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And the Survey Says...

By Jon Rademacher and Bradley P. Volcek

As many of you know, a survey went out to all students on the Dana campus about two weeks ago. This survey was motivated by members of the Campus Life Committee and the student body at large. It has since been followed by another, more in-depth survey to continue defining the problems and highlighting the strong points of the college. The following are the results from the preliminary survey...

First, the demographics: of the 345 surveys distributed, 115 were returned; 50 freshmen, 29 sophomore, 26 juniors, and 10 seniors (51 males and 64 females) responded. Of these, 79 were returning, 15 were not, eight were graduating, 11 were undecided, and two did not respond.

The second group of questions dealt with what students liked about Dana. The top six answers, in order, were size, professors, students and "people", location, atmosphere, and education.

The third section consisted of yes/no questions. In the following responses, undecided answers and answers left blank are not included.

Do you feel you are getting what you paid for at Dana?

55-Yes 51-No

Do you feel you are getting a good education?

103-Yes 8-No

Do you like the current intervisitation policy?

25-Yes 86-No

Do you like the alcohol policy?

29-Yes 81-No

Do you feel you are informed of problems that happen on campus?

26-Yes 78-No

Do feel there is an outlet for your feelings and concerns?

47-Yes 56-No

On a scale of one (lowest) to five (highest), the following areas produced these averages (listed from highest to lowest):

Professors/Instructors 4.23

Registrar's office 4.14

Residence Life Staff 3.41

Business Office 3.18

Student Services 2.89

Financial Aid Office 2.68

When asked if they could change any one thing about Dana, the students' top six responses, in ascending order, were: policy, social life and activities, alcohol policy, and other rules and policies.

These results, which have also been included in discussions at Student Senate, Campus Life Committee and in various offices around campus, should speak for themselves. It's time we emphasized the positive aspects of this college (of which there are obviously many) and worked to strengthen or rebuild the weaker areas. Dana is a place of which we can all be extremely proud, but only by working together will we be able to make Dana the best place it possibly can be.

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Minority-Group Enrollment At Colleges Rose Reaching Record Levels

by Jean Evangelauf

The college enrollment of minority-group members rose ten percent from 1988 to 1990, reaching record levels for all groups, the U. S. Department of Education said in January.

In a report of its biennial survey on the racial and ethnic characteristics of college students, the department cited the following figures:

- From 1988 to 1990, the enrollment of American Indians and Alaskan Natives rose 10.8%, to 103,000.
- The enrollment of Asian and Pacific Islanders climbed 11.7%, to 555 thousand.
- The number of black, non-hispanic students increased 8.2%, to 1,233,000.
- The ranks of Hispanic students rose 11.5%, to 758,000.
- The number of white, non-Hispanic college students went up 3.8%, to 10,675,000.
- The enrollment of foreign student-non-resident aliens studying in the United States on a temporary basis grew 10%, to 397,000.

Over all, white students accounted for 77.9% of the 13.7 million students enrolled in 1990, followed by black, 8.9%; Hispanics, 5.5%; Asians, 4%; foreigners, 2.9% and American Indians, 0.8%

The American Council on Education, in a new report included the Education De-

partments 1990 enrollment statistics, called the minority-group figures "encouraging signs for the future" but warned that the gains were threatened by the current economic recession.

"We cannot allow attempts to balance federal and state budgets to eradicate efforts on behalf of minorities in higher education," said Robert H. Atwell, the council's president.

"We would be wrong to look at the numbers, see progress, and conclude that recruitment and retention programs on behalf of underserved groups are no longer necessary," he continued. "We made that mistake in the late 1970's, and we have

been struggling ever since to regain those lost advances."

The enrollment of black students, a key concern among educators and policymakers, showed the largest two-year gain since 1980.

From 1988-1990, the number of black male students grew 7.4 percent, to 476,000. That total edged past the previous high of 470,000 reached in 1976, the year he survey was first conducted. The number of black female students rose 8.7 percent from 1988 to 1990, reaching a record high of 747,000.

Although black enrollment rose 10.5 percent during the 1980's, the college-

going rate of blacks remained stable. During the decade, the proportion of 18-to-24 year old black high-school graduates enrolled in college averaged about 28 percent, according to Census Bureau statistics cited in the department report.

The enrollment of Hispanic students followed a similar pattern. The number of such students jumped nearly 61 percent from 1980 to 1990, but the college-going rate of 18-to-24 year old Hispanic high school graduates remained steady at about 29 percent.

In contrast, the college-going rate of white youths increased from 33 percent in 1981 to 40 percent in 1989, while the number of white students rose 8.6 percent from 1980 to 1990.

Minority students were more likely than whites to be enrolled in undergraduate programs, according to the department report. Among minority students, 91.2 percent were undergraduates and 8.8 percent were graduate and professional-school students. For white students, the comparable figures were 86.5 percent and 13.5 percent.

This story was originally printed in the 1-22-92 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

1990 Racial and Ethnic Enrollment and 2-Year Gains

	Enrollment	2-year gains
American Indian	103,000	10.8%
Asian	555,000	11.7
Black	1,223,000	8.2
Hispanic	758,000	11.5
White	10,675,000	3.8
Foreign	397,000	10.0
TOTAL	13,710,000	5.1%

Good Luck

to the
baseball team
in Oklahoma
and the
softball team
in Texas

Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

I feel I must respond to Matt Plowman's editorial of March 6, 1992, insofar as I still do not understand what he wishes to see changed at Dana. He says he is not attacking the Religion or Humanities departments; in fact, he is not attacking anyone, he is only "concerned." But what is the focus of this concern, if not these departments? He complains about the fact that we examine attempts to find the "historical Jesus"; does this occur anywhere but in the Religion and Humanities departments?

Mr. Plowman also fails to understand that one can examine the Bible historically and still be committed to its truth. Lutherans have never shunned historical study of the Bible, and Luther himself went so far as to reject the authority of certain books of the Bible (James and II Peter) on the basis of his own historical studies. This did not conflict with his conviction that the Bible contains the Word of God, because he never held that every word of the Bible must be true—only that God's Word is

present in the Bible. The authority of the Bible is neither based on, nor endangered by, historical studies of its content.

Mr. Plowman also seems to imply that I have abandoned Lutheran principles through my suggestion that other religions may have validity, because he assumes that this idea is incompatible with commitment to scripture as the standard for truth. These two ideas are only incompatible if one has a narrow understanding of scripture.

Leading Lutheran theologians Wolfhart Pannenberg and Carl Braaten accept scripture as the final standard for truth but also find some validity in other religions. I must also repeat that I do not promote any one view about the truth of other religions. There are a variety of views on this subject, even within Lutheranism, and students must be exposed to these views if they are to understand modern theology.

Mr. Plowman also suggests that people with a simple faith should not be chal-

lenged to question their faith, because their lives might end during this questioning and they would then be damned. I do not believe God will damn someone who is struggling to understand his or her faith. In fact, I believe God values the faith of those who struggle to understand (those who cry, "help my unbelief!") more than those who simply dogmatically accept what they have been taught without thinking about it.

I do not think that we are neglecting the authority of scripture simply because we entertain a variety of approaches to it. If we are to take the Bible seriously, we must study it seriously. And if this is to be an institution which is true to its Christian mission, we must encourage serious reflection on Christianity, not simply repeat Bible stories. Dana is a church college—not a Sunday school.

Sincerely,
Dr. John Lyden

Dear Editor:

The dialogue by Matt Plowman about Dana's role as a church related college is an important one. This debate is going on at many institutions like ours and is never resolved once and for all. I thank Matt for raising the issue and am encouraged that it has generated so much interest. It is a sign of our spiritual health that we take seriously our identity as a church institution.

A primary concern of Matt's is that the teaching in some classes is incompatible with Dana's status as a church school. He fears that some of what is taught here is antithetical to Christianity and detrimental to the faith of Dana students. This is a legitimate concern. Church history shows, however, that it is not an easy matter to resolve.

Over the centuries church authorities have opposed many new ideas (theological and otherwise) and persecuted their proponents. They believe these ideas were contrary to Christian teaching and harmful to the faith of believers. In his letter, Dr. Lyden gave Copernicus as one example. Martin Luther himself was excommunicated on this basis and many other cases could be cited. These efforts of church authorities enforcing doctrine and pure teaching have rarely succeeded and usually resulted in the church looking foolish. Often church leaders have been motivated as much by a desire for power and control as a concern for the spiritual well being of the faithful.

Encounters with new ideas, especially religious ones, are often unsettling. My first encounter with critical methods of Bible study was very disturbing since I had a fairly literalistic understanding of the Bible. I came to the point where I thought I had lost my faith—but I was wrong. After much wrestling I discovered for myself the great Lutheran (and biblical) insight that faith itself is a pure gift and not mine to lose. What I had lost was not my faith but an external prop for it, namely, a particular

view of scripture. I had been substituting faith in the Bible for faith in God.

When is a person ready to have their faith challenged? I don't know. I don't know when my son will be ready to cross the street by himself. My hunch is that he will be ready before I will be ready for him to be ready. It has to happen, though, and will.

Faith crises do happen and I believe need to happen. I know that my spiritual growth does not occur when life is going wonderfully. It is almost always in times of crisis when I discover anew what it means to be a child of God. I don't plan such events, if you ask me I am not ready for them, and they aren't much fun. Yet, I am always a new and better person for them.

What is Dana's role as a church college? I certainly do not have a full answer. This recent *Hermes* discussion has led me to see that one function can be to provide a place for the inevitable and necessary crises of faith. It can be a place where one's faith is challenged and where caring people can be found to help put the pieces back together.

Challenges in faith will happen but providing for a caring faith community is difficult. Perhaps here is where Dana might productively engage in some self-examination. When challenging a student's religious beliefs and the faith that goes with them, do we also provide the community and support to assist him or her to move from faith to crisis to renewed faith? What should be present in an academic environment that can encourage and nurture such faith development is a question it would be well worth our exploring. Let's come together about this to talk and listen and pray.

Peace,

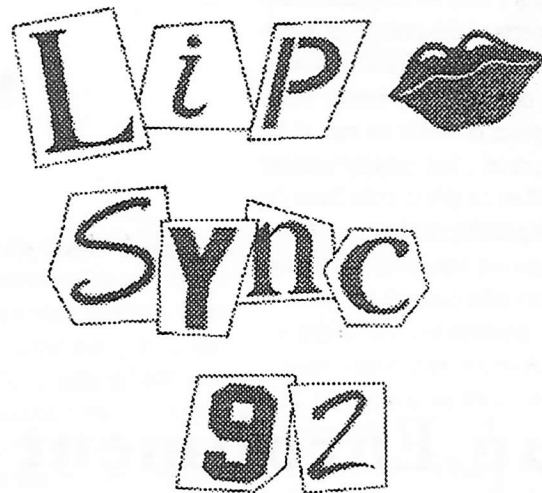
Rev. Doug Kings
Campus Pastor

"My Cousin Vinny"

Bill Gambini, played by Ralph Macchio, and Stan Rothenstein, played by Mitchell Whitfield, are a couple of 21-year-old college guys taking a cross-country road trek to UCLA via the back roads of the deep South. They should be having the time of their lives, except for one small mishap. They are wrongfully arrested in Wahoo City, Ala., for murdering a convenience store clerk. At best their punishment is a long-term jail sentence; at worst... the electric chair.

Their only hope is legal representation from Bill's cousin Vinny, played by Joe Pesci, a Brooklyn lawyer who took six years to pass the bar and only made it six weeks ago. This is not only his first murder trial—it's his first case. Refusing help from his fiery Brooklyn girlfriend, Lisa, as played by Marisa Tomei, the novice lawyer must wrestle with legal procedure in an alien environment under the intimidating eye of Chamberlain Haller, played by Fred Gwynne, a tough country judge with an obsession for the letter of the law and a powerful dislike for Vinny.

"My Cousin Vinny," opens nationwide today. Rating: "R"



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Calendar of Events

for the week of March 13-19

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

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Mike Knudson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Omaha; PM 3:18 3 p.m. Baseball at Kansas Wesleyan	1 p.m. Baseball at NW Oklahoma State University, Alva, Okla. 7 p.m. Blair World of Entertainment, "The Ecco Trio," MFAC (limited number of complimentary student tickets)	1 p.m. Baseball at NW Oklahoma State Softball in Texas throughout Spring Break	1 p.m. Baseball at Mid-America Bible College, Oklahoma City, Okla.	1 p.m. Baseball at Hillsdale Baptist College, Oklahoma City	1 p.m. Baseball at Hillsdale Baptist	1 p.m. Baseball at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas
SPRING BREAK!!!						

Tough Competition at Nationals

by Steve Mathis
Staff Writer

Five members of the Dana wrestling team competed March 5-7 at the NAIA National Wrestling Tournament in Hays, Kansas. They were able to scrap up five wins against strong competition from teams across the United States and one team from Canada. The five national qualifiers for Dana were Scott Stickler, Troy Greder, Marty Killion, Steve Mathis and Kyle Lindelof.

Junior Kyle Lindelof, wrestling in his home state of Kansas, shined for the Dana Vikings. Entering the tournament unseeded, he was able to pull off two wins over quality competition and needed just one more win to become an All-American. Lindelof finished in the top twelve in the heavyweight division.

Also wrestling well at Nationals was sophomore Scott Stickler. After losing his first match, he was able to pull off two gutsy wins. One of these wins required a last second takedown, which pulled Stickler ahead by one. Stickler also finished in the top two twelve and needed one more win to become an All-American. He will be back next year to lead the team in the 134 pound weight class.

Senior Steve Mathis also finished in the top twelve. He reached the quarter finals

after beating an opponent from Southwest State Minnesota. Mathis only needed to win one of his next two matches to bring home an All-American medal. Losing his quarterfinal match in sudden death overtime, Mathis had to come back and win his

"Our wrestlers showed that they belonged at Nationals..."

□ Coach Ron Beaman

next match but failed to do so. He lost this match in a close 7-8 decision. Mathis did take home his second NAIA All-Scholar Athlete award.

For the second year in a row junior Troy Greder drew the number one seed of the 142 pound weight class in the first round. Greder was not able to beat the rated opponent from West Liberty State, but he wrestled him tough. He also lost his next match in consolation. Greder said about his unfavorable draw, "I better not get the

number one seed next year." He will be working on a vigorous off season program to improve his chances for next year.

Freshman Marty Killion was not able to collect a win at Hays in the 167 pound weight class. He did wrestle a tough match against an opponent from Northern Montana who ended up in the finals. Killion only lost 5-3 to this opponent. Killion, with a healthy knee and three more years of eligibility, should be able to improve upon his performance.

Even though the Dana grapplers did not come away with a medal, Coach Ron Beaman was pleased with his wrestlers' performance. Beaman said, "Our wrestlers showed that they belonged at Nationals, now all we have to do is get over the hump and place some All-Americans next year."

The national tournament brought another successful season to an end. The wrestlers ended up with an 8-6 dual record, placed second in the Tri-State conference and fourth at the Five State Area tournament. With only one senior on the team graduating, the team has an excellent chance of being even more competitive next year.

Dana Tennis Looking Toward Competitive Season

by John Hundahl
Staff Writer

The days are becoming warmer and the tennis players are gearing up for another season of Dana tennis.

Last year was a landmark season for the team. They finished second in the conference and district tournaments. The tennis team had never shaken up the competition like this before. Dana had now become a force in tennis, along with other strong teams.

The 1992 season has some old and new faces. Dana lost three players this year. One has graduated and two returned to Denmark. These three each won a second place medal in singles play. Two of them also received second place in doubles.

With all losses come gains. The Dana

squad has received four new players: Shawn Brooks, Greg Hansen, Jeremy Hill and Ken Brown. Returning players include Steve Mathis, Shad Beam and Steve Lemon. Shad Beam and Steve Lemon each won second place medals in singles and doubles.

The team seems excited and anxious to begin play. Their first match was Friday, March 6 at Nebraska Wesleyan.

As the coach for the tennis team, let me end by saying that the team looks strong and I feel we will be competitive in our conference. I bet we will even surprise some of our opponents. Most of all, the team will have fun and become better players.

Intramurals Underway

by Kalani Simpson
Staff Writer

Men's basketball intramurals are underway! As of Wednesday, March 11, teams have played between three to five games.

The Clippers lead the league with a perfect 4-0 record, scoring an average of 80.8 points per game with an average of only 38.3 against. Their fast break style has produced a leading 126 two point field goals. The Spurs also have a perfect record at 3-0. The Hornets are third with three wins against one loss. At 2-1, the Magic have the best free throw shooting percentage of 67.4%. The 3-2 Warriors are fifth in the standings. They have a league leading 32 three pointers and 47 free throws made. The Timberwolves and Knicks are both 2-3. The Wolves are tied for the free throw lead with 47. The Spare Tires have an 0-4 record. The Hair Club For Men are 0-5.

The Spurs' Rob Coursey leads in scoring with 102 points. His 34 point average leads the league, as does his game high of 39. His 15 three pointers are second to Pat

Fork of the Warriors, who has 17. Magic player Larry Guenther canned six of six free throws for 100% and the league lead. Pete Svendgard's seven out of eight free throws gives the Knicks 87.5% and second place.

The individual conference standings are as follows: (records shown are conference records.)

Eastern:
Timberwolves (2-0), Warriors (1-1), Hair Club For Men (0-2)

Central:
Spurs (2-0), Knicks (0-1), Spare Tires (0-1)

West:
Clippers (1-0), Hornets (0-1), Magic (0-0)

All statistics are from intramural co-director and self described "intramural guru" Shad Beam. Information is up to date as of Wednesday night's games (March 11).

Mom says: Beware of the SUCCULENT DUCKS!!

The next issue of the *Hermes* will be published on April 3rd!

Have a great spring break!

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 Borgla 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

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Baseball Season Opener Baseball team travels to Oklahoma

by Curt Thomas
Staff Writer

The Dana College baseball team will open their season during spring break this weekend. The Vikings are Oklahoma bound where they will play in a series of twelve games over an eight day period.

Coach Dale Lemon says that he feels they are prepared to do battle after practicing and a recent scrimmage session. "We don't have much depth but I think we can fill each position pretty well," Lemon commented.

The team may feel the loss of last year's All-Conference player Troy Carmichael. Lemon was quick to note that returning All-Conference man Shawn Winters will be a major asset to the team as well as catcher

Pete Svendgard.

Lemon says the pitching staff looks pretty good with nine possible players, three of which are freshman.

As far as the catching staff goes, both of the members are seniors. The infielder roster, contains four players and the outfield is composed of five players.

The beginning of the twelve game stretch will be Sunday, March 15, where the team will challenge North West Oklahoma State. Games will continue on, the final game being played on Friday, March 20. This last game of the trip will be against Kansas Wesleyan, at Salina.

Letters to the Editor

Politooons by Plowman

To The Editor:

I am writing this in response to the editorial written by Jon Rademacher and Brad Volcek which appeared in last week's *Hermes*.

Mr. Rademacher and Mr. Volcek refer to a proposal that Dan Travaille, Vice President for Student Affairs, brought to Student Senate. The authors of the editorial obviously oppose this proposal, and they present their views in the form of a personal attack. I do not feel this approach gains anything for any student on this campus.

Mr. Rademacher and Mr. Volcek were not writing as senators per se; however, I think the nature of the article and the subject matter may lead others to think otherwise.

I feel that as senators we have a duty to inform students about things that may affect their lives here at Dana College. I do not feel that a personal attack on someone is the responsible way to do this.

We also have a duty as senators to work to resolve conflicts and solve problems. I do not feel the approach used by

Rademacher and Volcek is conducive to solving problems. I see it as emphasizing the problems and creating more. It is very easy to complain about problems on campus, but finding a solution takes much more effort. We have probably all heard the saying "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." With this article I see Rademacher and Volcek as part of the problem.

Another point I would like to make is that anyone person does not create all the problems on campus. Often, many factors contribute to a problem and we must recognize this fact.

I would be very interested in hearing the positive results, if any, that have come from this article. I just do not see this being beneficial to anyone.

The senate has been trying to address the problem on our campus and has been making progress. Let's allow the senate to do its job.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wesemann

To the Editor:

I am writing this to respond to Jon Rademacher and Bradley P. Volcek's editorial in the March 6, 1992, issue of the *Hermes*.

After reading this essay, I would like to ask these two gentlemen who died and made them judge, jury and God. I am not one to stick up for Dan Travaille because I do not know a lot about him, but who cares if he made a stupid proposal? This article made me and others I have talked to feel funny.

First, the quote from Dan's memo was totally out of line. Was he ever asked if this could be published? And if you did get permission, why didn't you print the entire thing, not just two paragraphs where it could be taken out of context? Publishing this quote not only made Dan look bad, but also President Christopherson and the *Hermes*. It also showed the rest of the campus what kind of low-life, pig-headed egomaniacs you really are.

If you are so interested in other people's business and giving the people what they want, why is your radio station so damn unpopular these days? If you are so into the democratic system of running committees, why is it that you two are the heart and soul of every radio station executive staff decision (for example, the entire deal with playing alternative music)? Before one can cast stones, one must reflect on

his own faults.

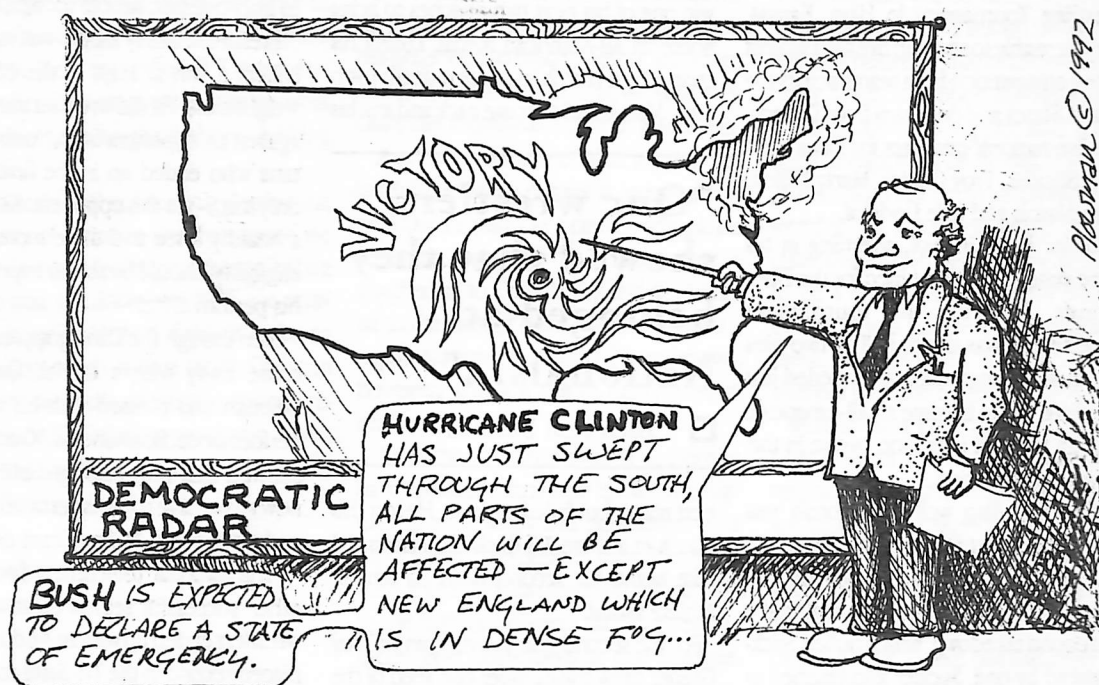
The day prior to the publishing of the editorial, Jon commented to me that the two of them were writing an article. When I asked what its topic was, Jon quickly smiled and said, "Dan bashing." Boy, what a witty fellow. Shall I bash you. The actions you've shown to me and others and the way you describe Dan are pretty similar.

I am not agreeing with Dan or Student Senate on this issue because I do not know all of the facts. Somehow I wonder if Jon and Brad know them either. But as a reader of the *Hermes*, I found the publishing of this mud-slinging article from the above mentioned radio dictators totally uncalled for. True, it was an editorial, but editorials show both sides, as Jon should know.

Finally, I would like to say that this whole "Dan bashing," as Jon so eminently put it, is stupid. If Dan has done something wrong, then go after him. So what if he made a stupid proposal? These two did the same when they instituted alternative programming at the campus radio station, even though it came in sixth, tied with rap, in a survey of the campus.

Sincerely,
S. Douglas Jones

NEWS BRIEF...



Submit your creative writing for the

Sower 1992

The Sower is a Dana student publication that is designed to give students an opportunity to express themselves through poetry, short stories, photography, and art. If you have any material that you would like to publish, get it ready. A deadline for submission will be set after Spring Break.

To the Editor:

As elected leaders of the student body we would like to express our enthusiasm regarding the previous editorials published in the *Hermes*. The views expressed by the students serve as a resource for discussion and reflection as we try to best represent the campus.

However, we would like to respond to the editorial written by Jon Rademacher and Brad Volcek. The editorial developed out of discussion held at the Student Senate meeting on Wed., March 4. Though the proposal did not hold unanimous approval by the senate, the views expressed in the editorial were not necessarily representa-

To the Editor,

I am writing in regard to the editorial written by Jon and Brad. I feel it is necessary to explain the circumstances surrounding the proposal by Dan Travaille. Dan met with the executive staff some three to four weeks ago to discuss the problem with SAB and intramurals. We listened to Dan's proposal, but there was some miscommunication as to how this proposal was to be presented. Dan thought we, as an executive staff, were going to present the proposal but he did not attend the senate meeting on March 4.

The senate had some healthy discussion on the proposal and eventually voted it down. The excerpt from Brad and Jon's editorial was taken from a note that was meant for the executive staff. Unfortunately, a few copies were sent to some of the senators.

I met with Dan Tuesday afternoon to discuss the proposal. I found out that he

tive of the entire body.

As leaders of Student Senate we encourage a diversity of opinions when discussing issues. In no way, do we want to discredit any of the opinions and points which Jon and Brad expressed in their editorial. We simply want to clarify the situation.

We hope that these editorials have provoked thought and discussion. It's wonderful for a small campus to be concerned with these different issues. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Student Senate Executive Staff

did not want to take the student voice out of campus activities. He simply wanted to create a position for someone who could be held "accountable" if things did not get done.

It is my honest belief that Dan and President Christopherson have the best intentions for the students.

In conclusion I think it was very poor judgement on Jon and Brad's part to show only excerpt from the proposal and not bother to ask one of the executive staff for some background information. I don't want to discourage them from expressing their opinions, I just think they reacted out of anger and should have taken the time to get all the facts.

Sincerely,
Joe Ellis
Student Senate Treasurer

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