



# HERMES



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## College graduates face competitive job market

By Meredith Dickerson  
Reporter

A 1992 study of 504 businesses, industries and government agencies said company intentions of hiring new college graduates have decreased for the fourth straight year.

The Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Massachusetts has found that the median income for households headed by people under age 30 (\$24,500) has dropped 21 percent in adjusted dollars since 1973.

"This job market is the tightest in about a 22 year history," says John Challenger, vice president of a career counseling firm in Chicago.

All of the previous information does not sound very promising for college graduates. The job market, as everyone knows, is a tough one. There are, however, some suggestions on what you can do to help increase your chances of getting a job in your field right out of college.

One important issue for most college students would be to have realistic expectations of salary

and positions available. "Graduates are expecting \$40,000-\$50,000 jobs and great positions, and just like anybody else, they have to earn it," says Challenger.

Another important issue for college students is to choose your career carefully. It is also recommended for students to study what they love.

According to Mary Jo Kubie, director of Dana's Career Services, you need to start making contacts with as many people and jobs as possible. If you establish a network of contacts in the job field, your chances of finding a job in your field increases.

Kubie also suggests researching the possible employers: What do they look for in their employees? What are their hiring policies and procedures? Do they hire direct or through resumes? What positions would you be entering and what is the salary? All these questions will help prepare college students for realistic expectations and help them know how to prepare for each individual situation.

"Most jobs are not advertised," says Kubie. Some of them are word of mouth, direct application processes, referrals, inner

company promotions or hand-picked employees which is one good reason to start making contacts now.

Dana has a 92 percent employment record of 1992 graduates who are employed in their major field of study. The overall employment rate for 1992 Dana graduates, including graduate school placement, is 97 percent.

As far as a brighter future, according to the MSU study, a projected increase in hiring is predicted for the latter part of 1993. A survey of 316 companies, conducted last fall by the College Placement Council, found that 54 percent of them planned to hire more graduates in the 1992-93 school year than they did the previous year.

With this positive sliver of information, there are some things that college seniors should be doing. In addition to the previously mentioned information by Kubie, she adds that seniors should enter their name in the kiNexus computer data base system and/or the Connections Data Base.

These bases give current job information in any area the student chooses. They keep your resume on file and try to help you in your job search. These data bases will also accept juniors who want to start their career search early.

Other opportunities are summer internships or jobs in your field. Dana also offers the interim program in January to pursue internships.

Kubie encourages attending career fairs and having a complete and current resume. The Career Services department on campus offers many resources for the perfect resume, and they are willing to help individual students in completing their resume.

On top of all this, the Career Services department will keep a running file of your resume and help you find a job. There will be a mock resume review day on March 24 sponsored by Career Services with Dana alumni serving as panelists.

If you have any questions, contact Kubie in Career Services, x. 7258.

**Editor's note: Statistical information taken from "U. The National College Magazine," March 1993.**



Left Bank Jazz Society will feature the jazz standards of many jazz greats including Clifford Brown, above. The gig will be in the Dragon's Head Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

## Left Bank Jazz Society will bring great jazz to Dana

By Denise Daubendiek  
Reporter

A jazz concert will be held beginning at 7 p.m. in the Dragon's Head tomorrow.

The Left Bank Jazz Society will be the featured group of the evening. The band has several different musicians for each instrument so they become interchangeable for various concerts. The group playing at Dana will include Bret Spainhour on saxophone, Dave Olson on piano, Eddie Dunn on bass and John Harris on percussion.

The band has been together off and on for nearly 10 years. However it has been over six months since these individuals were able to perform together.

The Left Bank Jazz Society is based in Sioux Falls, SD. Harris is now a Blair resident but began playing with the group when he lived in that area. Spainhour recently became the assistant band director at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dunn does a regular jazz show on an Iowa radio station. Olson is an experienced piano player of the area.

"Each has regular jobs so it is difficult for us to get together," Harris says. "The musicians will travel for the opportunity to play good jazz."

Presently the group plays on Saturday nights at Minerva's, a restaurant in Sioux Falls. Although the band goes by one

name, the musicians vary. "We have a pool of players to choose from week to week," according to Harris.

"The musicians know each other so well that they can just name a tune or do the show from requests," Harris says. "It is the ultimate in jazz music, so much experience that we're able to improvise. It's really exciting to get this group back together."

Harris wanted to set up a performance in the Blair community but found that difficult. "Most places in this area have DJs and are more into rock and roll. Jazz is perhaps more popular in Omaha, but it's not easy making connections in a larger city."

The Left Bank Jazz Society hopes that their performance will encourage interest in jazz music and live bands. "This is a great way to get the group back together and expose the community to jazz," Harris says.

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### Dancin' the night away



Kris Flack

Laurie Johnson, Matt Plowman, Scott Dugdale and Heather Austin were among the many Dana students to enjoy the annual Winterfest Dance on Saturday. Kyle Lindelof and Barbie Bentley, not pictured, were crowned 1993 Winterfest royalty.

## Variety of intramural activities scheduled for spring semester

By Sara Butcher  
Reporter

Can't get rid of the traditional Christmas weight gain? Feeling blue because swimsuit weather is just around the corner and you may be stuck wearing the neighbor's pup tent?

There is a solution. Painful? Perhaps. Muscle involvement? Most definitely! Fun? For sure! Dana College has an intramural program just for you.

Put down the jelly-filled donut

and pick up your gym shorts. Kyle Lindelof and Amy Brown want you.

Lindelof, co-student director of Dana's intramural program, is excited about this spring's schedule.

"We have a big lineup this spring in comparison with this past fall. There are a variety of activities to get involved with," he said.

Activities such as softball, sand volleyball, horseshoes, and coed football are included in this

spring's lineup. The most highly anticipated sport, basketball, will start next month.

In the past, more men than women have been involved with the intramural program. Co-student director Brown fears the women on campus may be intimidated by the men.

Brown would like to make it known that this is a program open for everyone; females and males alike.

So grab your shoes and a friend and join an activity. For more information contact Lindelof, Brown or head director Melissa Godden.

## Helping Dana meet Bloodmobile needs

Dana College is hosting a Bloodmobile from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11 in Argo Hall. ArsMedica needs both volunteers and donors.

Concerns about donating blood are common. Some of these concerns and replies are below:

—"I'm afraid of needles."—Many people get nervous especially the first time, but giving blood saves lives.

—"I'm on medication."—Most medications are not cause for permanent deferral. Come to the Bloodmobile and ask one of the nurses.

—"I'm afraid I'll get AIDS."—

That is impossible. When you give blood, all needles are sterile and used only once. You cannot get AIDS by donating blood.

—"I'm too thin."—If you are 17-75 years old and weigh 110 lbs. or more, you can be accepted as a donor.

Please call Health Services at x. 7320 with your questions, or call Bryan Scheer, Kari Fjelstad or James Plasek to make an appointment to give blood. Although appointments are greatly preferred, you may also register at the door between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 11.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Auditions scheduled for spring play

Auditions for "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center. Check the call board for time and sign-ups. Scripts are available to sign out from Beth Swenson, MFAC 103.

### SAB sponsors trip to see Racers

Student Activities Board will sponsor a trip to see an Omaha Racers game on Wednesday. SAB will pay for half the cost of tickets for the first 15 people and will provide free transportation. Please sign up in the Campus Center if you want to attend.

They will leave at 6 p.m.

### Still time to apply for R.A. positions

If you missed prospective R.A. Night and are interested in a resident assistant position, contact Kevin Schaudt at Residence Life, x. 7478. Applications are due Feb. 26 to box 1203.

### Discussion on women's health issues scheduled

Health Services and the resident assistants are sponsoring "Women's Health Issues" on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Argo Hall Lobby. This event is hosted by Amy Brown, Cara Lucas, Lynne Johnson and Vanessa Brunssen. All of the Dana female population is invited to watch a video and participate in discussion led by a gynecologist.

### Learn how to pick a movie Thursday night

Residence Life is sponsoring a presentation titled "How to Pick a Movie" Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Linden Room. Hosted by Shannon LeFave, Pete Katzdorn and Rich Ullarich, this program will inform you about prices of theaters and videos as well as their locations and how to pick a movie properly. This event is open to the public.

### Learning Center offers free academic assistance

Earn better grades when you improve your writing, research, reading, test-taking and study skills at the Learning Center. Located on the third floor of the library, the Learning Center offers tutors in Spanish, math, life science, biology, microeconomics and humanities.

Tutors will help you discover and build on your strengths in these areas and will help you work on your weaknesses. They will not do your work for you, but will help you develop the skills and competencies you need to be more successful in your courses!

The Learning Center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Stop by to sign up for an appointment or call x. 7334.

## Focus on The Forum

This semester's excursion list is vast and varied. Some of the upcoming opportunities include:

**Nebraska Jazz Orchestra (NJO)** on Monday at 7:30 p.m., Crown Hall, 8345 Crown Point Avenue in Omaha

This concert will feature Justin Kisor, a 14-year-old "phenom" trumpet player. Justin is in the eighth grade and has already won several trumpet playing honors.

He is the brother of Ryan Kisor who, at the age of 19, has gone to New York to study trumpet and has recently released his first

CD on the CBS label. Ryan was also featured with the NJO during his high school years.

The student price is \$6 at the door.

**Omaha Symphony Orchestra** on Thursday at 8 p.m., Orpheum Theater in Omaha

This concert will feature internationally recognized pianist, Emanuel Ax, playing Liszt Piano Concerto #2.

Tickets are \$8.

Several students have inquired about attending "Les Miserable" at the Lied Center in Lincoln in

March and "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Orpheum in Omaha in April.

Forum Director, Jeanmarie A. Nielsen, states if there is student interest, she will make the arrangements for these two excursions to happen.

If you would like to see either or both of these shows, please indicate your interest in The Forum by the end of February to be included in the ticket orders.

Both shows are nationally acclaimed professional touring productions.

Tickets will be in the \$20 range.

### Swedes:

### Army of Lovers by Paula Cultice



When you hear Army of Lovers, what do you think? You probably don't think of anything since most Dana students have never heard about the band. I am about to change that.

Army of Lovers is a Swedish pop group consisting of DeLa Cour, Alexander Bard and Jean-Pierre Barda. Many guests appear for vocals and on various instruments. Both male members of the group are openly homosexual and they encourage others to 'come out of the closet.'

The band currently has two albums out on the market: "Army of Lovers" and "Massive Luxury Overdose." Both were recorded and mixed in Stockholm by Giant Records under Warner Brothers. I will focus my attention on the newer of the albums, "Massive Luxury Overdose."

There are 12 songs on the album but with so many guest performers none of the songs sound the same. The most grooving tunes, in my opinion, are: "Obsession," "We Stand United," "The Particle Song" and "Someone Somewhere."

After hearing the love song "Obsession," the lyrics "there ain't no right, there ain't no wrong, but as long as hope survives, I'll stay alive" linger with the listener. As for "We Stand United," it's more of a satire than a praise. Army of Lovers discusses the corporate world and the pursuit of material wealth. "The Particle Song" is self-explanatory (it's about particle 'z,' particle 'y,' atoms, Einstein, etc.). I think "Someone Somewhere" is my absolute favorite on the album. It's a mellow tune that makes you ponder the relationships in your life.

You won't find Army of Lovers on any Omaha radio stations, MTV or VH1. In fact you probably won't be able to find their albums in most record stores. You can request to hear them on KDCV, 91.1 FM.

### RATING SCALE

0-trash; garbage

♪ (1)-future \$1.99 bin material

♪♪ (2)-worth a second listen, but not much more

♪♪♪ (3)-alright; I can handle it

♪♪♪♪ (4)-p.d.g; might be a hit; gotta tell my mom

♪♪♪♪♪ (5)-stupendous! most excellent

I rate Army of Lovers' "Massive Luxury Overdose" as a ♪♪♪. I told you they were awesome!

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# Vikings end 20 game drought

By Robert Boyd  
Sports Reporter

The drought is over for the men's basketball team as they defeated Teikyo Westmar in a thrilling 87-81 game at home last Thursday night. The losing streak ended at 20 games.

"It feels good," Dave Jensen said after his first win as the Vikings head coach. "I'm glad to see the players happy."

The Vikings started out sluggish but turned it on midway through the first half to take a 44-33 halftime lead. Lately the Vikings have been known to have bad second halves but on this night they didn't.

Teikyo Westmar outscored the Vikings in the half, but the Vikes held on for their first victory in 20 games.

"Defensive transition was the key to our win," Jensen stated. Westmar blew out Dana in their last meeting by 23 points as the Vikings gave up an abundance of fast break buckets.

"We executed our offense a lot better," Jensen said. The Vikings shot the ball well for the first time in a while as they hit 54 percent of their shots. They also grabbed 16 offensive boards in the win.

The Vikings received an outstanding game from guard Andy Dotson. Dotson hit some key shots from behind the three-point stripe and ended up with 23 points. He was three for four

from three-point land and pulled down nine rebounds.

Larry Walters and Tony Collins brought some firepower off the bench. Walters put in 23 points and grabbed eight boards. Collins continued his usual scoring output for the season by netting 20.

The Vikings didn't have time to celebrate their win as they were beaten by Hastings College and Peru State on Saturday and Monday nights.

Dana played excellent in an exciting game at home against Hastings but faltered down the stretch to lose 88-84.

"Bombs away" was the story for the Vikings in this game. They hit 9 of 18 three-point shots as they gave Hastings College a run for their money.

Dotson continued his long range shooting by hitting three of six from behind the stripe. He had 20 points. Collins again lit up the scoreboard with 25 points.

The Vikings hit an outstanding 10 of 20 shots from three-point land in the game against Peru State. The long range shooting was not enough though as Dana lost, 87-75.

Dotson hit five more from downtown and had a team high 18 points.

Nick Prosocki played solid ending up with 12.

The Vikings hosted Concordia in their last home game Wednesday. The results of this game will be in the next issue. The season finale will be at Dordt College Saturday.

# Dana sending eight to Nationals

By Kris Flack  
Page Editor

Eight Dana wrestlers are going to the NAIA National Tournament, March 4-5 in Butte, Mont. They took second place in the team standings at the Four-State NAIA Bi-District wrestling meet Saturday in Borup Coliseum.

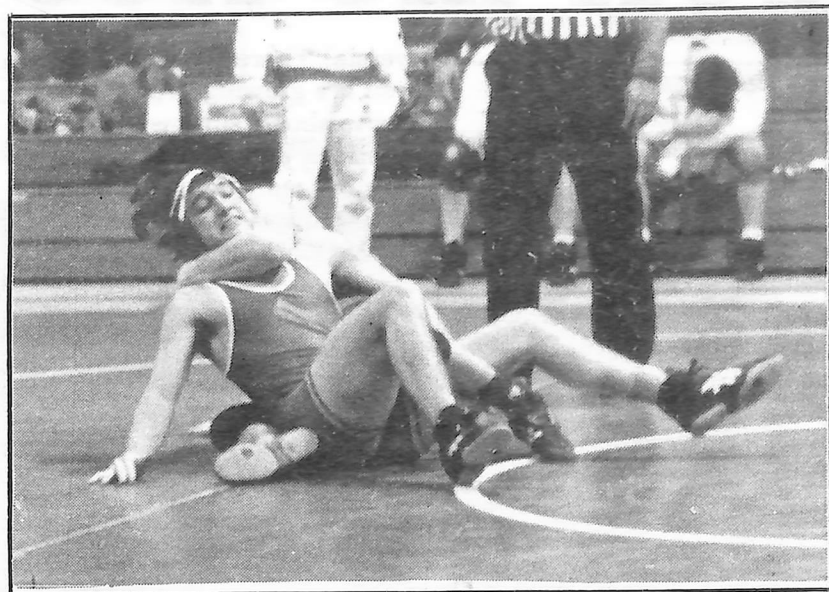
The Vikings, ranked 18th nationally, finished with 71 points, behind Teikyo Westmar (Iowa), the 15th ranked team in the nation, who had 78 3/4 points, along with five individual championships.

Scott Stickler, from Clarinda, Iowa, took first place in the 134 lbs. championship for Dana by pinning Ryan Ferguson of Teikyo Westmar in 6:58. Ferguson and Stickler had met five times this season. Stickler came away with the win three times, including the last two meetings.

Vikings' coach Ron Beaman recognized that there has been a tough rivalry between Stickler and Ferguson. He knew that they would wrestle each other tough and fight to win. Because they wrestled each other several times this season, they are getting to know each other's style.

Troy Greder (142 lbs.), Shawn Bluml (150 lbs.) and Kyle Lindelof (190 lbs.) were all runner-ups in the tournament. Consolation championships went to Victor Hundley (167 lbs.), Phil Warner (177 lbs.), and Jered Foggin (heavyweight). Danny Mattern (118 lbs.) qualified for Nationals earlier in the season.

Beaman thinks the team will have a good showing at the national meet. "I think we've got a



Stephanie Frey

Shawn Bluml struggled with his opponent Saturday at the Four-State NAIA bi-district meet. He took second place. Bluml is one of the eight Dana wrestlers to qualify for the NAIA National Tournament.

couple of kids who can go out there and place in the top six," Beaman commented. "This is one of the biggest groups we've qualified for Nationals, so we're excited about going."

"The bi-district was a good meet

for us, although we really had our sights set on winning it," Beaman said. "You can go back and find a couple of matches that we felt we were strongest in but lost, and those probably kept us from taking the top spot."

## What's Happening This Week? February 19-25

**F**RIDAY  
Board of Regents meeting on campus  
10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318  
7:30 p.m. Women's basketball, Midland at Dana  
8 p.m. Excursion: Ballet Omaha's "Cinderella," Orpheum

**S**ATURDAY  
7 p.m. "A Night of Jazz," Dragon's Head  
7:30 p.m. Men's basketball at Dordt College

**S**UNDAY  
11 a.m. Worship service in the chapel, PM 318

**M**ONDAY  
10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318  
7 p.m. "Women's Health Issues," Argo Hall Lobby  
7:30 p.m. Excursion: Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Crown Hall

**T**UESDAY  
3:30 p.m. Music recital, Neve Room, MFAC

**W**EDNESDAY  
10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318  
6 p.m. Group leaves Campus Center for Racers game

**T**HURSDAY  
10 a.m. "Heart of Dana" Campus Coffee  
8 p.m. "How to pick a movie," Linden Room

# Lady Vikes plan for playoffs

By Carrie L. Larkins  
Editor in chief

Two close contests ended in defeat for the Lady Vikings this week. Dana was defeated by Concordia Friday night for the second time this season, 69-64. On Tuesday Northwestern (Iowa) won a tightly refereed contest in overtime at Orange City, 97-90.

"We have to play better against them (Concordia)—bottom line," Coach Kathy Foley said. "We made mistakes at times when we can't make them, some of them mental mistakes. I guess we're holding out for the playoffs." The Vikings meet up with Concordia in the first round of playoff action on Feb. 27.

Cathy Shaw led the Vikings with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Melanie Hild was also in double figures scoring 15.

Kris Grappendorf dished out eight assists.

Jennifer Edelman, out with a knee injury since early January, returned to action Friday night. Edelman scored 11 points off the bench in the loss. She also had four assists.

A total of 56 fouls were called in the overtime contest at Northwestern. Four Dana starters and one player off the bench fouled out. "The officiating made the women's college game look disgraceful," Foley said. "I don't think the outcome of this game was in the players' hands."

"The officials didn't allow us to play any defense and that's our strength," Foley said. Dana maintained the lead until their players began to foul out. The Vikings led at halftime, 44-37.

A 77-77 tie at the end of regulation put the game into overtime. Dana was outscored 20-17 in the extra period.

Shaw again led the Vikings with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Four other players also hit double figures. Theresa Hutfless added 16, Heidi Grappendorf had 14, Kris Grappendorf tossed in 13 and Edelman had 12.

Hild had 9 rebounds. Shaw continues to lead the district in scoring (17.9) and rebounding (9.9) averages. Kris Grappendorf is ranked third in the district for assists (4.1 per contest) and is eighth in average points scored (13.7).

The Vikings have two regular season contests remaining. Tonight, Midland comes to Borup at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday the five seniors will play in their last home contest against Dordt.

Playoffs for the Lady Vikes begin Feb. 27 at Concordia. The finals will be March 3. "Our goal is to play the best basketball we've played all year in the playoffs," Foley said.

Happy 21st Birthday, Kelly Wesemann!  
It's about time you hit that magic number!  
From: The entire crew

# Tell me lies

By Shawn Osbahr  
Editorialist

There was one thing I told myself when I decided to write editorials for the *Hermes*. I promised that I would try to dwell on a variety of topics and issues so I would not become repetitive and boring. Well, today when honesty no longer matters, I have broken that promise and lied to myself. For the third week in a row, the only subject worthy of my commentary is our newly elected president.

Let me explain to you how I get my topics for my editorials. I generally take articles that appear on the front page of the *Omaha World Herald* and ex-

expand on them. I try to do as much research on the topic as I can. I look for related articles in print, usually the *Wall Street Journal*, plus I listen to the news on the radio as much as possible.

I encourage you to take a look and see what the cover stories have been in the paper over the last week and especially earlier this week. Every story is related to Clinton's economic plan to be unfolded Wednesday. I wish there was something else out there that was relatively interesting or even somewhat contro-

versial. There just isn't. If any of you are growing tired of what I write about, slip me some suggestions either verbally or via campus mail. For now I will continue to sway my editorials toward the political arena.

Yesterday I returned to my hometown of Avoca to visit my mother and wish her a happy Valentine's Day. I love to tempt my mother, a strong democrat, into debate. It is even more fulfilling now that her party is in control of Washington. Normally she is reluctant but will engage in our battle of political views. But yesterday, I got the cold shoulder. "Leave it alone," she said, as a perplexed and disappointed look came over my face. I did.

The fact is that I can't leave it alone. We, the people of the United States, have been conned and no one seems to care. So far, all Clinton's administration has been is deception and lies. The American public found out that if you earned \$30,000 or more, you are considered rich. President Clinton's tax plan during the campaign was to affect income brackets of \$200,000 plus. When he took office, the number came down to \$100,000. Now, if you make over \$30,000 a year, you will be affected by Clinton's tax plan.

## EDITORIAL

## Politoons by Plowman



## A SARAJEVO SUBURB

By the way, it is no longer termed taxes, the new and improved label for the word is contributions. President Clinton is slick, I'll give him credit for that. He has turned this whole thing around so it appears you asked for this. Open your eyes, people. You are being lied to.

Let's take a look back to the days of the '92 campaign. The constant democratic battle cry was the George Bush lie, "Read my lips. No new taxes." They got

all over his case because of this one broken promise. For those of you who do not know or have forgotten, it was the 1990 budget deal that was the lie. George Bush went along with the democratic Congress tax increase with the knowledge that a spending cut would follow. It never did.

So what happens when Clinton fibs? Nothing! It's obvious you don't care. I care and you should as well.

If Clinton's plan goes into full

effect, look for this rebounding economy to about face. Consumer confidence is already starting to falter. Look at what happened to the stock market. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 83 points Tuesday.

Don't say I didn't warn you. Believe me, I would love to eat my words and see this country prosper. But, if the government can't get by on what they made last year, how can they expect us to live on less?

# Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

Mr. Matt Plowman has been entertaining the readers of HERMES with amateur type of political analysis especially when he takes on world politics. His editorial in the Jan. 29 issue reflected prejudice and ignorance when he blamed the Bosnians and Croats equally with the Serbs for the atrocities committed in the former Yugoslavia. While it is true that atrocities have been committed by all sides, by far the majority of aggression has been committed by the Orthodox Serbs in the name of ethnic cleansing.

Plowman imagines that the war in the former Yugoslavia is only between the Orthodox Serbs and the Muslim Bosnians, ignoring the fact that the Croatian Catholics are also suffering from the Serbian aggression. Both Muslims and Catholics have been subjected to a holocaust. After more than nine months of fighting, an estimated 125,000 people have been killed, and more than a million refugees are homeless (*Washington Report on the Middle East Affairs*, January '93).

Over 60,000 women, mostly Muslims ages 8-80, have been raped by the Serbs ("ABC Nightline," January '93). Bosnian girls are being held in "rape camps" where some of them have been hung to fence posts, raped repeatedly by Serbian soldiers who after several days poured gas on the

girls and burned them alive (*Omaha World Herald*, Nov. 92). How can one compare isolated acts of Bosnian soldiers to the institutional raping and killing by the Serbs?

Plowman is also blaming the Turks for fighting with Serbs about 500 years ago. I do not believe that the hatred tension between the Serbs and Bosnians has lasted for 500 years, otherwise they would have killed themselves long ago. It required an evil power-hungry leader such as Milosevic, a left-over from the communist regime jealous about the broken empire, to stir up hate through systematic maintenance of a siege mentality (*Time*, January '93) in order for him to stay in power.

Because of his prejudice, Plowman is always stereotyping Islam and Muslims as the bad guys and viewing them as enemies to the West. This short-sighted type of evaluation coincides with a narrow-minded "us against them" type of policy, a legacy of the Reagan era.

Another example is expressed by Plowman in his article of Feb. 5. Plowman rushed to draw sympathy for Israel, "our staunchest ally" as he puts it, for being under lots of heat while ignoring the suffering of the Palestinian people at the hands of Israel. In Plowman's view, the solution to the Middle East problem is for the West to establish a treaty with Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, and Morocco to "deal

with" Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, and Pakistan. Obviously, Plowman's idea is a relic of the hated colonialism which used the tactic of divide to conquer. During the 1950s, there was such a treaty between Western countries and each of Turkey, Iraq (when it was ruled by the Hashemite Monarchs) and Iran (under the late Shah's dictatorship). It was called the "Baghdad Alliance!" Needless to say that such alliance did not last for very long because of resentment from the majority of people in the region to the Western attitudes of superiority and manipulation. The monarchs of Iraq followed by the Shah, and later Sadat, were toppled by their people. A treaty of the kind suggested by Plowman would be a quick way to get rid of the leaders of those "friendly countries."

If the U.S. wants to play the role of a world policeman in the 'New World Order' and get appreciation from the majority of people, it should play a fair game not double standard. Supporting Israel in everything that it does including the wrong doings is not justice. If the United States is sincere about protecting human rights in south and north Iraq, the U.S. should also support actions as well as words to protect the human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the West Bank-Gaza Strip, in Kashmir, and others. William Raspberry (syndicated columnist) equated the Israeli action of expelling more than

400 Palestinians from their homeland to the Iraqi violation of the no-fly zone over its southern border. The U.S. responded with severe actions against Iraq but only lip service toward Israel.

If western countries continue to play the same role they are playing now in the Middle East and throughout the world, the resentment against the U.S. and European countries will continue to grow. This will repeatedly threaten U.S. interests in the region.

In an educational institution like Dana College we should strive first to learn the facts about what is going on around the world from reliable sources. Second we should not stereotype people based on their religion or ethnic background. We as humans, whether Christians, Mus-

lims or any faith, should reject religious prejudice, and feel with other people as they suffer regardless of their faith or color. That is the spirit of messages of all the prophets and the great leaders and thinkers of the world who strived for moral values. I admire Thurgood Marshall, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice who said: "In recognizing the humanity of our fellow human beings we pay ourselves the highest tribute."

I challenge the students at Dana to hold open discussions and invite reliable speakers to talk about the issue of Bosnia and Palestine, among other issues. Discussing these hot spot issues with open-mindedness and not bigotry is in the interest of the American people as well.

Dr. Ahmad Al-Absy



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