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Rethinking the Cultures of Disciplines .

by Raymond J. Rodrigues

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The increasing ethnic and racial diversity of our colleges and universities is forcing many faculty members to reexamine their curricula. How should the influx of culturally diverse students affect our courses? Should we abandon the European cultural heritage that has served us so well? Should engineering courses on irrigation, for example, include an investigation of the social role of the acequia system in Hispanic or Native American cultures—or should that material remain just in anthropology courses?

Faculty members' questions reveal not only uneasiness with the political implications of change, but also a genuine inability to grasp the rationale behind some suggestions for curricular reform.

Too often, academics cannot see the profound intellectual or "cultural" values inherent in their particular disciplines. We rarely recognize that "multicultural" tensions can be found not only in matters of ethnicity and race, but also between and among our disciplines. If we could recognize how culture-bound our disciplines have made us, and if we could appreciate the enhanced perspectives that interdisciplinary connections allow, perhaps integrating multicultural content into our curricula might make more sense to us.

In reviewing the tenure and promotion files of faculty members from all departments at my university and in directing periodic reviews of departments, I have been struck by how utterly distinct the

world views of faculty members from different disciplines can be. Writing a textbook is judged to be scholarship in one department but pedagogy in the next. Advising the city council on how to manage traffic patterns is rewarded as commendable service in Department X but discounted in Department Y since such service takes time from department activities.

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In one humanities department, helping students to apply ideas and thus induce broad concepts for themselves is considered to be the best teaching. But in a neighboring social science department, lecturing about the conceptual taxonomies of the discipline is considered to be the best teaching, and application is seen as watering down course content. These different ways of valuing professional behavior are not mere fancies of the moment, but are grounded in generations of disciplinary evolution.

My realization is not new. Thirty years ago in *Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution*, C. P. Snow described faculty members in the two "cultures" of science and literature as "comparable in intelligence, identical in race, not grossly different in social origin, earning about the same incomes, who had almost ceased to communicate at all, who in intellectual, moral and psychological climate had so little in common."

As undergraduates, we are recruited into a specific intellectual culture by virtue of having shown skill and interest in a particular discipline. Once admitted to a graduate school, we are gradually socialized into accepting ways of thinking and behaving within the discipline. As untenured faculty members, we are rewarded for emulating our colleagues. For example, we learn at which national conference a literature professor should present a paper to receive the most acclaim. We find out whether a junior faculty member will be respected for teaching a 100 level course or whether such a task is a burden to be avoided. We learn whether we should prefer to conduct environmental research in the field or in the laboratory with an electronic-imaging device.

Whatever the preferable behavior, those who are successfully socialized into the culture of their disciplines are rewarded. The result is that in their internal communications and policy making, faculty members assert the cultures of their disciplines: particular ways of knowing their world and communicating that knowledge to their peers.

Mayfest Calendar of Events

Monday

6:30 p.m.-Dark, Tie Dying in the Oval
Bring Your Own Shirt to Dye

Tuesday

8-9:30 pm., Murder at Woodstock in the Head
Come find out whodunnit!

Wednesday

7-11 p.m., Movie and Ice Cream in DHA
Films from the 1960s: 1969 & Rude Awakenings

Friday

4-8 p.m. Karaoke Dance in the Oval
5:45 -6 p.m. Picnic in the Oval

Saturday

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sand Volleyball Tournament
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dance in the Cafeteria

T-shirts on sale all week for \$5.

Peace, Love, & Dana

New Senate Looks to be More Effective

by Cara Lucas

Elections for student senate and executive staff were recently conducted. Along with some new faces, another item that is different about the executive staff is that all of its members are females. Winners of the election for executive staff were: Trasy Sparr, President; Maija Neilsen, Vice-President; Dixie Whitlow, Secretary; and Cathy Shaw, Treasurer. Sparr believes that the 1992-93 student senate will be very effective.

"I think that the fact that senate is made up of some experienced senators, as well as quite a few new members will help the senate be more effective next year," said Sparr.

According to Sparr, senate has many new ideas and events for next year. Some activities are currently in the planning stages. This would include activities beginning on August 29, the first weekend for the fall semester.

For this weekend, plans currently include a party with games and water sports and a barbecue. The events of the week-

end would conclude with a dance. This dance is being sponsored cooperatively by both student senate and Student Activities Board.

Also in the planning stages is a project in cooperation with the Alumni Council. Both senate and the council want to purchase a combination master calendar and message board to be placed in the campus center. This would be used by the faculty, staff and students to schedule and advertise events on campus.

Another change that could take place involves class meetings. Senate is hoping to be able to hold these meetings throughout the semester.

In addition to these plans being worked on, senate is hoping to be able to continue the call in show programs on KDCV. More student involvement in this is encouraged.

"I am hoping that the election of quite a few new senators will help bring about new ideas and enthusiasm to the senate," said Sparr.



From snow to sun, the reconstruction is continuing.

Nurse's Notes...

by Patti Nielsen, RN

Sports injuries- they can really slow you down. While anti-inflammatories (Advil), ice and rest help the acute injury, how can you help prevent them?

This week, I will talk about neck and back injuries. Cyclists can be afflicted by neck tightness and soreness, caused by muscle tension. To help prevent this, make sure the height of the seat and the handlebars are correct, and rotate and stretch your neck before and after biking.

Runners, swimmers, golfers, weight lifters

and those doing aerobics, tennis and team sports (does that leave anyone out?) can fall prey to back injuries. Eighty percent of us will experience one during our lives.

The best prevention is to strengthen back and abdominal muscles. Partial sit-ups and doing the pelvic tilt are two good exercises.

Come to health services between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday thru Friday if you would like more information on injury-preventing exercises.

Choir Spring Concert

Dana College Choir members, under the direction of Dr. Richard Palmer, will sing a final concert on Sunday, May 3 at First Lutheran Church of Blair beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Three ensembles will provide an evening of music emphasizing contemporary American composers, hymns and popular folk music. In addition to performances by the Dana College Chorale and "New Day",

the newest addition to the choral department, Nova will also perform. This women's ensemble will be making its concert debut by singing in a wide variety of musical styles.

The third annual Larry Scarpino Award will also be given to the outstanding choir member for the 1991-92 academic year. A cash award of \$100 accompanies it.

The concert and the reception following are both open to the public.

Marching to the Same...Tuba

by Carrie L. Larkins

A Dana Viking will trade in his horns for Mickey Mouse ears and a tuba this summer at Disneyland in California. Kevin Wass, a junior music education major, has earned a place in the Disneyland All American College Marching Band.

Wass is one of only two tuba players in the 20 member band. Approximately 100 college undergraduates auditioned for the five tuba spots in Disneyland, Walt Disney World and at Epcot Center.

Disney makes an annual tour of 20 to 30 U.S. cities to choose the band. The auditions are open to all undergraduates. Most of the band members who were chosen are from large universities and notorious music schools. Few members are from a small college such as Dana.

The band members were chosen not only on musical ability but also on person-

ality and appearance. Disneyland is very strict on the appearance of their workers. They dictate what kind of haircut is appropriate and what eyeglass frames should look like. "They even tell us what color underwear to wear," joked Wass.

The daily regime for the band will be rehearsals in addition to six daily performances, five to seven days a week. Guest artists will come in occasionally to conduct clinics for the group.

Membership in the marching band is a paid position. It is considered work study experience for Wass. Band members live together in an apartment complex. Board is paid for in addition to a regular salary.

Wass is "really excited to go to his first real job." It will last from June 1 until August 16.

Bryan Adams Pleases the Crowd

by Carrie L. Larkins

Bryan Adams was a definite crowd pleaser Wednesday night in the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The songs all knew and loved were performed on a relatively simple stage for the near sell-out crowd.

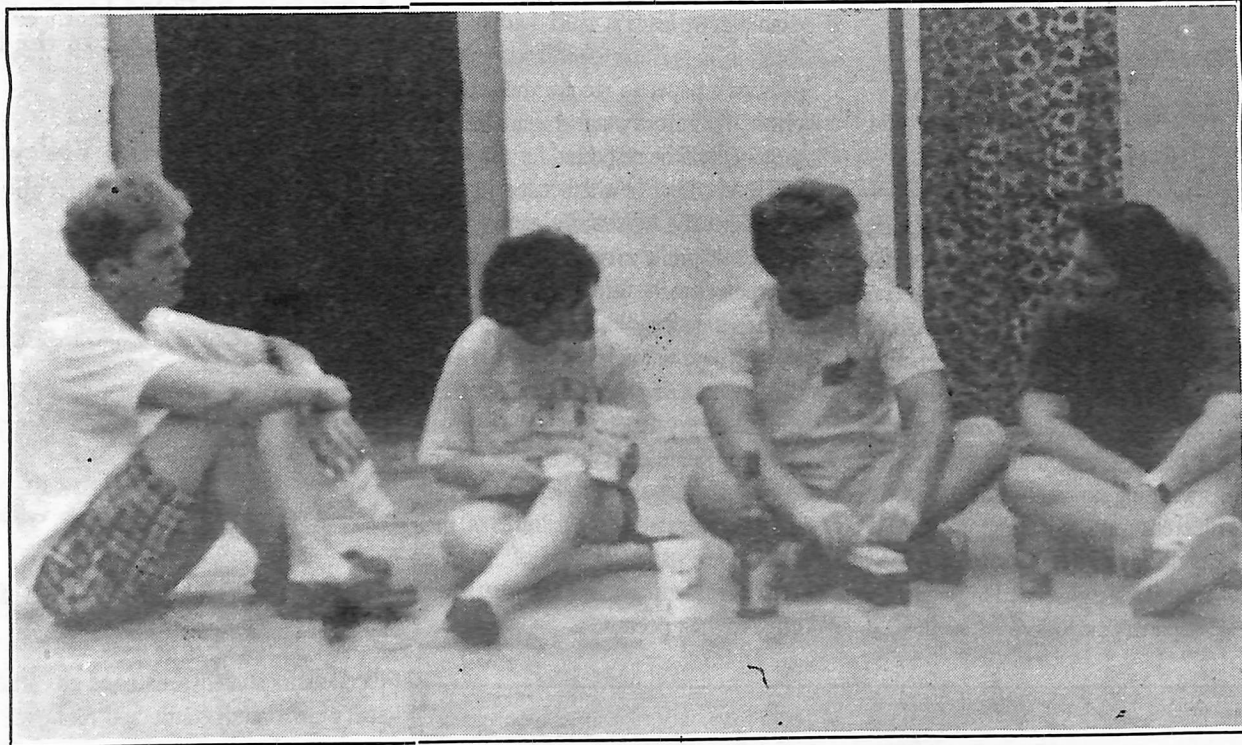
Adams played all of his hits from his thirteen year career with all the heart of an accomplished professional. From yet to be released rockers such as "House Arrest" and "Hey Honey I'm Packing You In" to everyone's favorites from his three previous LPs. It was his ballads and his classic songs which really brought the house down.

Adams played for more than two hours with all rock and little talk. Audience involvement was the key to the success of his show.

He surprised the crowd with his first encore (yes, he had two encores) by fighting his way to a platform at the center of the arena to perform. Adams returned to the stage for the song everyone had been waiting for, "Summer of '69". For his second encore, Adams dug way back into the vault for his ballad "Straight From the Heart".

Bryan Adams' third visit to the Civic was definitely his best thus far.

Piano Concerto Concert
 Sunday, May 3
 3 p.m.
 Neve Room
 Featuring the piano students of Alan Brandes & the Dana piano duo of Brandes and Clare Cowing



One Act Play. James Peister, Karen Clements, Sean Dalton and Jennifer Barabas in the "Inner Circle".

The International Students Organization
 will be sponsoring an
Appreciation Tea
 for faculty, staff and students on
May 4 at 7 p.m.
 in the Linden Room.

BE an ACTIVE listener.
Tune to
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Renegade
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Mom says: Mother Nature, MAKE UP YOUR MIND!!!

Calendar of Events

for the week of May 1-7

Exhibit in Parnassus: "The Age of the Cathedral"

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Board of Regents meeting on campus 10 a.m. Chapel, Pastor Doug Kings, PM 318 Softball, District #11 Tournament	1 p.m. Baseball at Doane	3 p.m. Piano Concertos and Dana Piano Duo, Neve Room, MFAC 7:30 p.m. Dana College Choir Concerts, First Lutheran Church, Blair.	10 a.m. Chapel, Rev. Daphne Hamburg, Pastor Augustana Lutheran Church, Omaha, PM 318 4 p.m. Cheerleading meeting, Linden RM 7 p.m. Appreciation Tea sponsored by ISO for faculty, staff and students, Linden room. 8 p.m. Alpha Chi Honor Scholarship Society induction, President's Room.	9 a.m. Faculty Business meeting, Blue Room 3:30 p.m. Music Department Recital, Neve Room, MFAC 8 p.m. "Murder at Woodstock", Dragon's Head	10 a.m. Chapel, Heidi Hahn, Dana student, PM 318 7 p.m. Mayfest Movie Night in DHA: "1969" and "Rude Awakenings"	8 p.m. Honors program. CC Dining Room

Doubleheader Losses Baseball Team Frustrated

by Paul Clark/Enterprise

A season of frustration marches on for the Dana baseball team following a pair of Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) doubleheader losses over the weekend.

Friday, the Vikings lost at Concordia, 5-2 and 10-7, in a twinbill played in frigid and windy conditions at Seward. Sunday, it was Hastings notching a pair of wins over the Vikes, 9-8 and 3-1, at Hastings.

Dana's first game against Concordia got off to a rough start for the Vikings. Starting pitcher Ryan Knutson (2-6) walked the first two batters he faced, then hit the next one.

Another walk forced home Concordia's first run, and that was the end of the line for Knutson, who gave way to reliever Pat Forck.

Forck was tagged for a two-run single and wild pitched another run home, and Concordia led 4-0 in the first.

The Bulldogs added a run in the third inning to make it 5-0. Dana got its only runs of the contest in the sixth inning. Neil Drews knocked in both Viking runs with a double in the sixth.

The end of a school-record losing streak seemed likely in the second game at Concordia.

Dana scored four runs in the first inning, and then tailed a single run in the second and added two in the third for a 7-1 lead after three innings.

An eight-run fifth inning for the Bulldogs turned the tables on Dana. Pitcher Chris Ulven was the victim of the big inning giving up four hits and a walk. Dana also committed three errors in the inning.

All but one Dana starter had a hit offensively. Shawn Winters and Drews had two hits each. Ulven (1-5) took the loss on the hill for Dana.

"We had a frustrating time in that one," said Dana coach Dale Lemon. "We out-hit them 10-9, got seven walks and three errors from them, and still didn't win. We left 10 men on base."

The Vikings have been cursed with a lack

of timely hitting. In the last eight games, the Vikes have left at least eight men on base, averaging 9.5 stranded runners per contest.

Dana led in the first game at Hastings Sunday, but again the Vikings were beaten down the stretch, this time in extra innings.

Hastings jumped ahead in game one, with two flare singles bringing home single runs in the first and second innings.

Dana manufactured a pair of runs in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game, 2-2, but the Broncos answered with three tallies in their half of the frame to go ahead again, 5-2.

The Vikings scored a single run in the sixth inning and then surged ahead with a five-run seventh. Winters had a two-run single and Kelly Danker stroked a two-run double to key the outburst. Dana led 8-5 going to the bottom of the seventh.

Hastings scrambled to tie the game with three runs in the seventh. A tiring Winters was tagged for a single, and after an out, walked two hitters to load the bases.

Matt Heywood relieved, but walked one batter and hit another to force in two runs. Pat Forck (0-7) came on in relief and allowed a sacrifice fly to tie the game.

Dana loaded the bases in the top of the eighth with one out, but Hastings turned a double play on a base running error to choke off the threat. Hastings won the game on a one-out double in the bottom of the ninth, 9-8.

Pitching took center stage in the second game at Hastings. The Broncos scored two unearned runs in the second inng off Dana starter Forck (0-8), who took the loss in both games of the twinbill.

Dana came back with a single run in the top of the third inning. Drews, who went 7-for-9 in the doubleheader, singled to score.

Hastings added another unearned run in the third to close out the game scoring.

Dana Netters Enjoy Another Successful Season

by Steve Mathis

Editors note: This story includes opinions of the reporter.

The men's tennis team placed fifth last weekend at the District 11 tennis tournament. The high point for the team was a third place finish for the number one doubles team of Shawn Brooks and Steve Mathis.

The team completed its last dual match Wednesday with a 5-4 loss to the Midland Warriors. Singles wins came from Shad Beam, Ken Brown and Mathis. Brooks and Mathis also won their doubles match. The Vikings finished with a 3-6 dual record, down from a 6-2 record in 1991 that was the best in the school's history.

Earlier in the season, the team was led by senior Steve Lemon at number three singles. Lemon won some grueling matches with his scrappy style of tennis. Lemon thrives on close matches because of his mental toughness. This can be seen in his outstanding tie-breaker record of 7-1. He also leads the team currently with a 7-5 singles record.

Junior Shad Beam has also done his share

by also winning seven matches at number five singles. Beam's strategy of lobbing deep moon balls really throws his competitors off. Beam will be back next year for his fourth season of Dana tennis.

Junior Shawn Brooks moved from the baseball team to the tennis team. Brooks has been able to rack up four singles wins at the tough number two position. Brooks, a strong base-liner, could have had a few more wins, but he lost a few three set matches. Brooks said about the season, "We gave a 100 percent effort every match even though our record may not show it."

Senior Steve Mathis is finishing out his last season after four years of Dana tennis. Mathis lost a tough three setter to the eventual district champion last weekend and lost out on his opportunity to go to nationals. Mathis has racked up four singles wins at the number one position, and five wins at number one doubles. The third place finish in doubles, with partner Brooks, was the best Mathis had ever done in the district tournament.

Junior Ken Brown, in his first year of

tennis, has won some good tennis matches against experienced competitors. Brown should be a major contributor next year on the team, with the help of his new Pro Kenex racquet.

Senior Jeremy Hill displayed his athletic ability by lettering in tennis and football. Hill's great attitude has helped him overcome more seasoned competitors. Hill began playing tennis eight weeks ago, but has won three doubles matches with his partner Shad Beam.

Senior Greg Hansen has been one of the mainstays at number four singles. Coming off a knee surgery from football, Hansen has been able to master the sport of tennis.

The team ends their season this weekend at the NIAC conference tournament. This will be coach John Hundahl's last meet. Hundahl has been able to achieve a 9-8 dual record over the past two seasons. This is a formidable task considering the schools he's competed against grant scholarships, while his team members do not receive any form of financial aid for tennis.

Health Services Survey Results

Questionnaires were sent to all Dana students in April regarding attendance at events sponsored by Health Services. Eight programs have been scheduled this year.

Of the surveys returned, reasons given were as follows (same gave more than one reason) for being unable to attend:

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| 1. Didn't hear about it | 54 |
| 2. Topic not of interest | 40 |
| 3. Conflict with another event | 31 |
| 4. Studying | 27 |
| 5. Too many activities | 17 |
| 6. Like to visit at lunch | 11 |
| 7. Didn't want to go | 7 |

Nine said they would be more inclined to attend if extra credit were offered and four said that food offered would be a factor in their decision.

Off-campus students expressed the concern of not hearing about events and suggested more campus mail reminders. Some students said bigger posters would be better eye-catchers.

Efforts will be made next year to incorporate these ideas and work with classes and student organizations to present interesting programs related to students' physical and emotional health.

Congratulations

to

**Roxane Fenton
Cynthia Kempcke
Leticia O'Brien
Kevin Wass
Dixie Whitlow**

Who will be inducted into the
**Nebraska Beta Chapter
of Alpha Chi
National Honor
Scholarship Society**

Gunderson Named Player-of-the-Week

Outfielder Kris Gunderson was named the NAIA District Player-of-the-week for April 13-19.

Gunderson's honor came following a big offensive week. She batted .500 with 12 hits in 24 at bats. She had two triples, five runs scored and four RBI's. Gunderson added a game-winning hit against St. Mary's (KS) at the Loper Invite, and was 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts.

Dragon's Head

Weekly Specials

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

Monday

Pork Tenderloin & French Fries or Potato Salad

Tuesday

Chili Dog with onion or Onion Rings

Wednesday

Chili or Soup of the Day; Hoagies

Thursday

Chicken Salad Sandwich with Potato Chips; Veg.

Beef Soup

Friday

Taco Salad with Cantaloupe slices

Countdown!

5

more days
of classes!

1 1

days until
finals start!

1 7

days until
Graduation!

Happy May Day!

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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-8:30 a.m. and 11 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 Borgta 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

RAGE! Revolution Breaks Out in L.A.

by Matt Plowman
Art Editor

The verdict came yesterday from the Kings trial (in which he was the alleged victim of excessive force by police). The officers, who in my opinion had ample evidence against them, were let off scot free. Los Angeles was first in silent shock, and then rage. Fires ensued, engulfing businesses and vehicles. Mobs moved through the streets as if in revolution.

The police defended government buildings and their chief, as if the czar of a collapsing regime. Rioters ripped drivers from cars and beat them, and snipers kept the fire department at bay. The police reported that they were being outgunned in south-central LA, near the Watts district where riots plagued a quarter century ago. A chill set in with fire, as I saw police cars turned over and set aflame, or as fire trucks drove by swiss-cheesed from automatic weapons.

Some say they were glad that it happened; either these people are looters or they are sitting nice and safe back here in the Midwest. Yes, I agree those officers should have been punished, but does one man being beaten draw the necessity for several dead and hundreds wounded? No.

The one thing that did strike me as positive from the riot, was that it was a multicultural affair—black, white and

chicano. They were all fed up with their leadership; frustration was the fuel of the flame.

This will sound awkward, but I hope the riot and aftershocks are dealt with severely and that no concessions are made. Why? Because I have a fundamental conviction that violence should not be allowed to become an effective bargaining tool. We should never negotiate with terrorists, whether Islamic or American, no matter what their legitimate case. On the flip side, we should not allow law enforcement to use terror as well.

What is needed is reform, but with care. Sure, a dictatorship is best equipped in attacking crime, but it sacrifices human dignity and we have far little of that as it is. It is quite clear, however, that the status quo in judicial and domestic matters is unacceptable. This is a clear example on how we need decisive leadership, not a leave-things-as-they-are Bush and the I-don't-have-a-plan Perot. Clinton knows how to get down and dirty in the trench. We need him now. If I could communicate to the rioters, I would advise them to carry that rage to the ballots; that's where America's revolutions dwell. God help those that fell to brick, flame, and bullet but their efforts were for nothing.

Politoons by Plowman



Water Shutoff

Encouraged Call to Hotline

The Hotline to the President is not just another brilliant idea to let students think that they are having some voice, but it is actually in use.

This week, when the water on campus was turned off without any notice, a call was made to the hotline. The caller was concerned about not receiving 24 hour notice before the water was shut off.

The official respondent in this case was Bob Schmol. Schmol wrote, "I apologize for any problems you may have encountered with the water shutoff. Dana did not know that the city of Blair and Weitz Construction Company were going to shut it

off. They informed us only half an hour prior to the shut-off. We did what we could to alert everyone, but it was just not possible to get to everyone.

"I have been told that this will be the last time water service will be shut off. I will also visit with the construction company and request at least a 24 hour notice if any services will be cut in the future.

"Again, I am sorry for the problem-hopefully it has been corrected for future service shut-offs."

The president's hotline was created for you—the student. If you care to voice any concerns whatsoever, just call.

Request for Special Use Permit Withdrawn

A request for a special use permit for a farrowing operation on property north-west of Blair has been withdrawn by Robert Frost.

The Blair city council was to have continued their public hearing into the issue Tuesday evening. It has been withdrawn for consideration.

The possibility of an environmental impact study of the proposed hog confinement expansion project is also scheduled

for the county board agenda. Late Monday morning, the county clerk's office said it was still on their agenda as far as they knew. They indicated that county attorney John Samson could not clarify whether or not the board would be considering the special study being requested.

Samson was in conference when his office was contacted and was unavailable for comment Monday.

Cheerleading Tryouts Information

for
1992-93
will be available
at the
4 p.m. meeting
in the Linden Room
on Monday



Steve Matbis charges to make a volley.

Public Pulse

Surveys...

This week *Hermes* asked members of the student body:

"How do you feel about surveys? Do you feel that these are an effective way to find out people's opinions and a good way to make changes? Why or why not?"

"I think they have a good idea, somewhere. The only thing that really bothers me is that we don't ever see the results. Well, we see them sometimes, but what changes actually take place? This is something I think everyone would like to know."
Ginny Ward, '92, Communications, Shenandoah, Iowa.

"I think that all surveys are good and purposeful. However, I believe that the participants should remain nameless, no matter who the survey is for."
Anonymous

"I have mixed feelings about this. I do feel that surveys can be effective, especially those used here at Dana. A survey is a good way to find out about the polled population's opinions on certain topics. Problems that exist with surveys are that people don't always fill them out or don't return them, results aren't reported, and changes are not always made. In order to get people to fill out the surveys, they need some sort of assurance that changes will be made as a result of the surveys. In order for surveys to be beneficial, they need to be conducted effectively."
Anonymous

"I feel surveys serve a purpose if the people surveyed represent a cross-section of people and not just a particular group. For instance: only those who are dissatisfied with a problem, or only those who agree with a certain solution. Democracy, after all, is serving everyone."
Esther Gunderson, Switchboard

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