five years old when the last Democrat won the Presidency, but I think these might be the best Democratic candidates in those 16 years. Hopefully, the public will be able to shed Republican propaganda that has made liberalism into profanity, and Congress into a joke. You see, Congress moves as fast and acts accordingly to the will of the public, it is in fact a mirror of us, and the Republicans have been treating the public as a joke. Are we? VOTE DEMOCRATIC!!



Lisa Welch invests in her future.

## Public Pulse

### Health Conscious...

This week *Hermes* asked members of the student body: "What do you do to be health conscious?"

"Hah! I ride my bike to the store, buy junk that will make me die early and then try to ride up the big College Drive hill with it on my back."

Dana Holz, '96, Alliance, Neb., Language Arts/Humanities

"I eat three meals a day. Drink a lot of water and try not to eat too much junk food. I also exercise a little over an hour everyday and lift weights three times a week. I also try to get as much sleep as I can."

Amy Goering, '94, Avoca, Minn., Social Work

"I try to eat a least two balanced meals a day and maintain the proper amount of vitamins and minerals. I enjoy aerobics for weekly physical activity. In college, it is very easy to gain weight, raise your cholesterol level and get out of shape. I believe that I'm happier and have a better mental ability if I'm healthy and physically active."

Tammy Hoyer, '94, Superior, Neb., Math Education

"When I get a chance I go to lift weights at Borup. The park is a good place to walk and sort things in my mind at the same time. In addition, going up four flights of stairs is good exercise."

Stacy Stauss, '94, Grand Island, Neb., Marketing and Business

"I like to take brisk walks outside whenever I can. It seems like you are accomplishing more than walking around a track or gym. I also like to play racquetball, however I need a little more of that. Ha!"

Jon Neunaber, '93, Akron, Iowa, Social Science

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