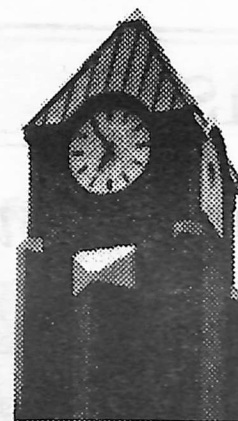


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Between the basketball games on Saturday, Ryan Holtam and Mandy Buttry were crowned Winterfest King and Queen. Holtam is a senior from Fremont while Buttry is a junior from Shenandoah, Iowa. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Dragon's Head gets a face lift, new improvements for recreational area

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

Construction is under way to transform the Dragon's Head into a recreational area where students can socialize and get away from their residence halls. The area will be complete with some new walls, a fresh paint job, a big screen television and new games.

Dan Travaille, vice president for student development, said he is hoping the new addition will enhance the community atmosphere at Dana.

"We are attempting to create an area on campus that will serve as a social gathering place for students," said Travaille.

"The student satisfaction inventory always seemed to indicate a concern about the Dragon's Head. Students seemed to express interest in having a place to gather on campus socially," said Travaille. This is what he is hoping the new features will do.

There has been dry wall put up around the grill to isolate it from the room and the walls have been painted blue. In the back corner there will be an area rug with a big screen television, couches and tables. The ping pong and pool tables will still be in the Dragon's Head and an air hockey game and two electronic dart boards will be added for recreational use. Also, the arcade games will be moved into the area, as well as soda and

snack vending machines. According to Travaille the Dragon's Head will now be a central location for games.

Will Mays, a junior from Dallas, Texas, said he feels the new games are a good idea. "Half the time on weekends there is nothing to do. Now I can go play some air hockey."

Paulette Alderink, student activities director, is planning to use the area for game tournaments, contests and

"We are attempting to create an area on campus that will serve as a social gathering place for students."

-- Dan Travaille

television and movie nights. Alderink is waiting until the area is done before knowing for sure what impact the new additions will make on planning activities in the Dragon's Head.

Jenny Patience, a junior from Crescent, Iowa, said she is excited the college is changing the area.

"I think it's awesome," said Patience. "I think they needed to do something with it and now is as good a time as any."

It is unknown when the Dragon's Head will have its grand opening due to contracting problems. Travaille ex-

plained that they were hoping the construction and finishing touches would be done over Interim and students would be able to use the Dragon's Head on the first day of second semester. At this time it is up to the outside contractors to finish their job.

Other remodeling projects, like painting, were completed by volunteer faculty and staff members.

"It is the cheapest way to get it done," said Travaille.

James Peterson, a junior from Viborg, S.D., said he hopes they finish the project soon. "It has been closed for 3 weeks and it's the only place for students to go for recreation," said Peterson.

The idea of turning the Dragon's Head into a recreational area came from the few sessions held during first semester when students were invited to share ideas on what they wanted the area used for. Travaille said the students most frequently commented they wanted to see more games and a big screen television. Many students said they would also like the grill to be opened with hot, fast food. However, at this time that is not possible due to the cost. Travaille said when the Dragon's Head was open as a fast food area the venture lost money because of the high cost to maintain and staff the grill without enough business

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Students discover friendly competition through intramural events

LAURA HIEBENTHAL
Copy Editor

Students had many opportunities to take part in intramurals during January and the rest of the semester looks to be the same.

During January the intramural department sponsored championship games in three tournaments: three-on-three basketball, volleyball and pitch.

On Jan. 8 the Eager Beavers played the Tr-U-Ballers for the championship of the six-on-six volleyball tournament. The Eager Beavers came from behind for a 9-15, 16-14, 15-12 victory. Playing for the Beavers were Jason Mitchell, Ryan Boozikee, Rich Martell, Jill Oestmann, Kari Wetterberg and Mandy Axmann.

In three-on-three basketball, the tournament concluded with a championship game on Jan. 23 between the Champion's Club and Three Men and Trevor. The Champion's Club prevailed with players Nathan Babbitt,

Rick Hodge, Bill Stoffel, Brandon Perry and Bryan Behrens.

In the women's division of three-on-three basketball, Gee and the Girls defeated Two Reds and a Blonde. The winning team was comprised of Jessi Thomsen, Jen Schneider, Michelle Gee, Lisa Shefland and Kari Wetterberg.

The intramural pitch tournament came down to a final game between Mitchell and Some Other Guy and the Sharks. Jason Mitchell and Joel Carter teamed up to win by a score of 54-30 on Jan. 29.

Winners of all intramural contests receive a Dana intramural t-shirt.

Student intramural coordinator Amy Klusmeier is pleased with the way intramurals have been going.

"I am really happy overall," said Klusmeier. "People seem to be having a good time. The games are nice because of the comfortable atmosphere."

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Student Senate gets out its checkbook

JENNIFER BURGER
Graphics Editor

The Student Senate gave away \$5,062.41 at its meeting Wednesday night. The group approved the spring semester budgets submitted by campus clubs and organizations.

The senate approved the budget submission of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for \$1,652.62. It also allocated \$749.90 for Campus Ministry and \$379.19 for the Student Awareness Organization. The budget of \$345.18 was approved for the Residence Hall Association and the Business Club was allotted \$128.77 for its spring semester activities. The senate also passed its own budget of \$1,806.75.

In other business Sara Crawford reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met with the Faculty Affairs Committee and the group members are considering dropping Interim from the academic year at Dana. Instead of taking an Interim class, the

fall and spring semesters would be lengthened and students would be able to take more credit hours each term. Due to the heavy course load placed on the faculty, the two groups are discussing giving the faculty members more time to plan their spring semester classes by eliminating Interim and placing spring semester directly after Christmas break.

The senate also voted to donate money to computer services. It voted to match the amount of money raised by a "computerthon" targeting Dana students' parents in March. Computer services would use the money to improve the computer system in the residence hall computer labs.

Elaine Rivard reported from the communications committee that elections for new senate officers will take place the first week of March.

Sara Crawford reported that the recycling committee is going to start recycling plastic. She also reported that the faculty and staff are interested in getting involved in the recycling effort.

In my own words... by Rodney Ronk

Hello! Another week has come and gone with many activities being undertaken by your Student Senate.

This past Wednesday night saw the second semester budget meeting take place and it went very smoothly thanks to the efforts of the senate budget committee and the campus organizations involved. For the students who do not know, the budget meeting is when campus organizations come to the Student Senate and request funds for the upcoming semester. The organizations must be open to the whole campus, have a constitution on file with the senate and plan a weekend activity and community service project in order to request money.

What makes this so very important is that the money the groups request is your money, that being the student

body dues you pay at the start of every semester. It is very important that students are able to use this money as they see fit and also to voice their opinion on whatever else may be a good way to spend such funds. Any ideas on campus improvements are always welcome, so don't be afraid to talk to your student senator!

Thanks to all who provided input on last week's question on whether or not the senate should use some funds to help pay for some of the improvements in the Dragon's Head. As always it is great to get a reaction and your opinion does matter. The question I have for this week is about the campus meal plans: do the silver and gold options fit your needs? Or would it be possible that there is a different way a meal plan system can be structured? One of the reasons I am asking this question is because I

am curious about how students feel on this issue. I know that most of us are fairly busy with classes, jobs, sports or some other activity, and currently may not be able to take advantage of all the current options under the silver and gold plans. Please let me know what you think on this issue and if you have any ideas on how you could be served better. As always I can be reached by phone at 7537 or please e-mail me at RRONK, I'd love to hear from you.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone that the next senate meeting will be Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Forum. It was great to see a few students sitting in on the last meeting and I hope this trend continues.

Until next week, and as my good friend Bill Stoffel always says, "See you later."

Rodney Ronk

Dragon's Head

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Travaille said he is looking for the "secret" to getting more traffic in the Dragon's Head and once that is discovered they may be able to make more changes. This could include opening the grill in the future.

The total cost of the remodeling is around \$13,000. Travaille is hoping Student Senate will be able to provide some financial assistance using student body dues and the rest will come out of the college's budget.

"It is a good investment if it increases students' satisfaction about student life on campus," said Travaille.

Alderink agrees that the changes are a good investment.

"I think it will improve space and be more functional," said Alderink. "I think we are going to see students out of their dorms and in the Dragon's Head due to the big screen television."

"I think what they are doing is a step in the right direction," said Peterson. "The recreation on campus is sorely lacking compared to other colleges."

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Sexism or censorship? Is gender neutral language important?

JOAN BRINGEWATT
Editorialist

Censorship is the removal or prohibition of anything considered obscene or objectionable. The feminist idea to have gender neutral speech is just this: the censorship of speech so we don't offend them, which of course is "objectionable."

Why do people have to be censored in what they speak, write, draw or paint? When we don't know the gender of a person, we must say "he/she" so we don't offend anyone. If we don't we are labeled "sexists."

If we write "he," we are accused of "offending" women. I don't think so. Most women are not offended by this. I am a woman. I'm proud to be who I am. I'm glad for the suffrage movement that gave women the right to vote. I'm glad that all people are given equal rights in the Constitution.

I think the feminists have pushed the issue of gender neutral speech too far. Women who are offended by the words that others use should realize that the Constitution that gives everyone equal rights also gives the freedom of speech.

Feminists are pushing for the removal of words such as "history"

and "mankind." Just because they start with the letter sequences "h-i-s" and "m-a-n." This is ridiculous! The word "history" comes from the Greek word *histor*. It means knowing. The definition and root word have no connection to gender. "Mankind" refers to all human beings. Should "human" be banned also because it ends with "m-a-n"? If we do this, we need to be sensitive to the men. We then should ban such words as "shelter" and "heredity." They start with "s-h-e" and "h-e-r." The whole concept of using only "gender neutral" words is absurd. It shreds our rich English language into words that we "can" and "cannot" use.

Unfortunately this censorship is happening here on campus. Moses Thompson's painting about creation was approved to be hung in the science hall. It has not been hung because of the word "mankind" in a verse from Job written below the painting.

We must stop the word games and this kind of censorship. If we don't we will have no rights of free speech left. To be a gender neutral society isn't possible. There will always be women and there will always be men. To be truly "gender sensitive" let's focus on appreciating gender differences and respecting others because they are people just like ourselves.

Campus Events

FRIDAY

Lil' Sibling's Weekend
Indoor Track, Lincoln
9 p.m.-12 p.m. Ice Skating, CC

SATURDAY

Valentine's Day
Scholastic Art Competition Award Ceremony
5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Borup
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Borup

SUNDAY

Presidential Scholarship Competition
Melchior Voice Competition
9 a.m. Worship

MONDAY

President's Day
9 p.m. Prospective R.A. Night, Linden Room

TUESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball, Borup

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball, Borup
10 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer, Chapel

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Presidential Scholarship Make-up Day
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Correction

The Winterfest candidate photos published last week were taken by Carrie Larkins of Public Relations. The *Hermes* staff apologizes for the omission.

Students travel to Middle East, encounter world leader

AMY BENEDICT
Editor-in-Chief

On Jan. 6, nine Dana students, including two non-traditional students, and Professor James Olsen, boarded a plane at the Omaha airport and began a 20-day trip through Israel, Jordan and Greece during Interim.

Olsen said he chose to take a travel group to the Middle East because it is an area that most students would be less likely to travel to, it has a culture very unlike America's and the weather conditions and cost for a trip this time of year are good. Also, some of the area has been getting world attention due to civil religious disputes which makes it an "on sight experience," according to Olsen.

Chris Billesbach, a junior from Hastings, said the trip was an opportunity he could not pass by.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience," he said.

Christina Nutter, a junior from Gibbon, agreed the chance to travel to the Middle East was one she could not miss. "I have always planned on traveling sometime and it is a place most people will never have a chance to visit."

Initially Olsen planned to take the group to Egypt instead of Greece but due to an attack against a bus of American tourists a few months earlier, he felt a change in trip destinations was in order for the safety of the students.

Billesbach said he was initially disappointed when Egypt was taken off the travel plans but said Greece turned out to be his favorite place. "I was dis-



The Middle East tour group pauses in front of a fifth century Jewish synagogue in Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Pictured are: John Beck, Deann Ray, Andrea Spreen, Max Riffner, Christina Nutter, Chris Billesbach, Ann Myers, Ann George, Jackie Smith and James Olsen. (Photo courtesy of Christina Nutter)

appointed but I would not have traded going to Greece for anything."

Jaclyn Smith, a junior from Hay Springs, said she decided to go on the trip only because they were going to Egypt. However, once she arrived in Greece she forgot her disappointment. "I was tired of looking at the desert, so seeing green and water was good."

The trip began in Amsterdam with enough layover time to go on a three-hour sightseeing tour including the Royal Palace, Rembrandt's House, "Skinny Bridge" spanning the Amstel River and the Portuguese Synagogue.

Next it was back on a plane which headed for Israel. Dana's tour group arrived in Tel Aviv on Jan. 8 and then transferred to Tiberias. The group visited many biblical cities like

Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Capernaum. In this area Dana students visited the Church of the Annunciation, Megiddo, Joseph's carpenter shop, Ginnosar, Golan Heights, the Bethsaida excavation sight, the Tomb of King David, the room of the Last Supper on Mount Zion, the Jewish Quarter, the site of Jesus' birth and the Mount of Olives.

Then it was off to Amman, the modern and ancient capital of Jordan, where students visited the second century Roman amphitheater, the Citadel, the Eastern Desert, the Archaeological Museum and Petra.

An interesting occurrence at the Allensby Bridge, the checkpoint between Isreal and Jordan, was when the tour group was delayed because Yasser Arafat's caravan was passing by. "I thought it was really interest-

ing that I was that close to such a powerful political figure," said Billesbach.

On Jan. 17 the group left Jordan on a plane and arrived in Athens, Greece. Here the group visited such sights as Syntagma, the Parliament House, the Old Palace, the Panathenaic Marble Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896, the Temple of Olympian, the Athena Parthenos and the Acropolis. Next the group had a five-day tour of Peloponnese where they visited sights in Mycenae, Nafplion, Olympia and Delphi.

Nutter, Billesbach and Smith all agreed that Athens was the best city they visited.

"By the time we got to Athens all the members of the group new each other and we had a great time," said Nutter.

The Parthanon was Billesbach's favorite site in the city. "It was the spot I new the most about previously and it meant more than seeing places I had never heard about before."

Billesbach also commented that Greece was very European and more modern than Isreal and Jordan so he felt more comfortable in the culture.

On the last day of the trip, a cruise took students to Hydra, Poros and Aegina Islands where they strolled the streets and took in temples and elegant architecture. At 6:05 a.m. on Jan. 26 the Dana group left Athens and arrived in Omaha 24 hours later.

The group was able to take in many cultural experiences such as food, like cucumbers and tomatoes for breakfast and lamb and goat for dinner, and observe the month of Ramadon where for religious reasons Islamic and Muslim people fast from sunrise to sundown.

Nutter said there were many cultural differences between America and the Middle East. She found it interesting how aggressive Middle Eastern men are and how women are treated. Also, her light complexion made her look much like a tourist. "I am blonde so I got stared at all the time," she said.

After traveling internationally Smith feels it is important to learn other languages. "I think we are making a mistake when we aren't learning another language early in life."

Olsen said he chose daily sight-seeing destinations because of their historical and biblical importance as well as places that have modern political significance.

"Being in places so rich in historical importance is a mind expanding experience," said Olsen.

Intramurals

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Kris Graulich, director of intramurals, said that many more activities are yet to come. However, she said that during the month of February the gym is unavailable because of practice by both winter and spring sports teams.

While the gym is busy, Klusmeier and Graulich scheduled games and tournaments that could be played elsewhere. Graulich said a pool tournament was set to begin in the Dragon's Head but has been postponed because the area is being remodeled. She said the tournament will start when the construction is finished.

While some tournaments are arranged, others, like racquetball and pitch, are self-paced for easier scheduling.

"I give everybody a list of teams and it is the students' responsibility to set up a game time," said Graulich.

With self-paced games students arrange their own time to compete and turn in a scorecard with the results. The captain from each team must sign the card and then give it to Graulich, who will keep track of all the results.

The next intramural activity is a five-on-five basketball tournament tentatively scheduled to begin in

"People seem to be having a good time. The games are nice because of the comfortable atmosphere."
--Amy Klusmeier

March and end before spring break. Graulich asks students to watch for more information about the tournament and its entry deadline. She said intramural information is posted on the kiosk in the campus center and in Borup outside office 207. Graulich also sends intramural information to students through e-mail.

Following spring break other tournaments will begin and run until the last week of classes. These tournaments include flag football and sand volleyball.

Also this semester Graulich would like anyone who is interested in doing aerobics two or three times a week to contact her. She has video tapes and could organize meeting times.

Klusmeier sees several benefits of intramurals.

"It is a time for people to come in and hang out with their friends," she said. She also believes intramurals are a great stress reliever and a good way to get exercise.

"You can come in and just forget about school and problems for a while," she said.

Both Graulich and Klusmeier stress that intramurals are open to everyone, not just athletes.

Klusmeier added that if anyone has any ideas or changes they would like to see in the intramural program, they can contact her or Graulich.

"We're always open to suggestions," said Klusmeier.

Students invited to participate in peace seminar

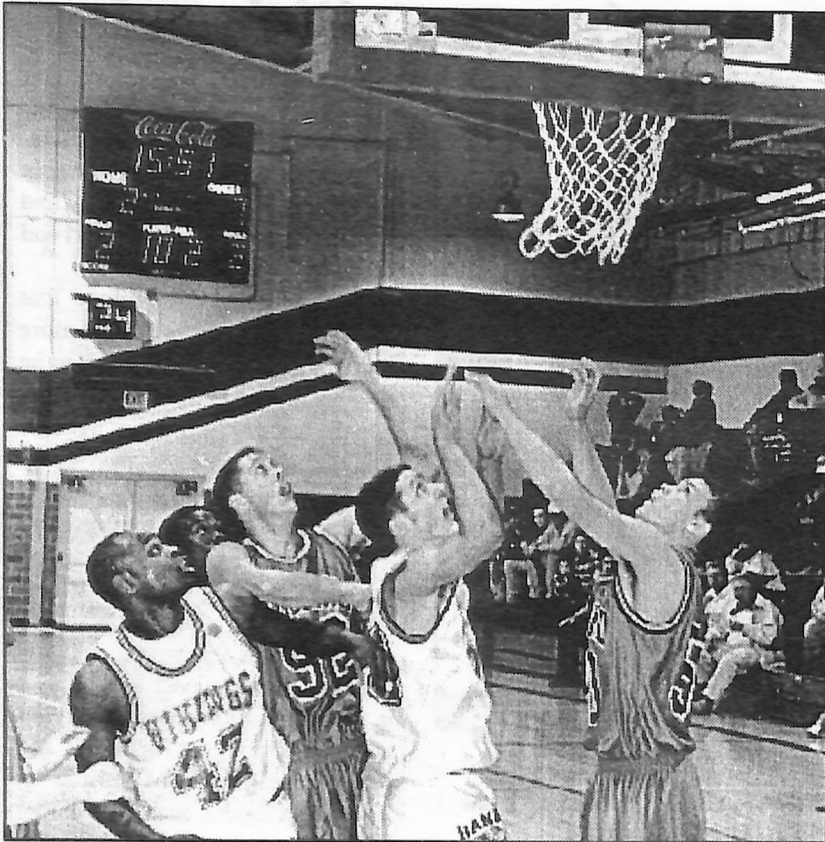
The Center for Global Education at Augsburg College and the Lutheran Peace Fellowship invite you to participate in "Peace Issues in Central America," on June 12-22.

As a participant, you will deeply examine peace concerns in El Salvador and Nicaragua and make links with church workers, activists and youth leaders in Central America. Explore with them what it means for us to live faith-centered lives. Discover the creative energy and power of non-violence in both Central America and the United States. Hear voices not often encountered in other travel opportunities. Public policy issues, Christian witness, non-violence skills, cultural and economic themes will form the context for this seminar.

Trip cost is \$1,795, including room, board, all program expenses and round-trip airfare from Miami. Airfare can be arranged from other cities. Young adults and youth leaders are eligible for financial assistance from

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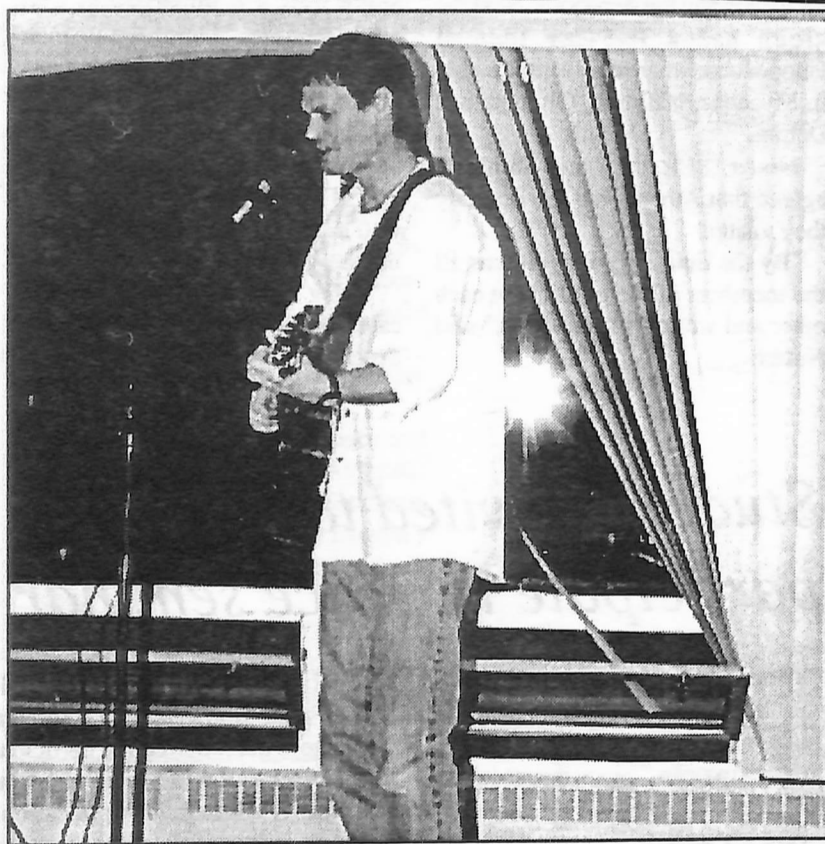
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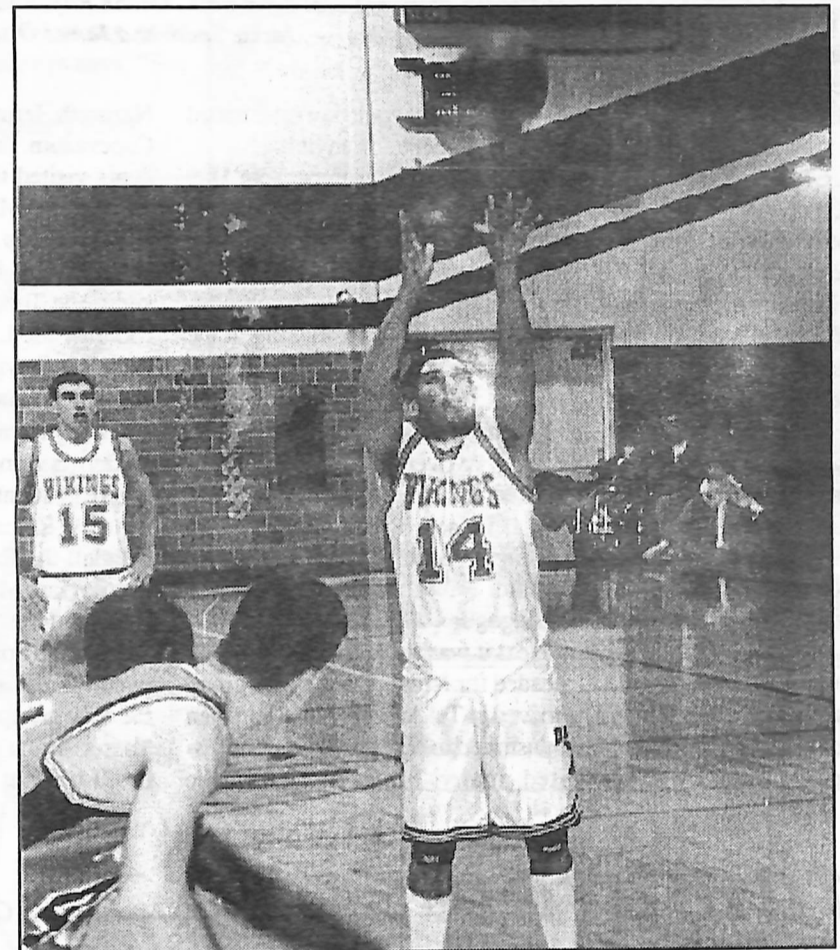
Michael Johnson puts up a shot in the Winterfest battle between Midland and Dana. Tony Jackson and Vince Grey watch hoping to see the ball go through the hoop but stand ready to get the rebound. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)



Look out below! Dana students reach for the stars in hopes of grabbing some cold hard cash. Fake and real money were mixed and dumped off the balcony in the campus center for the Winterfest activity Avalanche of Cash. (Photo by Amy Benedict)



Comedian Mike Rayburn performed in the campus center Friday night as part of the Winterfest entertainment. He mixed comedy, original music and impersonations of famous vocal groups to excite the crowd. (Photo by Amy Benedict)



Ezekiel Padilla follows through on his free throw hoping to put another point on the scoreboard as K.C. Tupa looks on from mid-court. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)



Hit me! Tara Stark, dealer, waits to hear if Annette Williams wants to stay or get another card during Residence Hall Association's Vegas Night. Ann Myers and Steph Lassek watch hoping Williams goes bust. (Photo by Nikki Kinsey)

Winterfest Scoreboard

Women's Basketball

Dana defeated Peru State 63-62

Men's Basketball

Dana defeated Midland College 83-79