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Dr. Myrvin Christopherson and Don Jorgensen, chairman of the board of regents, were present when Ellen Ann Qualsett's gift of \$200,000 was received for a liberal arts resource center in Dana's Old Main replacement building.

\$200,000 Received For Replacement Project

by Curt Thomas

Dana College has received a \$200,000 gift for the Old Main replacement project at Dana from Ellen Ann Qualsett, chairman of the board of First National Bank in Schuyler.

Dana president Myrvin Christopherson announced the gift to members of the Dana board of regents during their meeting on campus last weekend. Qualsett is a member of that board.

Her gift will be used to construct a special liberal arts resource center in the Old Main replacement facility to be built on campus.

On Wed., Nov. 6, 1991, when ground was broken for the Old Main replacement building, sufficient funds were not available to include the center as part of the original construction project.

Thanks to Qualsett's gift, a new and expanded liberal arts resource center will soon become a reality. When completed, it will provide an excellent facility to support the liberal arts on campus and be

an inviting learning center for students, faculty and visitors. It will also be a place for conversation, reading and meetings.

Qualsett's gift was made in honor of her late husband, Harold, a 1937 graduate of Dana College and a former teacher and banker. He taught in

it will bear my late husband's name. Dana was educationally right for Harold and in later years he often spoke in appreciation for what he received as a Dana student."

In addition to serving as a member of the Dana College board of regents, Qualsett is active in a variety of local and state organizations. She is a member of the Nebraska State Committee of Prison Fellowship, the Museum of Nebraska Art Board and the Budget Committee of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She is also past state president of Nebraska PEO.

In accepting the gift Christopherson said, "I am delighted that Mrs. Qualsett has had the vision and generosity to make this gift in tribute to her late husband. And we are grateful that because of her belief in what we are doing at Dana, a new liberal arts learning resource center and central gathering place will soon be available on campus."

"I believe in what Dana College plans to create in this liberal arts resource center."

□ Ellen Ann Qualsett

Kennard and Tekamah before entering the banking business.

"I believe in what Dana College plans to create in this liberal arts resource center," Qualsett said, "and I'm pleased

"The Escape" Presented to Simon

by Mary Vorthmann

Dr. Milt Heinrich, an art instructor at Dana, once again has contributed a piece of art to Dana College.

Heinrich's newest contribution to Dana is one of his limited editions of the woodcut print entitled *The Escape*. This woodcut print was inspired by the drawings of Kathe Kollwitz, who herself lived and suffered through both world wars.

The *Escape* was created to pose as a reminder of the international conference, *The Rescue of the Danish Jews*, that took place on the Dana College campus in April of 1990. This was also the fiftieth anniversary of the time when the Danish joined together to help their fellow Jews escape from the Nazis during the Nazi occupation. Through these efforts over 90 percent of the Danish Jews were saved from the Nazis.

The first woodcut print of *The Escape* was presented to Senator Paul Simon, Board of Regents, on February 14, 1992, for his efforts to gain funding and organize the conference. A second woodcut print has been presented to Dana College, to commemorate *The Rescue of the Danish Jews*

conference. *The Escape* will also be presented to others who made the conference possible,



Board of Regent Paul Simon, Dr. Myrvin Christopherson and Milt Heinrich

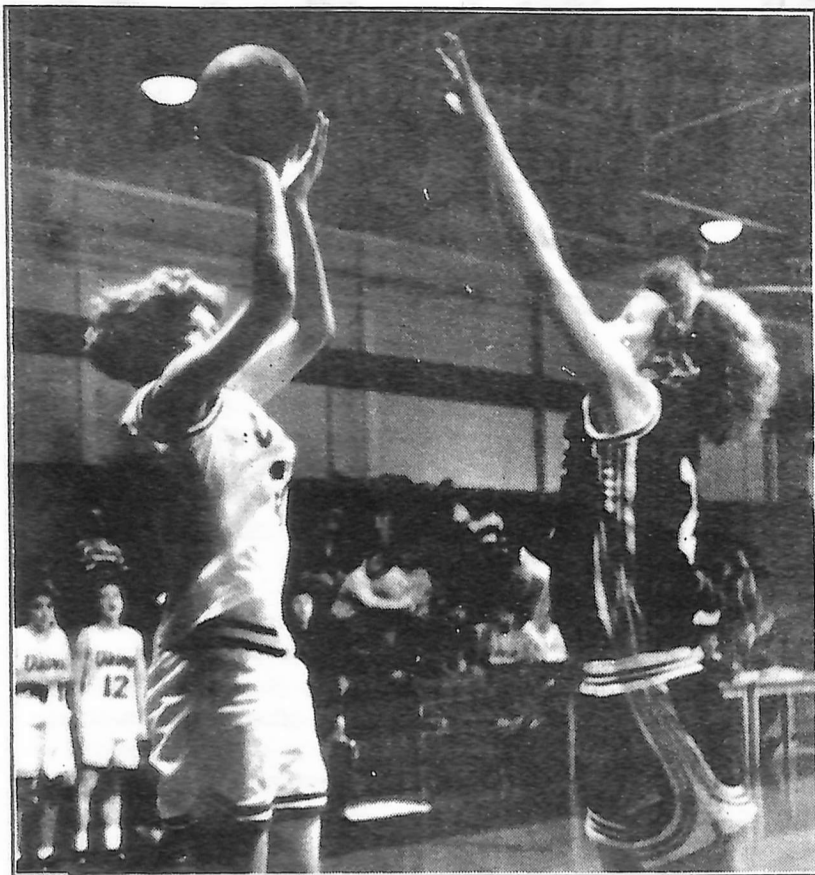
as a reminder of the conference and the efforts of the Danes to free the Jews from the Nazis.

The Escape is a symbol of those that have fled their homeland for the purposes of safety and freedom. This is brought out

in the combination of a loosely interpreted cross section of a Viking ship, with the figurative images from two very different periods of history.

Heinrich created this work while on sabbatical in 1991.

HAVE
YOU
HEARD THE
NEWS
ABOUT THE
CRUISE????
(OR DID YOU MISS THE BOAT?)



Melanie Hild shoots for two against Doane last Friday.

Lisa Welsh

Nurse's Notes ...

Joan Young, Red Cross Coordinator, met with Ars Medica members and Patti Nielsen, R.N., on Friday, February 14 to discuss organizing Bloodmobile activities.

Melissa Reinakainen is the program chairperson and Ken Brown is the co-chairman.

They will be asking for volunteers and donors between now and March 5. The Bloodmobile is scheduled for March 10.

"Reproductive Health"

Feb. 27

8:30 p.m. • Gold Room

Learn about Chlamydia and other STD's



Coordinator Not Being Utilized

by Dixie Whitlow

Do you know how to make advertising an event on campus easy? The Campus Media Coordinator (CMC) position was developed to fill this purpose.

This position is so new, that not many people even know about it yet, said Ginny Ward, senior and holder of the CMC position.

The process of announcing an event, begins by picking up a form at the information booth. The next step is to complete the simple form and return it to Ward. From here, Ward gives notices to all of the media, including KDCV, *Hermes*, DTV, and other offices that print bulletins or announcements. It is then the media's responsibility to incorporate the information into their formats.

Instead of the individual organizations going to all of the media, they now just have to go

through me. It is one step easy, said Ward.

This position was also designed to eliminate some of the posters that are scattered across the campus. However, Ward said, Not many organizations are using this as much as they can.

Not only organizations are allowed to use this. Faculty, students, and staff are all welcome to use this service. It should make everybody's job easier. Once you give me the information you can relax and know that all the media will be covered. It is a great way to get people aware of the events that are happening on campus, said Ward.

The biggest problem with this position is that people are just not utilizing it enough. I am hoping that as people find out how easy this service is,

they will fill out the form, which is very basic. Eventually, I hope that this will become a habit. As soon as an event is planned the CMC should be next to know.

If you need copies of the form to announce any events, let Ward know and she will send them to you through campus mail.

Ward is an organizational/broadcast/print communications major. After graduating from Dana, Ward is planning on taking the summer off and vacationing with a friend. She may attend graduate school. Her ultimate goal is to be an author or teach at the college level. She enjoys to write and being a DJ at KDCV.

April 11, 1992

Watch for details ...

Join
PEP CLUB
and supporting your
men's basketball team
at Bellevue.

The PEP Club will be traveling to the game.
For information call Brad Volcek at x7525

Mom says: **BOMBS AWAY!!!!!!**

Calendar of Events

for the week of February 21-27

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

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Doug Kings; PM 318 8 p.m. Ballet Omaha Winter Repertory, Orpheum Theater; Omaha	2 p.m. Women's basketball, Northwestern College at Dana 7:30 p.m. Men's basketball at Bellevue College		10 a.m. Chapel, Prof. John Lyden; PM 318	8 a.m.-5 p.m. Parnassus Volunteers' Tie Exhibit in Parnassus 9 a.m. Faculty Colloquium, presentation by Prof. Fran Mallory; Blue Room 3:30 p.m. Music Department Recital; Neve Room	10 a.m. Chapel, Waldorf College Choir; PM 318 9 p.m. Concert by David Kauffman of Praiseworks Ministries, MFAC	10 a.m. Faculty Coffee

Viking Softball Looks for Sixth Consecutive Conference Title

by Art Phillips

Staff Writer

The lady Vikings softball team has already started their spring training, and the attitudes of the team is like the Nike symbol, just win.

This winning attitude has brought a lot of success for the Lady Vikings softball program. They have won five consecutive conference titles in a row, and with the addition of a few new faces, the sixth one is very obtainable.

When asked about the attitudes of the team, sophomore Michelle Wheatley said, Other than a few attitude problems earlier in the spring training, the attitude is better than it was last year.

There are a lot of open spots to be filled from last year's talented group of graduates. This is a pre season look at the starters for the lady Vikings.

The infield will look like this. Freshman Nicole Alfredson, who red shirted it last year because of a knee injury, will be the starting catcher. First base will be shared by sopho-

more Laura Morrison and junior Michele Mundt. All-conference second baseman Katie Corbitt will retain her position. Replacing all-conference shortstop Janet Mitchell will be Sonia Farwell. Third base will be rotated by sophomore Vicki Behrends and freshman Kristy Jesse.

"The pitching and outfield are our biggest strengths."

□ Coach Steve Kissel

The outfield is a little more definite and stable. Replacing all-conference outfielder Tina Reimer will be red shirt junior left fielder Kris Gunderson who transferred to Dana from conference rival Midland. Returning stronger than ever will be center fielder Sheryl Shuster. Overlooked in the past

because of the very talented outfield of the lady Vikings, Shuster is looking to be the leader in the outfield. Holding down the right field spot will be the very talented sophomore Michelle Wheatley.

When asked about the strengths Coach Kissel said, The pitching and the outfield are our biggest strengths. The starting rotation looks like this. There will be three returning starters from last year's team: juniors Carol Mueller, Michelle Mundt and Amy Christensen. Freshman Shelly Cole, who comes to Dana highly recruited from Urbandale, Iowa, will add to the talented and powerful pitching staff.

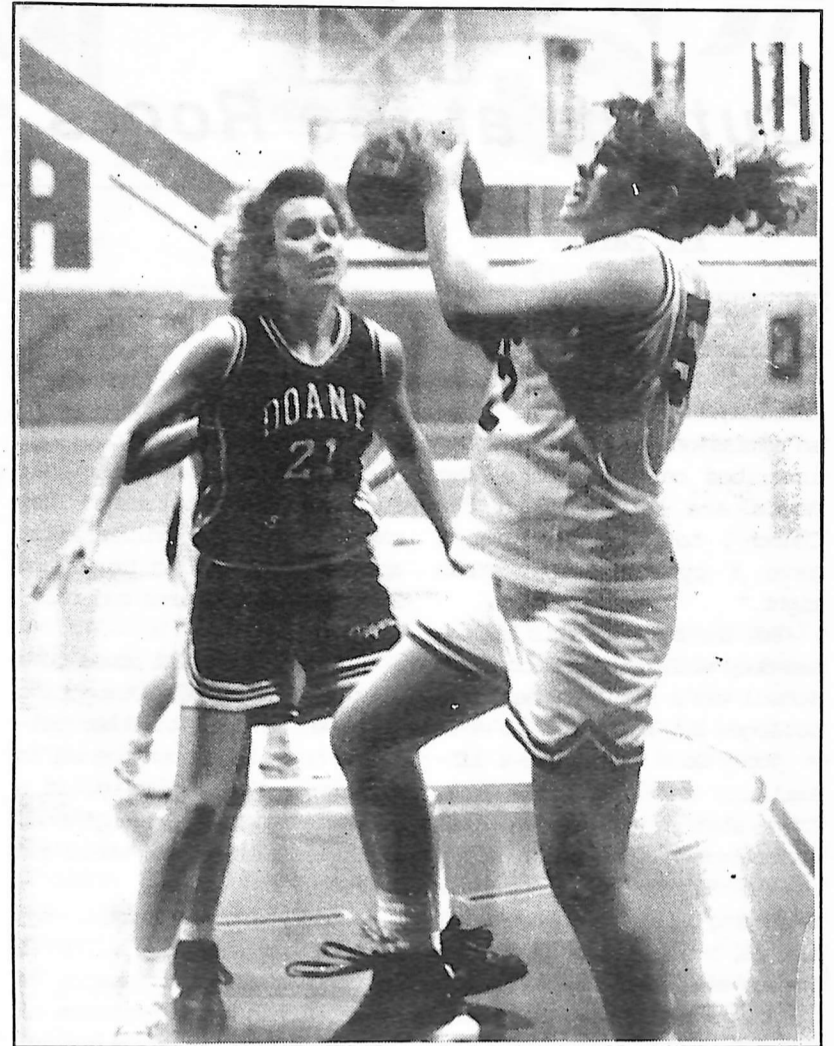
As you can see the future looks bright for the Lady Vikings softball team. Their first test will be March 7 at UNO when they take on the Lady Mavs. I look to the Dana softball team to get the respect that they truly deserve and be a definite force in the conference.

The Sweet Rewards of Volunteering

An educational program about volunteering will be held in the Linden Room of the Campus Center at 7 p.m. on February 27.

Various volunteers from the area will be speaking on what they do, and the benefits they have gained from volunteering.

There will be an opportunity for Dana students and faculty to sign up for different volunteer positions before and after the program.



Marcy Schwarten goes in for a lay-up.

Lisa Welsh

Lady Vikings Ready for Districts

by Carrie L. Larkins

Copy Editor

This weekend we played better basketball in terms of intensity and defense, according to Coach Kathy Foley. The lady Vikings split games with conference foes, losing to Doane, 83-66, and defeating Nebraska Wesleyan, 70-53. Friday night Dana had a tough time offensively, shooting only 32% from two point range. Defensive intensity was improved, however, as the Tigers had a difficult time getting the ball down the court. Dana forced several Doane turnovers throughout the game.

Four Vikings were in double figures. Katie Corbitt led the team with 20, followed by Kris Grappendorf, Stacey Byers and Marcy Schwarten with ten each.

Jennifer Edelman topped the remaining stats with 11 offensive rebounds, three defensive rebounds and four steals. Freshman Melanie Hild pulled down ten rebounds and Cathy Shaw had nine.

The Saturday night battle with the Plainswomen ended the first half with the lady Vikes down by two. Dana came out on a mission the second half, holding Nebraska Wesleyan to only six points in the first 12 minutes of the half. Grappendorf was

key in this drive, scoring six straight points early. Four of her points were lay-ups after steals. Theresa Hutfless came off the bench to help the Vikings defensively.

Corbitt led Dana with 23 points and three steals followed by Grappendorf with 14 points (ten in the second half), three steals and six assists. Edelman was also in double figures with 11 points, three steals and 15 rebounds.

In the past five weeks we have been in a kind of slump. We haven't played our best basketball against some tough competition, said Foley. This weekend we got back on track and hopefully got our intensity back for the playoffs.

The Vikings 14 victories so far this season is the most ever by a Dana women's basketball team. They set their sights high at the beginning of the season and they are still working towards achieving them, said Foley.

Dana should be seeded second or third in their district, depending on the remainder of the season. A second seed would allow Dana to host a game. First round for district action will be February 28.

In the past, a necktie party spelled trouble. That is not the case next Tuesday, however, when members of Dana's faculty and staff will exhibit their favorite ties for public viewing. The neckties will be on display from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. February 25.

"It's meant to be just plain fun," said Nathan Kramer, Assistant to the Director of Parnassus, where the ties will be displayed. According to the Kramer, faculty and staff members are invited to bring in a necktie(s) which fits into one of several categories: Favorite, Vintage, Novelty, Prints, Solids and Others.

For additional information, contact Dana's Parnassus staff at 426-7207.

Dragon's Head

Weekly Specials

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

Monday

Fish and Chips
Chicken Noodle Soup

Tuesday

Chili Dog with Onions
Potato Soup

Wednesday

Ham and Beans with Cornbread
Chili

Thursday

Eggplant Parmigiano with Hot Bread

Friday

Sloppy Joes with Onion Rings
Fresh Fruit Salad

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9 p.m.
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Cut Off at the Roots

by Matt Plowman
Art Editor

Dana College is one of a loose network of colleges of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and yet are we? I saw an admissions pamphlet that had inscribed on the front: Our Roots are Deep Within the Church, to which at first I gave a cynical cry, Yeah right."

But the roots of this college are deep within the church. This school was a seminary before a college. But where are we now?

Today Dana College is a liberal arts college of the church. This statement alone causes controversy. Can we maintain the mission of the church while retaining a liberal education? I say yes, but with a lot of effort. There are many symbols on campus reflecting Dana's commitment to the liberal arts and to its Danish heritage but few pointing to the church.

Dana has one of the finest humanities programs in the nation and has excellent faculty who maintain the essential big picture teaching that allows us to integrate all disciplines of thought (i. e. religion, literature, history, music, art, etc. with science, economics, etc.) throughout history.

They take us through life and history experientially, not just through mere facts of the page. They encourage us to open our minds to new thought which is

enlightening, but can be dangerous.

Students can go to any liberal arts college to experience a liberal education that encourages them to experience other cultures and find new truths. They can take a more universalist approach of finding truth and God in other cultures and religions.

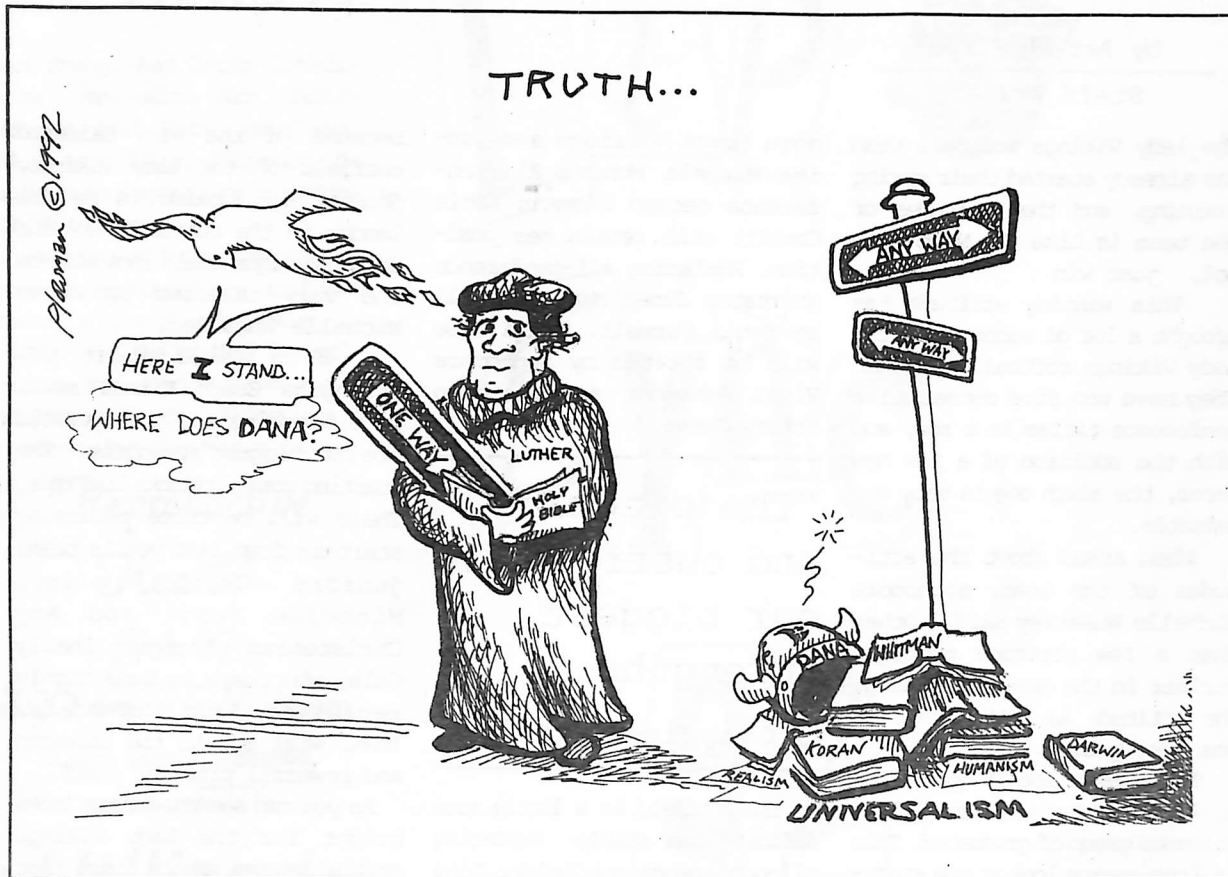
But when a student comes to a church college, he is expecting to be enlightened to other cultures but also strengthened in his own and Christianity. If a student can't be strengthened in Christianity here, where can he?

Students take theories and comments about other cultures or thought from professors as to be within the acceptance of the church or Christianity.

So when a student is taught that creation is theory and Darwin is fact, that there are many paths to God and salvation, that realism is truth above revelation through scripture, that Judaism and Christianity are products of the cultures around them, or if the student hasn't been told that scripture is the word of God written by the Spirit through men--then the students are being cut off from the roots.

Some students are able to handle this, others are lost to cynicism, humanism or the New

Politoons by Plowman



Age movements of thought. Yes, here at Dana a school of the Lutheran church.

Luther must be rolling in his grave, to see that we don't teach scripture as the ultimate authority. The college has been cut off at the roots.

Some of the last evidence left of our mission at college and church is in the science building. There's a plaque that reads (paraphrased): Lord, help us to learn through knowledge what we already know through faith. Perfect.

We can still search for a lib-

eral education. We can span the disciplines studying cultures and their thoughts, appreciating and learning from them. But scripture is the final truth (no matter how close other cultures and thought come to it).

We can learn a lot of truth about the physical world from say Walt Whitman or Darwin, but the only truth about the spiritual comes from God. That was Luther and the saints' conviction, and it should be that of this college and church.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to a comment made by Stan Shaw (staff writer) in his interview with me (HERMES, Feb. 7). I would like to clarify the issue mentioned about marrying more than one wife; an issue, I think that overshadowed the main topic of the article.

In Islam, polygamy is considered a hated, legalized matter, just like divorce. Monogamy is the rule, and polygamy is an exception which is allowed for certain purposes including providing for widowed women and their orphan kids, female infertility and serious illness of the wife (keeping the ailed wife instead of "dumping" her).

In addition, two important criteria have to be met: justice in treating all members of the family equally and ability to support them. "But if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with them then marry only one-to prevent you from doing injustice" [Qur'an 4:3]. Another verse saying "Ye may not be

able to be just (in this issue)". It is clear from the two verses that Qur'an came very close to prohibiting polygamy, but left a narrow gap to justify for the sought benefits as mentioned above.

Polygamy is not new to the Islamic tradition, in fact it is deep rooted in the Judeo-Christian-Islamic tradition. The father of the tradition, prophet Abraham, was married to two women; prophet Jacob, the father of the Israelites, had two wives. Prophet Muhammad was married to thirteen wives, only one of them was young, the others were over 50 years old and each had a special case in which she was in desperate need for help.

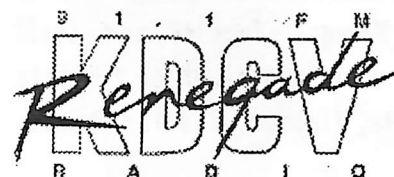
Currently, many societies and cultures around the world practice polygamy. Some people of the Mormon faith, for example, practice polygamy even though it is illegal in this country. In societies which experience skewed sex ratios toward women, polygamy is

considered as a "solution". For example, after World War II women in Germany pushed the German government to legalize polygamy so they could enjoy living in a family set up and bring the population up again.

I'm not attempting here to propagate polygamy, but rather to explain the misconception and stereotyping about it. The image of a man having a "harem" is a misunderstanding by those who intend it and those who view it from outside.

Finally, I would like to stress one point. In Islam, marriage is considered sacred as in Christianity and Judaism. In spite of the legality of polygamy and its abuse by some people, polygamy in Islamic societies is very rare because faith and commitment to family are highly regarded.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ahmad Al-Absy



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