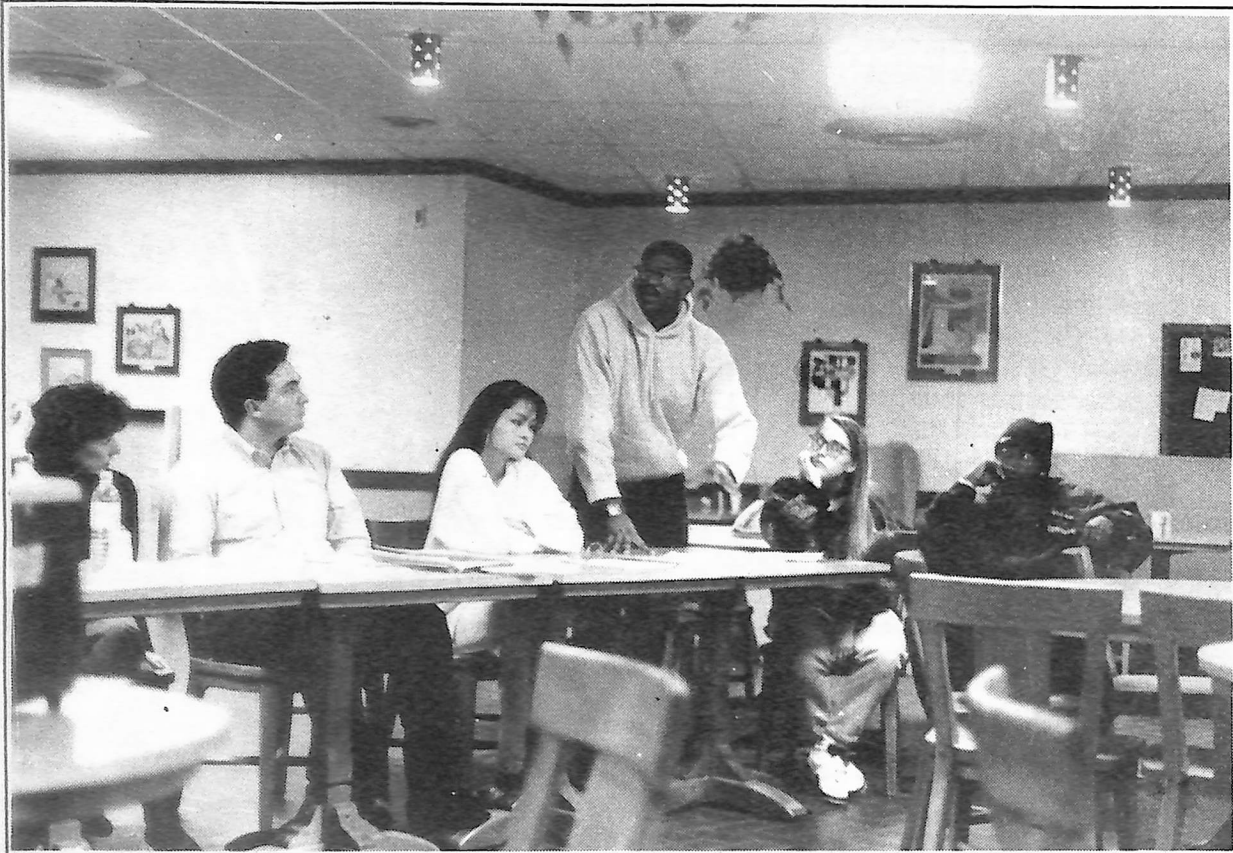


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The Dana College Multicultural Vision Team presents their findings to the Dana campus Wednesday night. Some members of the team are (left to right) Rhonda Lane, Dan Bane, Meliza Richter, Gary Charles, Sarah Hildreth and Thomas Kearney. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson)

## Vision Team is trying to build a true multicultural community on campus

ROBERT BOYD, JR.

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dana College took a huge step in trying to diversify and build the campus into a community when the Multicultural Vision Team (MVT) sponsored "Reporting Back To You" Tuesday and Wednesday in the Dragon's Head.

MVT is a group of students, faculty and staff who have joined to discuss and figure out ways to build the campus into a true multicultural community. This group was formed in the fall semester.

"Reporting Back To You" was a panel discussion with the MVT participants summarizing the data they have found so far from the Dana campus.

MVT said in the panel discussion they decided to use focus groups as a way of gathering information about how the campus feels towards building a multicultural community. The team used outside facilitators to get true unbiased readings from the groups. The facilitators were chosen from three organizations — the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Social Work Advisory Board and the University of Nebraska Medical

Center.

The focus groups were selected from a broad range of people from campus. They included men and women faculty members, staff council, the International Student Organization, student senate cabinet, off-campus students, ARS Medica, the men's basketball team, the volleyball team, musical group, Helping Our People Expand, the president's cabinet, campus ministry, Total Quality Management and housekeeping women.

The facilitators met with the focus groups and came up with a general summary of their findings. According to social work professor Jan Potter, the facilitators were struck by the fact that they observed a serious fragmentation and lack of community but a strong positive energy toward Dana and the idea of an open, inclusive community. They felt that MVT might be in a position to make strong advances toward inclusivity which might succeed if MVT is able to develop strong leadership and visible people as a key. Immediate and energetic action is important from the facilitators' perspective.

From the facilitators' summary

and data from the focus group, MVT came up with around 40 short, intermediate and long term goals. These goals are preliminary goals and are not absolute MVT goals.

Some of the goals were more minority scholarships, more minority and international faculty and staff hirings, support networks for minority and international students, make Sights and Sounds of Christmas more multicultural and a multicultural seminar for incoming students.

After the MVT panel was through summarizing their findings, they gave the floor to any person who wanted to voice a concern. Many students who attended did.

Some students said they were concerned that the attempt by MVT would never go through like all the attempts in the past. Dr. Paul Formo, Dean of Students, who is backing MVT, said Tuesday, "All I can say is I think it will go through and I hope it will."

Another student concern was they didn't think the people in power at Dana and the alumni would change to let this happen.

The MVT recorded all questions and concerns by students and staff and will look into these concerns.

## Theater department presents "The Gingerbread Lady"

JEFF RADEMACHER

COPY EDITOR

The Dana College theater department presents Neil Simon's "The Gingerbread Lady" Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 26 in the Black Box Theater of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Director Sieg Krueger gives audiences an idea of what to expect: "What you're going to see is a very sad show that will make you laugh a lot. As you are laughing, you're going to say, 'This is sad. This is sick. Why am I laughing?' Then you will continue to laugh."

Krueger says the three-act play is about "a small group of emotional cripples getting together to prop up each other, to somehow support each other, to make it through the day."

In the course of the play the characters hit a major crisis in their lives and attempt to deal with it. They discover they aren't willing to commit themselves to make the personal sacrifices needed to help each other.

Other Simon plays performed recently at Dana include "The Good Doctor" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs." Krueger admires Simon because Simon's plays deal with people trying to find a family element and support among themselves. He feels critics usually overlook the true meaning of Simon's works because they can't see past the comedy of the plays.

The play's cast features a number of Dana students who are not strangers to the stage.

Tami Ahrendt (junior, Lincoln) portrays Evelyn in "The Gingerbread Lady." Tami's recent stage appearance at Dana was last

semester's musical "Working." She was the stage manager for "The Christmas Stranger" and will do the same for "The Tempest," which will appear later this semester.

This will be Fafani Goecke's (sophomore, Grafton, Wis.) first ever theater performance. She will play the part of Polly.

Dana theater veteran Holly Halsell (junior, Fort Calhoun) plays the part of Toby. She has appeared in seven Dana stage productions, including "Working" and last spring's musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes." Holly will play the character Iris in "The Tempest."

B.J. Nesselhuf (freshman, Burbank, S.D.) portrays Jimmy. B.J.'s stage debut at Dana was in "Working." The character Antonio will be played by B.J. in "The Tempest."

Damian Pollack (freshman, Omaha) will be seen as Martez. Damian is another Dana theater rookie whose first performance was in "Working." He also has a part in "The Tempest," playing Stephano.

Soren Schmidt's (junior, Escanaba, Mich.) Dana theater credits include "Working" and "The Christmas Stranger." He will play the part of Lou in "The Gingerbread Lady" and Ferdinand in "The Tempest."

Other persons involved with the play are Kim McGregor (stage manager), Austin Brown (stage designer/painter), Bill Hengum (technical director), and Scott Lowman (stage hand).

For reservations contact Esther Gunderson (ext. 7207) at The Forum. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.



"The Gingerbread Lady" cast members (left to right) Fafani Goecke, Holly Halsell (seated), Tami Ahrendt and B.J. Nesselhuf rehearse a scene. (Photo by Paul Schneider)



## Parnassus remodeled into a new classroom

VIVIAN YANG

REPORTER

A new classroom in Pioneer Memorial was opened this spring. The room is also known as Parnassus, which many students call "the old Forum."

The name Parnassus was first introduced by Dr. John W. Nielsen, who was the director of the humanities program at Dana College from 1973 to 1985. Parnassus derives its name from Mt. Parnassus in Greece. It is known as the "home of Muses" and inspires people who have strong interests and talents in the field of humanities.

According to Professor James Olsen, who served as the director of humanities program from 1986 to 1993, Parnassus used to be the center of various humanities activities on the Dana campus.

"The humanities program included fields in art, history, literature, music, philosophy and religion," said Olsen. "It was to en-

courage students to embrace and accumulate their knowledge in all academic disciplines."

To enhance the program, Dana faculty also formed an integrated teaching team to organize activities such as exhibitions, presentations, lectures, discussions and recitals. "Parnassus was a great hub for all the activities," said Olsen.

Most of the activities held in Parnassus now take place in The Forum after the opening of the new building in 1993. Parnassus was remodeled and used as a classroom with approximately seventy seats. According to the registrar's office, the new classroom is now used for interpersonal communication classes and LARP.

Students who have classes in Parnassus described it as a nice, clean and open place. "It is big enough for a class of forty," said senior Nicole Alfredson. "But also easy to find a small corner for group discussion."



### Rev. Susan Briehl: "A Spirited Campus"

Today, Feb. 17 -- Noon

Bring your lunch to The Forum and discuss the issue of the week with your peers, professors and staff members. Stay for any or all of the one-and-a-half hour session.

### The Forum Debate Series

## HERMES

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## Letter to the Editor

While I hesitate to actually start this letter, I feel compelled to express my concerns about a certain "event" which took place at the men's basketball game Wednesday night.

I was working at the scorer's table and as the game progressed I found it hard to contain my enthusiasm, for as well as the Vikings were playing. There was a great demonstration of school spirit in the student and adult turnout, great stunts and energy on the part of the cheerleading squad and the drill team performed an impressive halftime show.

There was an awesome start

to the ballgame, an exciting second half and by most counts, a great ending. That is, until a certain impromptu "cheer" (if I can even call it that) coming from the student section in the final minutes. I'd rather not quote it here, but those of you who were there probably know right away the one to which I'm referring.

I spoke with one of Midland's assistant coaches after the game and apologized for what was said. It was, in my opinion, crude and in very poor taste. A Midland fan who was obviously upset came to the scorer's table and expressed her displeasure at what was said.

Sure, Midland is our "arch ri-

val." It will always be a big game for us. What I had thought was that our students were above that kind of thing. I still believe that a vast majority of the students are unlikely to join such a chant. I still hope I won't hear it repeated when the men host a playoff game Tuesday night.

I ask that we not only take pride in how well our athletes play... let's take pride in the fans we can be: well behaved, 110 percent behind our team and not disrespectful of our opponents.

Sincerely,  
Mark Anderson

### President Christopherson's surgery goes well

Dana President Myrvin Christopherson underwent surgery Friday at Methodist Hospital in Omaha where doctors removed his thyroid.

Doctors suspected that Christopherson had thyroid cancer a while ago and recommended surgery.

Christopherson's physicians stated the surgery went well and were pleased with his toleration without the thyroid.

The Forum will be holding a used book sale on March 8-9. Set up will take place Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will be capped off that evening with a Monty Python movie fest.

If you have books to donate, please make arrangements in The Forum.

### Celebrate Black History Month by attending African Americans and the Great Plains An Interdisciplinary Symposium Feb. 24-25 Sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Humanities Council.

Join Don-Fanon Chaney-Thomas, Multicultural Education Consultant, and Dr. John Mark Nielsen, English department, in attending this interdisciplinary conference to be held at the Lincoln Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Lincoln Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25.

The conference includes sessions on African American history, literature, film-making and politics. A session Saturday features former Dana Multicultural Consultant, Alan Finderson, who has recently returned from Africa and who

will be giving a presentation entitled, "Nebraska and Multiculturalism: A Teaching Workshop."

Conference registration and participation is free for students who have proper college identification. Dana students wishing to attend this conference may sign up at The Forum. A van will leave the circle between the campus center and the Dana classroom center at 6:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25. The van will return to campus early each evening. Eighteen places are available and will be allocated on a first come basis.

### Results of survey will be published in coming weeks

The *Hermes* has the results of the student satisfaction inventory surveys which were conducted last semester by the Campus Life Committee. We will be publishing the results in a series of stories spanning a number of weeks because of the complexity of the survey.

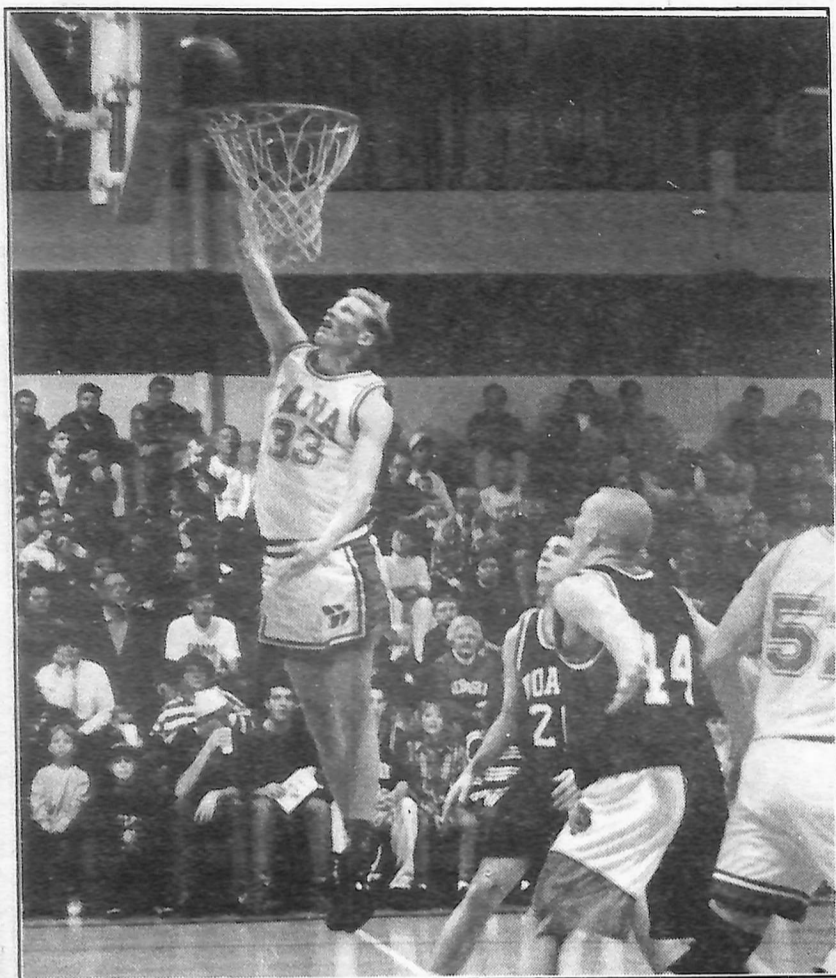
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### Prospective RA Night

Monday  
9 p.m.  
Linden Room

Students who want to become a resident assistant must meet the following requirements to qualify for a position:

1. A minimum grade point average of 2.5.
2. Cannot be on academic or disciplinary probation.
3. Lived in a dorm room for two semesters.
4. Must be a Dana student for two semesters.



Sophomore Shawn Fasbender puts in the layup Saturday night. Fasbender led the Vikings with 11 rebounds.

(Photo by Jeff Rademacher)

## Lady Vikings defeat the Bulldogs in their final home game of the season

LIZ HUMPHREY  
REPORTER

Coming off a 10-point loss at home to Northwestern Feb. 7, Dana's women's basketball team travelled to Missouri to challenge Avila College, hoping to duplicate a blowout that occurred earlier this month in Borup Coliseum. The Vikings took with them an 11-11 record, and hoped to break .500 with a repeat performance against Avila.

Dana struggled in the first half of this game, shooting just 27% from the field before warming into a respectable 46% second half production. At halftime, although the Vikings led Avila by just a point (21-20), they remained poised and outscored Avila 33-30 in the second half for a final score of 54-50. The team was led in scoring by Heidi Grappendorf, who had 19 points, just under her conference-leading season aver-

age of 19.5. Jennifer Dierks added 10 points while Susan Weddingfeld and Nichol Buenning had eight and seven points respectively.

Sporting a 12-11 record, Dana hosted Concordia for senior night on Valentine's Day. With a win, Dana would hold on to their winning record and avenge an earlier 55-56 loss to the Bulldogs.

Coming out strong in the first

half, Dana outplayed Concordia for a 38-31 lead at half. The Vikings continued to fight off the Bulldog's hopes for a comeback in the second half and won the contest 73-62.

Dana senior Grappendorf put up 22 points, while Buenning scored 16 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Senior Melanie Hild contributed five points and four rebounds.

## CAMPUS EVENTS February 17-23

- F**RIDAY  
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING ON CAMPUS  
12:00 noon-FORUM DEBATE SERIES: "THE SPIRITED CAMPUS," WITH REV. SUSAN BRIEHL  
7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT DOANE
- S**ATURDAY  
9:00 a.m. WRESTLING, NAIA AREA TOURNEY  
7:30 p.m. MEN'S BASKETBALL AT CONCORDIA
- S**UNDAY
- M**ONDAY  
7:30 p.m. BLAIR WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT, JAMES BUXTON, SINGER/HARPIST, LAURITZEN THEATER, MFAC  
10:00 p.m. CAMP SERVICE, GATHERING PLACE, DCC
- T**UESDAY  
10:30 a.m. SERVICE OF THE WORD, MR. DAN TRAVAILLE, V.P. FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT, TRINITY CHAPEL
- W**EDNESDAY  
7:00 p.m. WRESTLING AT NORTHWESTERN  
10:00 p.m. HOLDEN VESPERS, TRINITY CHAPEL
- T**HURSDAY  
10:00 a.m. CAMPUS COFFEE  
10:30 a.m. MORNING PRAISE, TRINITY CHAPEL

## Coursey's three-point shot leads Dana to an 83-81 win over Doane

GINA JACOBS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dana Vikings men's basketball team came back from a 10-point deficit at the half to win their Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference (NIAC) game Saturday evening. The Doane Tigers came to Borup Coliseum to repeat their victory against the Vikings from January.

The Tigers pushed to a 13-point lead within the first minute of the second half. The momentum changed, however as the Vikings

went on an eight-point surge to bring them within five points.

Rob Coursey tied the game at 79 with a three-point goal 1:28 left in the second half. Then, with 11 seconds left, Coursey shot another three-point basket to put Dana ahead 83-81. The Tigers' Jarrod Olson ran the ball down the court and shot for a three-point goal but was blocked by Coursey. Coursey scored 20 points and had five rebounds. Nathan Babbitt added 26 points and Jason Jackson and Shawn Fasbender had 13 points apiece.

Wednesday night was senior night for Dana, who took on Midland Lutheran College. The Vikings had previously defeated the Warriors at Fremont in January. Dana posted a 29-5 lead six minutes into the first half. The Warriors trailed 54-39 at half and pushed to within four points with 11:51 left in the game.

Babbitt lead the Vikings with a game-high 29 points in their 109-89 victory. Fasbender had 22 points and nine rebounds, Jackson had 18 points and Coursey had 14 points.

## Hensley and Johnson finish in first place at Tri-State Tournament

GINA JACOBS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Viking wrestling team traveled to LeMars, Iowa last Saturday where they competed in the Tri-State Meet. At the meet they met with Teikyo Westmar University of Iowa and Northwestern College of Iowa.

Dana had two first place finishers at the meet: Brent Johnson (142 pounds) and Andy Hensley (167). This first place finish by Johnson made him eligible for the national meet to be held the first weekend

in March in Jamestown, N.D. Qualifying for nationals and having an accumulative grade point average over 3.5 has also won Johnson the ability to be chosen as an Academic All-American.

Freshman D.J. Walton (126) continued to make his year impressive by finishing in second place at the meet along with Justin Garcia (118), Justin Smith (177) and Chase Roller (275).

So far, Walton, Johnson, Hensley, Roller, and T.C. Aguilar have qualified to go to nationals this season. Each team is capable

of taking two wild cards along to the national meet. So far Chad Caskey will fill one of those wild card spots. "I have to see how the guys do this weekend," said Coach Ron Beaman. "Maybe we can fill that other wild card spot."

Tomorrow Dana will host the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Area Tournament. The Vikings will compete against Lindenwood College of Iowa, Missouri Valley College of Iowa, Northwestern College of Iowa and Teikyo Westmar University of Iowa.

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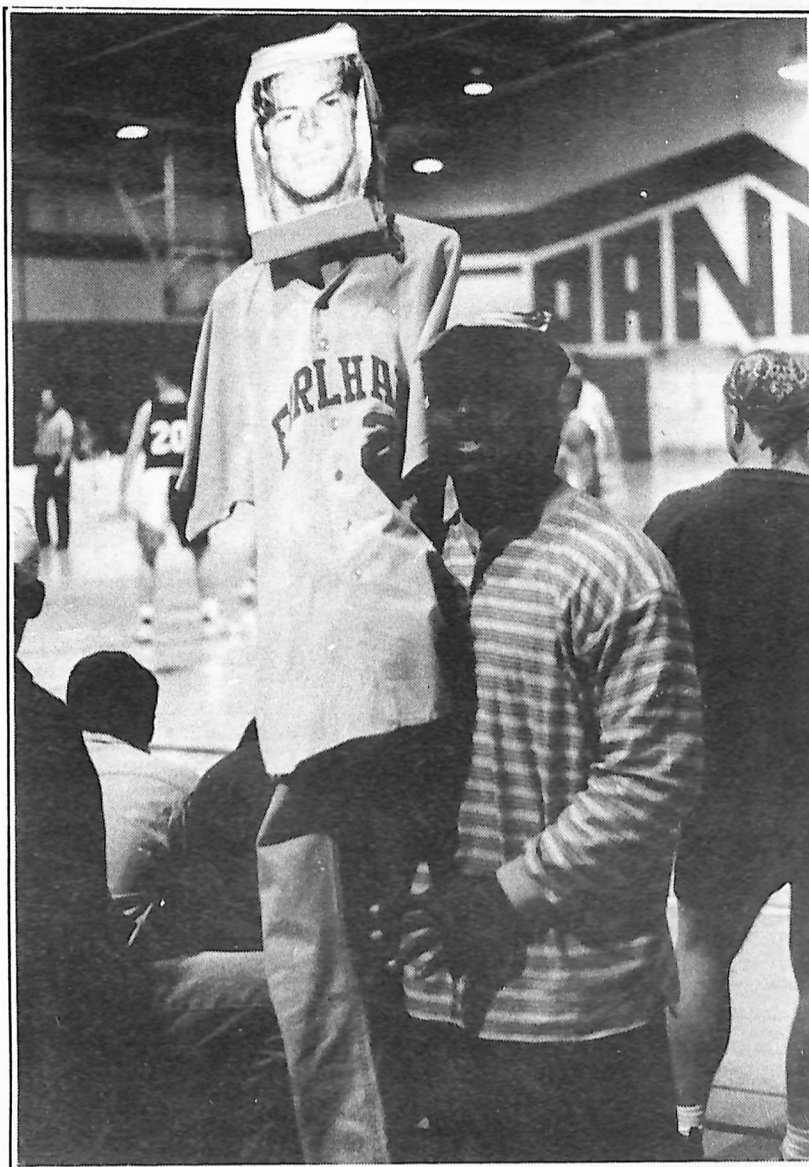
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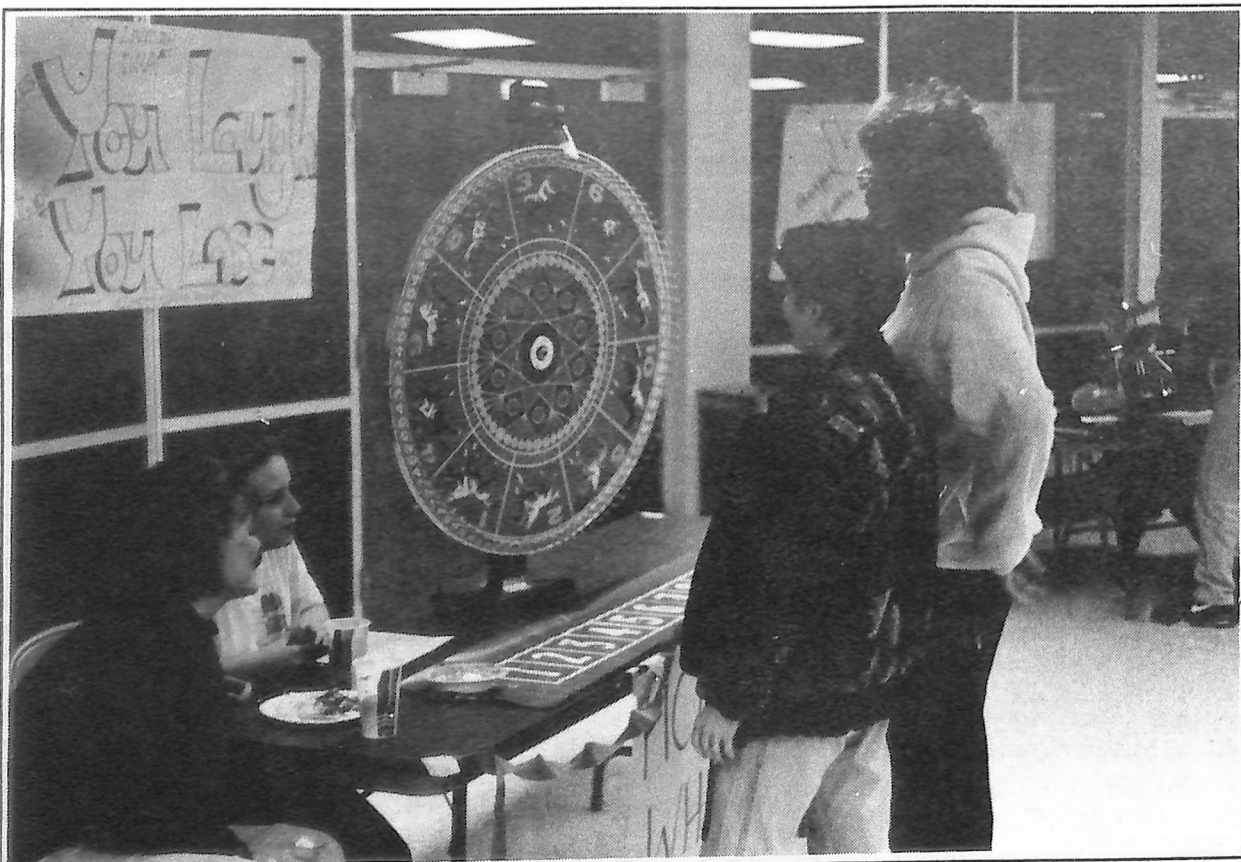
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## The 1995 Dana College Winterfest Weekend Feb. 9 - 11



*Upper Left: The crowd at Borup Coliseum goes wild after Dana forward Rob Coursey's (24) game-winning three-point shot against Doane Saturday. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)*

*Upper right: Senior Lawrence Bradley poses with his "friend" during the men's basketball game against Doane. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)*

*Middle left: Winterfest king Jason Tiedtke and queen Aune Shilongo were crowned Saturday at halftime of the basketball game. (Photo by Carrie Larkins, Blair Enterprise)*

*Middle right: Dana dancer Rayna Schramm leads the Little Dana Dancers in a routine during halftime of the men's basketball game against Doane. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)*

*Left: Sophomore Fafani Goecke and a prospective student watch the spinning wheel during Vegas Night last Thursday while sophomores Erica Swanson and Roisin Bell watch. (Photo by Jeff Rademacher)*