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New class schedule includes Saturday finals

By Jon Rademacher
Reporter

Jaws dropped and words I forgot existed were spoken last week when students discovered that the 1993-94 class schedule includes final exams on Saturdays.

For the past several years, final exams have always been completed by Friday, so it was no surprise that this news caught some students off guard.

Dana Registrar Nancy Penna explained why the schedule was changed. "The main consideration was getting enough contact hours with the students.

"Ideally, we should have 42 Monday-Wednesday-Friday sessions and 28 on Tuesday-Thursday. That's the minimum the accreditation wants to see," Penna said.

"Occasionally we'll deviate from that one day during the year if the calendar just doesn't work any other way, but that's not good for the students." Ultimately, "we needed the Monday

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--Nancy Penna

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of that finals week in order to have enough Monday-Wednesday-Friday class sessions."

Penna said that other alternatives were considered by the fac-

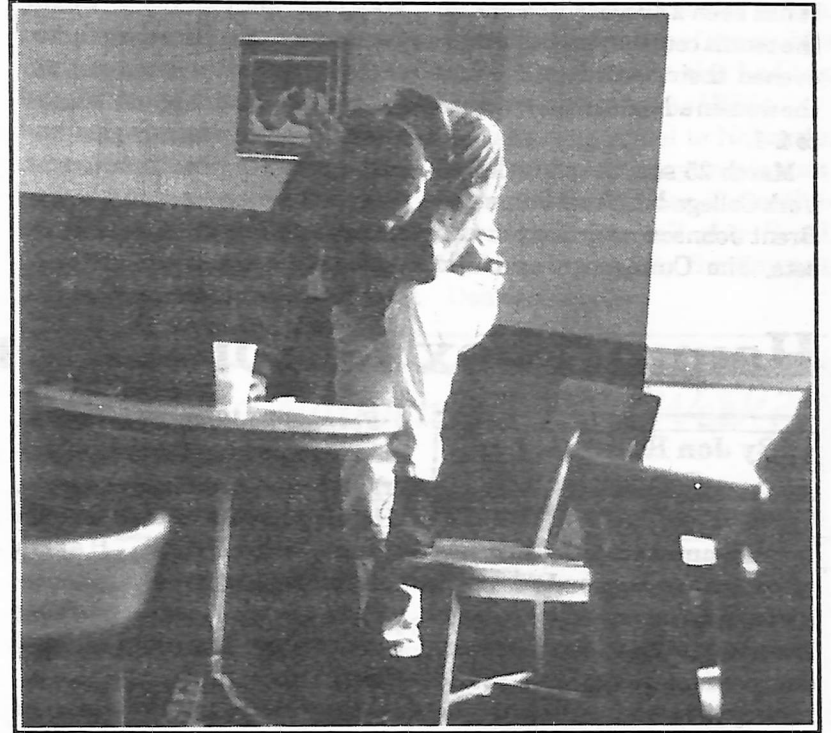
ulty including eliminating Dead Day or holding class on normally-free days such as Labor Day, fall break or the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

"Faculty felt very strongly that students appreciated the Dead Day and we needed to keep it," said Penna.

"We thought it was more of an advantage to the students to be done on Saturday than to wait around all weekend and [finish up with] finals the following Monday."

It should be noted that the final exam schedule for the 1993-94 academic year has been known since last summer.

Dr. John Mark Nielsen points out that the dates for next fall's final exams were published in the supplement to the current college catalog, which was available to students last August.



Kris Flack

Bobby Novotny, junior, appears to be feeling the pressure of the end of the semester as he studies in the Dragon's Head for a test. Only 24 days of classes remain in the 1992-93 school year.

UN-L hosting Graduate and Professional School week

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is holding its first Graduate and Professional School week, April 7-14, on the city campus.

A week of activities is scheduled to include a health fair, open houses and tours, mock interviews and workshops on financial aid, application procedures entrance exams, and other requirements for graduate and professional school.

Speakers will address issues and field questions regarding the graduate and professional school application process.

Special sessions will address the needs of minorities, women and non-traditional students.

Most of the activities will be in the Nebraska Union Regency Suite, with the open houses and tours held at the Dental and Law Colleges, and a Med Tech Lab Tour at the Health Center. The events are free and open to the public.

For more information and a schedule of activities for Graduate and Professional School Week, contact the UN-L College of Arts and Sciences at 472-2891 or Career Planning and Placement Center at 472-3145.

Better Business Bureau warns of scholarship scams

Editor's note: This article appeared in the October 22, 1992, issue of the NASFAA Newsletter, a publication of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

In September the New York City Better Business Bureau issued a consumer alert on scholarship companies exploiting students in the metropolitan region, and throughout the United States. The following is a portion of their report.

"For a processing fee that ranges from \$50 to several hundred dollars, such companies are guaranteeing they can match students with sources of funding, regardless of their academic qualifications, scholastic credentials or family status. Many ads offer 'money back guarantees.'

"The Better Business Bureau's research into these offers has revealed that students may receive potential sources of aid, but few, if any receive funds. After contacting over 30 firms, the Bureau found only three students who had received funds.

"Students can get the best information on financial aid sources from college financial aid office, high school guidance counselors, or public libraries."

Dana's Financial Aid Office is exploring the option of purchasing its own software program students could use on campus to find scholarship sources.

National conference on prison system scheduled for April 16-17

By Becky Baumker
Page Editor

Dana will host a national conference on the American prison and sentencing policy on April 16 and 17.

President Myrvin Christopherson said the conference is to "address alternatives to prison sentencing policy." Christopherson said that America has the highest number of people incarcerated in the world, approximately 825,000 men and women behind bars. Also, the number of people in prison has risen by 51 percent over the last five years.

As the number of people in prison rises, so does the cost to incarcerate these people. It costs around \$20,000 to keep a person in jail and it would cost around \$80,000 a bed to build new prisons.

"With the costs and crime rates rising, the nation has to find an alternative way to deal with the current and new prison population," Christopherson said.

The many authorities attending the conference will probably come up with alternatives. Following is a list of some of the speakers and their topics:

Tom Wicker, former *New York Times* columnist and author of the movie "Attica," will be the

keynote speaker.

Professor Norval Morris, University of Chicago--alternative sentences, racial disparity in sentencing, sentencing policy and the relationship between incarceration rates and crime rates.

Norman Carlson, former director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Eddie Ellis, Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem, N. Y.--prisons today and their role in reducing crime.

Harold Clarke, Director of Nebraska Department of Corrections Services--prisons and their role in reducing crime.

Walter Ridley, U.S. Commissioner of Corrections, Washington, D.C.--prisons and their role in reducing crime.

Nicholas Pastore, Chief of Police, New Haven, Conn.--drug treatment in prisons.

Judge Robert Evans, Detroit, Mich.--drug use and treatment in prisons.

Judge Stanley Goldstein, Miami, Fla.--drug use and treatment in prisons.

Marc Mauer, Director of The Sentencing Project, Washington, D.C.--alternatives to responses to crime.

William Rentschler, Director of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency--alternative responses to crime.

Jean Harris, former educator

and author of three books, who just completed 11 years in prison for the murder of her lover, Dr. Herman Tarnower, will be the special guest luncheon speaker.

A special video presentation featuring former U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger will be used as an introduction to the conference.

Also in attendance will be Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson and Douglas County Judge Jane Prochaska, who will serve as a moderator.

Christopherson said the conference is free to all Dana students, faculty and staff. There is a charge for the luncheon.

"This is a great advantage to participate in something that may change the nation," he said. "People need to take advantage of the great minds that we will have here. It is a great opportunity to get involved and to learn. I hope the Dana community will take advantage of this great opportunity."

THIS WEEK

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Dana tennis teams improve, advance records

By Denise Daubendiek
Copy Editor

It has been a successful week on the tennis courts. The Dana men evened their record to 3-3 and the women advanced their record to 2-1.

March 25 saw the men defeat York College 4-1. Shad Beam and Brent Johnson each won in two sets. Jim Cummings and Jim

Plasek also earned wins at York. These were the first college wins for both Johnson and Plasek.

Saturday the men faced Teikyo Westmar and won 5-4. Beam, Cummings and Brooks defeated their opponents in singles play.

Heidi Grappendorf played fourth seed in men singles and also earned a win in two sets. The Beam-Brooks duo slashed their opponents 6-1, 6-1 in doubles.

The men were victorious against Sioux Falls as well on Saturday. Beam and Brooks each defeated their opponent in five and Cummings won by a forfeit.

In doubles play, Cummings and partner Mike Kahle won 6-4, 6-2, while Beam and Brooks won by forfeit.

Midland handed Dana a loss Tuesday. Cummings, however, continued his winning streak in singles play. Cummings was

named player of the week with a 4-0 record. His overall record is 5-1.

The women's team played the York College club team March 25. Grappendorf and Amy Siple each earned wins as Dana defeated York 2-1.

Tuesday also saw victory for the Vikings after beating Midland 7-2. Stephenie Wilson, Gina Jacobs and Jennifer Davenport each earned their first wins of

the season. Grappendorf was named player of the week. She reigns undefeated with four matches under her belt.

Yesterday the women team played Graceland. Results from this match will be found in the next *Hermes* issue. Today at 3:30 p.m. the men play Dordt at Blair High School. Both teams face Doane and Concordia Saturday.

Hammerbox's debut impressive, but lacks variety

By Jon Rademacher
Columnist

Hammerbox - Numb
A&M Records

It's hard to compare the sound of Hammerbox to that of anyone else because they don't sound like any other band. Their unique mix of punk fury, throbbing drive and intensely expressive vocals makes this major-label debut an impressive one indeed.

Formed in 1989, Hammerbox offers up a dozen spurts of energy on Numb. The first single, "Hole," sets the sound for the whole disc with Harris Thurmond's crisp and almost-violent guitar sound competing with the wailing pipes of lead singer Carrie Akre.

While each song threatens to lose all control, the band never goes too far and always knows when to bring it down. "When 3 is 2" is a perfect example. After

a metallic introduction, it starts as a tense near-ballad, bubbles up and explodes into beefy guitar riffs that simmer back down for a pensive spell before getting violent again.

As for the title Numb, "most people back away from confrontation, and they do things like TV and drugs to numb themselves," says Akre. The band's music is anything but numb, however, with each song a burst of barely-contained energy.

My only gripe here is that despite the intensity of the entire disc, the band doesn't temper its attack enough. With the exception of "When 3 is 2," there aren't any low points to pace the adrenaline rush and counter the explosiveness of each track.

In any case, Hammerbox sounds best on 11. Other numbing cuts: "Blur," "Trip," "Simple Passing" and "Anywhere But Here."

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due to
Easter
vacation.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

DOCS to honor seniors with goodies

DOCS will hold a Senior Appreciation Day today from 11:45 to 12:30 outside of the Linden Room. Seniors are invited to partake in homemade cookies, bars and cupcakes.

Brad Montgomery to perform on Tuesday

Student Activities Board will sponsor Brad Montgomery, magician and comedian on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dragon's Head. Mocktails will be served at 7 p.m.

Resident Assistants for 1993-94 announced

Resident Assistants for the 1993-94 school year are as follows: Argo Hall- Jennifer Neumeister-2nd Senior RA, Vanessa Brunssen-3rd and Lynne Johnson-4th. Blair Hall- Kyle Herzog-1st Senior RA, Amy Brown-2nd, Kary Knapp-3rd and Cara Lucas-4th. Holling Hall-Shannon LeFave-2ndN, Nicole Stromgren-2nd S, Binay Manandhar-3rdN, Ann Neumeister-3rdS, Stan Shaw-4thN and Michele Bristol-4thS. Mickelsen Hall- Shad Beam-2nd, Tom Jensen-2nd, James Pestel-3rd, Mitchell Allemang-3rd, Melanie Papstein-4th and Ivy Nielsen-4th.

Applications due for media executive positions

Applications for media executive positions are due to Darrell Dibben by Monday.

Interviews for these positions will begin on Thursday. This includes positions as editor of the *Hermes* or *Danian*, program director of KDCV or DVTV and campus media coordinator. For applications or information contact Dibben at extension 7204.

Preregistration begins next week

The schedule for preregistration is as follows:

Monday -returning seniors and juniors 8:30 a.m to 4 p.m.
Tuesday-sophomores 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday-freshmen 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday-open registration. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Student Senate members busy with elections, events

By Becky Baumker
Page Editor

Student Senate will be very busy in the next few weeks with a variety of events beginning next week.

Monday Student Senate will hold an open forum at 7 p.m. in the Linden Room.

At this time, students who are running for executive positions on Student Senate will be available to discuss campus issues and answer questions. This is an opportunity for voting students

Harris to give percussion recital

John R. Harris, percussion instructor, will present a faculty recital on Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater.

He will be assisted by members of the Omaha Symphony, music faculty from Dana and Nebraska Wesleyan University, and music students from Dana and Nebraska Wesleyan.

The program will include works for a variety of percussion instruments including the marimba, vibraphone, timpani and multiple percussion instruments.

There will also be examples of ethnic percussion music. The final selection is a tribute to Gene Krupa. This concert is free and open to the public.

to decide who is the best candidate.

Elections for executive staff positions will be on Wednesday.

Elections for non-executive staff members are also coming up on April 14. Students who are interested in running must pick up an application form in the information booth and return it to Trasy Sparr by April 13.

Student Senate also has many activities planned for April. On April 22 the Student Senate will host a Faculty and Staff Appreciation from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Dragon's Head. A special pro-

gram is planned and refreshments will be served.

Also on April 22 Student Senate will host a Lip Sync contest at 8 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st place- \$100, 2nd place- \$75, 3rd place- \$50 and 4th place- \$25.

If you would like to participate, pick up an application in the information booth and return it to Trasy Sparr by April 16.

For more information on any of the events listed contact Trasy Sparr at extension 7511.

Flu Invasion

It started later this year, but the flu season is definitely underway. Many students have these complaints when they come to my office: dizziness, headaches, a long-lasting sore throat and a cough that doesn't respond to a cough medicine like Robitussin. "We're seeing tons of it," says Jim Jordan PA-C of the Blair Clinic.

Often, I refer the students to the Blair Clinic to check for mono, strep throat (done by lab test) or myco-plasm. A prescription medication may be needed to help fight a secondary bacterial infection or control other symptoms.

Many times over the counter medicines are not enough. I urge anyone who has these symptoms to come see me.

In the meantime, stay as well as you can by eating a balanced diet, keeping up your body defenses by getting enough sleep and exercise, drinking plenty of fluids and very good handwashing techniques.

Stay well but if you can't, stop by Health Services between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and I'll see how I can help.

Patti Nielsen, R.N.

Baseball splits doubleheader

By Robert Boyd
Sports Reporter

The Dana baseball team traveled to Yankton, S. D., Saturday to play a twinbill against Mount Marty College. Dana lost the first game, 1-0, and played to a 4-4 tie in the finale. Their overall record is 4-3-1.

A pitchers' dual highlighted the first game. The teams were scoreless until the bottom of the seventh inning when Dana's defense failed them. An error put Mount Marty's lead-off hitter on board. Then a passed ball scored the runner and gave Mount Marty the 1-0 win.

Senior Craig Barnsness was on the hill for the Vikings. Barnsness pitched a solid six and one-third innings while giving up only three hits and allowing only one unearned run. Barnsness leads the Vikings in innings this season with 16.1 and has a 2.76 ERA.

Offensively, the Vikings could only muster up two hits. They came from Neil Drews and Mike Haddock. The Viking batters also

struck out six times in the shut-out.

The second game of the twinbill saw Dana jump out to a quick 4-1 lead after three innings. Mount Marty added a run in the sixth to make the score 4-2.

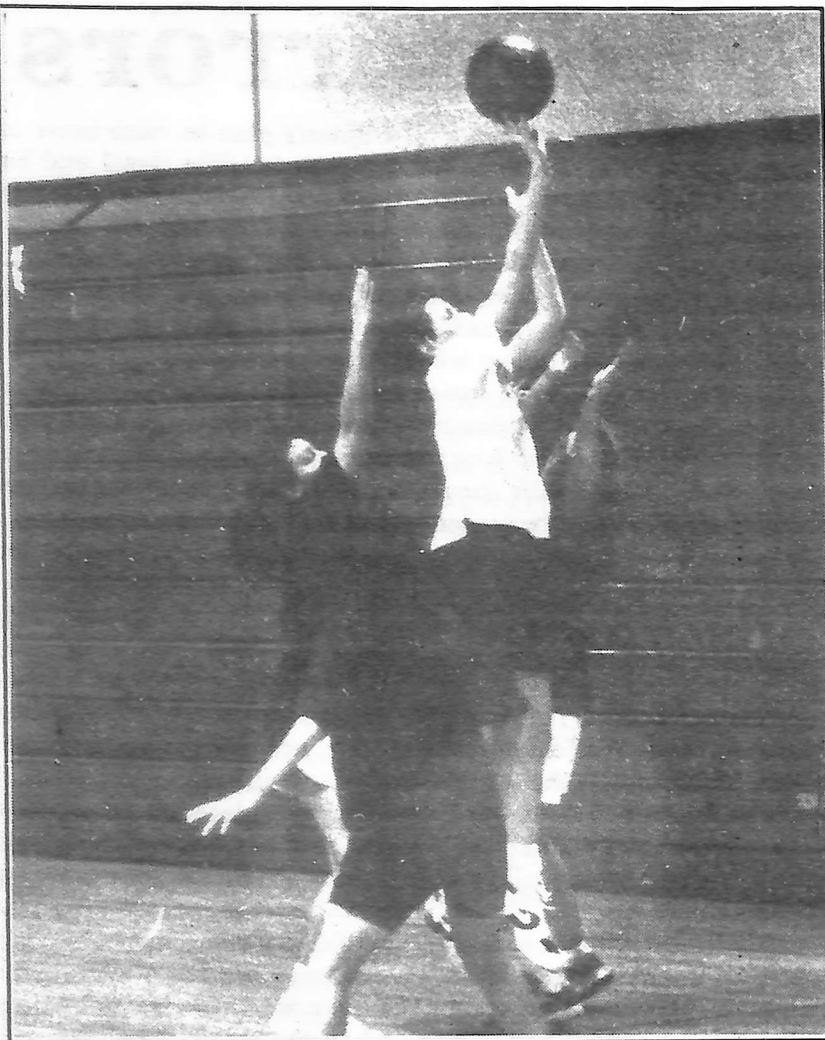
In the bottom of the seventh Dana's defense let them down again. An error relay throw on an attempted double-play allowed two Mount Marty runs and evened the score.

If the double-play was executed, the game would have been history. The teams went

scoreless into the ninth inning when the game was called due to darkness.

The Vikings offense smashed six hits as they got their offense going, but they were nullified because of some crucial errors. Matt Wess had two of the six hits in the game. Wess also had two doubles and a pair of RBIs.

Dana will travel to Nebraska Wesleyan Saturday to play another doubleheader if weather permits. They will play South Dakota University Sunday and Doane Tuesday.



Kris Flack

Shelli Wiebelhaus of the Born Again Losers puts up a shot in intramural play while surrounded by Rulebreakers teammates, from front to back, Heather Petersen, Gina Jacobs and Stephenie Wilson.

Edelman named scholar athlete

Jennifer Edelman has been named an NAIA Scholar Athlete in women's basketball.

Edelman, a graduate of Anselmo-Merna High School, is one of ten Nebraska college players to receive the honor.

To qualify, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior and carry a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Edelman, who will graduate from Dana in May with a degree in

special and elementary education, has a 3.81 grade point average.

Dana advanced to the NAIA District 11 championship game for the second year in a row in the recently completed season.

Edelman missed part of the year with a knee injury, but was still the third-leading scorer on the team. She finished her career as Dana's all-time leading rebounder with 821 career car-

oms. She ranks fifth on the Vikings' all-time scoring chart with 1018 career points.

Edelman was a first-team all-conference pick in the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) for a second straight season this year.

She was also an honorable mention All-District 11 choice and an honorable mention All-State College pick by the *Omaha World Herald*.

Dana softball completes perfect week

Written by Paul Clark, compiled by Jeff Rademacher

Wednesday, March 24

Dana 11 Concordia 1 - Kim Glass was 3-for-4 with a grand slam and five RBIs. Michelle Wheatley and Sonia Farwell each had two hits. Carol Mueller picked up the pitching victory, recording seven strikeouts.

Dana 11 Concordia 1 - Heather Olsen dominated the Concordia batting order with 11 strikeouts and allowing only one hit. Laura Morrison knocked in four runs. Jennifer Loach and Wheatley each had three hits.

Thursday, March 25

Dana 3 Peru State 1 - Winning pitcher Susie Chavez's two-out double in the eighth inning snapped a 1-1 tie. Melinda Martinez also doubled in a run for the Vikings in the eighth. Morrison and Martinez had two hits each.

Dana 9 Peru State 8 - Glass snapped a 3-3 tie with a three-run homer and Dana survived a Peru State comeback to win in extra innings. Mueller worked nine innings to get the pitching win and also scored the winning run.

Saturday, March 27

Dana 3 Iowa Wesleyan 0 - Olsen turned in her second straight 11-strikeout performance on the mound. Stacy Galeotos stole home for Dana's first run, and Farwell singled in two runs in

the fifth inning.

Dana 11 Grand View 5 - The Vikings pulled away from a 3-3 tie with a 15-hit attack. Farwell and Morrison had three hits each, while Loach, Karri Roberts and Chavez each had two hits.

Dana's NIAC record is 2-0 and their overall record is 15-8 after a perfect week on the diamonds. Their record changed to 16-8 after splitting games on Monday. They were rained out Tuesday and Thursday. Details will be in the next issue of the *Hermes*.

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What's Happening This Week? April 2-8

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RIDAY

10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318
11:45 a.m. D.O.C.S. Senior Appreciation Day,
Campus Center
3:30 p.m. Tennis, Dordt v. Dana, at Blair High
8 p.m. "The Good Doctor," MFAC

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ATURDAY

9:30 a.m. Tennis, Midland Double Dual at Fremont
2 p.m. Baseball at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln
8 p.m. "The Good Doctor," MFAC

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UNDAY

10:30 a.m. Worship service in the chapel
7:30 p.m. Kevin Wass, Senior Tuba Recital,
Wise Room, MFAC

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ONDAY

10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318
7 p.m. Open Forum for Executive
Student Senate candidates, Linden Room
8 p.m. NCAA Championship Game Pizza Party,
Linden Room

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UESDAY

2 p.m. Baseball, Doane College at Dana
3:30 p.m. Student/Faculty Recital, Neve Room
7 p.m. Brad Montgomery, Comedian/Magician,
Dragon's Head

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10 a.m. Chapel, PM 318

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10 a.m. Campus Coffee

Dragon's Head

Weekly specials

Monday

Ham and scalloped potatoes

Tuesday

Tuna noodle casserole

Wednesday

Creamed chicken and noodles with biscuits

Thursday

Grilled ham and chees

Soup of the day

Friday

Closed

Open letter concerning contest

To the Dana community, Renegade Radio's recent promotion involving the new live album from Iron Maiden has raised some concerns that need to be addressed. The contest was certainly not intended to be controversial, although it has been perceived that way.

Upon close examination, the promo does indeed conflict with Dana College's policy on alcohol and other drugs. Perhaps more thorough knowledge of college policy on our part was in order and, as program director, I will assume the responsibility for this oversight.

Rest assured that we were not attempting to challenge the school's ruling on alcohol, either individually or as a staff. Neither were we trying to promote behavior which may have involved the irresponsible use of alcohol. In fact, our posters for the promotion clearly stated that our staff would provide designated drivers if a student from Dana College did indeed win the contest.

The First Amendment fliers which accompanied some of our contest posters were not as if to say "we can do anything we want because we have Constitutional rights." Rather, they were in response to the original posters being torn down by individuals unknown (at this time, we were still unaware of any "wrongdoing" on our part).

The staff of Renegade Radio views this kind of action as cowardly and completely devoid of any kind of constructive communication. If anyone has any concerns about our programming or our promotions, we ask that they be brought to our attention as soon as possible in a manner which shows courtesy and understanding to both sides.

We have discontinued the promotion and hope that all has been resolved. Renegade Radio will continue to promote the Iron Maiden disc, *A Real Live One*, and hopes that metal fans will check out the new music every Sunday-Thursday on the Metalshop, beginning at 9 p.m. Our sincere thanks to those who raised concerns and brought this matter to our attention.

Jon Rademacher
Program Director

Smoke and mirrors

By Shawn Osbahr
Editorialist

The other day I was discussing my editorials and my point of view with someone of the liberal persuasion and became quite perplexed concerning something that was argued. It is the same thing that I've heard from others regarding the first few months of the Billary presidency.

To end our discussion, this individual blurted out, "He's done more in his first few days than....." Blah, blah, blah. I had heard enough. I was running late for class so I could not respond, which was probably just as well.

This statement has been stirring around in my head for the past few days and I've finally figured out what was meant. Those of you who think like this are victims of the slickness of Bill Clinton.

Remember how bad the economy was. Remember how much he felt our pain. Remember how it was time to punish the rich and give everything back to the middle class.

There are still many of you caught up in this symbolism over substance bull that was hand fed

to you during the campaign.

That's all it is. Symbolism over substance. This is your typical smoke and mirrors. I cannot figure out how anything which has transpired over the last couple months could make any of us feel good. But there are many who are feeling great because something is being done. It doesn't matter what it is, just as long as it is being done. Well it should matter when what is being done is wrong.

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We would all be better off if nothing were to be done at all. Sure, the economy was at a recession in early 1992, but as the year progressed, so did our economic conditions. It is all part of the economic cycle.

A nation as large as ours cannot come out of a recession overnight. It takes time, but eventually it will happen, and it was happening without an economic stimulus package.

With the recovering economy, the only excuse for the Clinton stimulus is the constant unemployment rate. If you look at the big picture you'll figure it out.

Clinton's plan to raise taxes on the rich (middle class) and his energy tax (which will affect everyone especially the middle class) are scaring the daylights out of businesses who fear expansion. Therefore, who in the world are they going to hire?

All you have to do is open your eyes just a little more to see through this symbolism over substance. This will appear good for a while. The recovery has a chance of continuing with the deregulation of the banks. Money being made available to riskier borrowers will put new money into the system and encourage new businesses to start up. Meanwhile, economic conditions will appear brighter.

You must look past the smoke and mirrors. This is all artificial. Eventually it will come crashing down just like everything else artificial that has ever been tried.

Remember the Savings and Loan crisis? This is what occurs when the government steps in and deregulates the banking industry. It is not part of the natural business cycle. This is one time where I would love to see the government sit on their hands and let things take their natural course.

Is it beef or pork for our kids?

By Matt Plowman
Art Editor

It's budget time in Washington again--the time to separate the pork (inappropriately federally-financed projects) from the beef, which is many times just a matter of opinion.

One of the greatest opponents to what he thinks pork barrel bills is Senator Gramm (R-Texas). He rejects the idea of increasing taxes, and suggests that cutting pork bills will solve the nation's deficit alone.

However, Gramm has opposed any cuts of pork spending in Texas. He has made sure that goat-farmers (who supported his election) get federal subsidies and had the federal government build a new building at a law school in Texas. While voting against most scientific projects, he supports the government spending large amounts to NASA's space station and the supercollider. Why? Because they're both built in Texas.

This is why solving our deficit by cuts alone will not work. Every state wants every other state to give up federal funding but their own. Also, what might be pork to an urban state might be a crucial project in a rural state.

Beyond pork bills, there are also special interest groups who

compete for federal funding. The Pentagon and insurance companies are the largest special interest groups--not environmentalists or educators. This is why defense cuts and national health insurance are receiving so much flak, because of very powerful lobbyists.

America needs to make a foundational change. We are not a nation of individuals. We need to be building a community that cares about its residents. Thus we need to stop centering on ourselves and our own lifestyles, and

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have those for which the dream has worked support that dream for others.

Most importantly, the largest special interest group should be our children, and we need to be their lobbyists. This is summed up by an Indian saying: 'We haven't been handed down this Earth (or America for that matter) from our parents but are borrowing it from our children.'

Because we didn't heed the warnings in the 1970s and 1980s, we haven't converted to renewable and efficient energy sources. Thus our leaders have taken steps to force every American to stop and think what they're consuming. The British Thermal

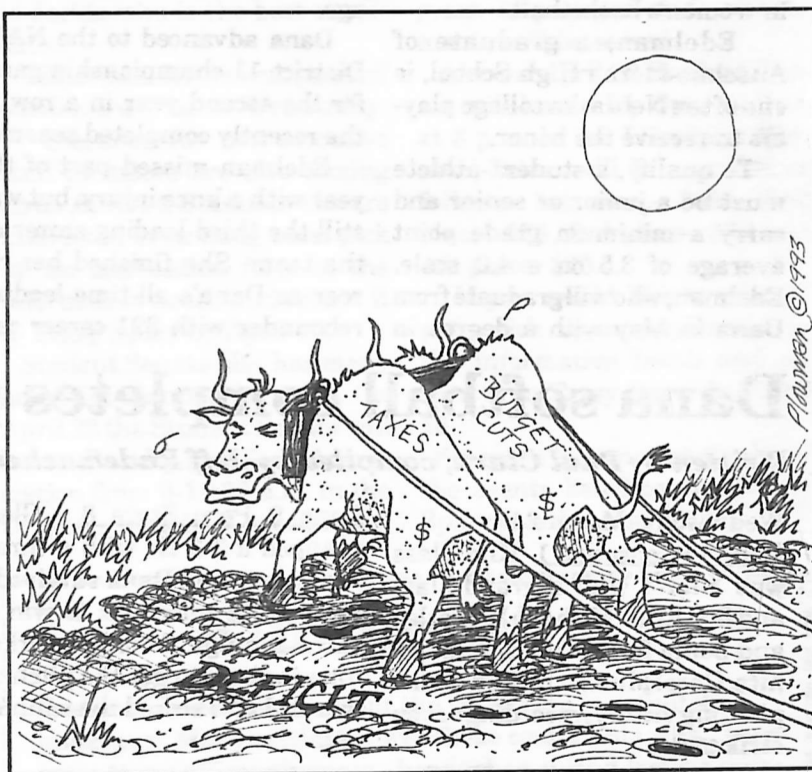
Unit tax will effect every American but will be the only tax increase for Americans making less than \$150,000 and will be less than \$20 a month for most.

As for spending, some areas, such as law enforcement, education and infrastructural programs (housing, roads, etc.), need increases. Much of this type of spending is actually government investment (like Roosevelt's programs during the Depression) that stimulates the economy. If we create a stronger community, taking care of our neighbors by giving them jobs, good housing and a firm education, crime and drugs will be destroyed by hope and save government money too.

This week a small Michigan town was the miner's canary for increased problems in funding. Their school ran out of funds and the town refused increased taxes, and so the school shut down three months early. So much for our kids being numero uno as a special interest.

Ingenuity has been America's greatest strength in history. We've got to be creative in solving our problems, both in cuts and increases, and determine the pork from the beef. We have to be careful not to destroy incentive nor leave our children on the street. A little bit of interest is due on our loan from our children, let's pay it.

Politoons by Plowman



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