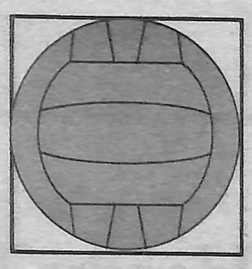

Intramural Volleyball is taking Dana by storm

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Snedigar grabs Athlete of Month
(check out who else was picked)

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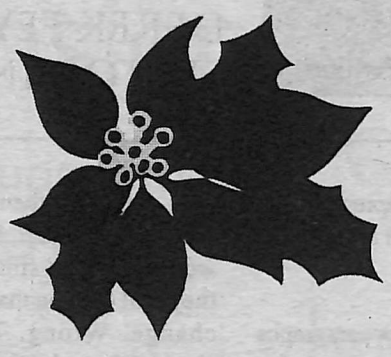
Delivery Boy production set for Sights and Sounds

By: Jenny Lemmerman
Staff writer

Practices for this year's Sights and Sounds of Christmas theater production are well under way. This year's selection, *The Delivery Boy*, is an original work written by Dr. Paul Schneider, director of the Dana theater department.

It's a story about a rather dysfunctional family trying to find the importance of Christmas as well as the importance of each other. This show explores how "families are critical to the spiritual health of people as they get older," and how "the spirit of Christmas is healing," stated Schneider. The story is sprinkled with humorous and emotional moments and will appeal to audience members both young and old.



The six-member cast includes sophomore Allison Botkin as "Sally," junior Trenton Kerger as "Grandpa," senior Mark Knudsen as "Matt," senior Jenny Lemmerman as "Molly," junior Rachel Lynch as "Melanie," and sophomore Todd Maxwell as "The Delivery Boy."

Schneider is enjoying his ability to be writer and director for this production.

"I absolutely love doing this. I learn more because I get to write a text, direct it, and watch it come to life. It's a wonderful experience, and when you wrap all of that up with Christmas, I can't think of anything better," he said.

This year the show will open Friday evening, December 3 at 7:30p.m. in the Madsen Fine Arts Center. Admission for Friday's performance will be free. On Sunday, December 5, the show will run at 11:30a.m., 12:30p.m., and 1:30p.m. Admission for these performances without a Sights and Sounds button will be $5.00.

Intramurals not just for students anymore

By: Wendy Weaver
Staff Writer

Intramural volleyball seems to be a hit this year. The round-robin games got underway last week and have attracted a lot of interest.

Junior Jill Oestmann said that there are 16 teams which play on Monday and Wednesday nights.

"Intramurals are more exciting this year, because there are more teams competing," junior Megan Olsen said.

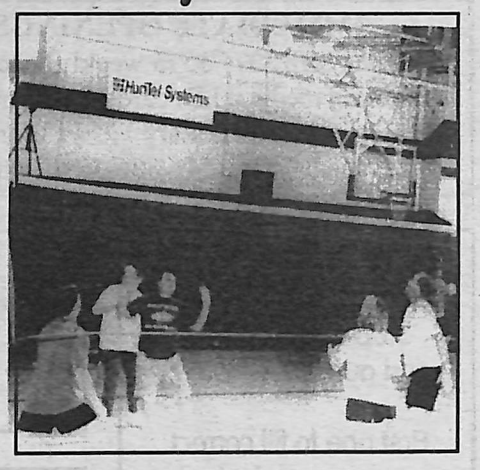
An added touch this year is the faculty team. Kathleen McSharry, who teaches in the English Department, organized the team.

"It's a great way to contribute to good relations between students and faculty," McSharry said.

She organized the faculty team for two reasons; one being that she wanted to play, and, two, she knew that the students would love to see them play.

Intramurals are a good way to unwind after a long day of classes and to just have fun. There is also an intramural pitch tournament going on right now. For further information and upcoming intramural activities contact Jill Oestmann or Bryan Soukup.

STUFFED: Junior DaLean Butterfield blocks the faculty's attempt to score.



WHO's GOT IT?: As the ball makes its way downward, the faculty has a tough time figuring out who is going to hit it.

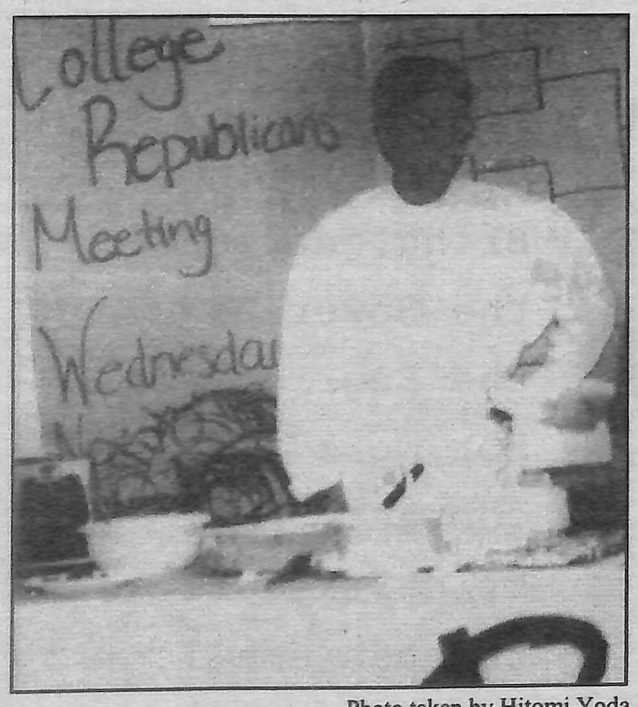


Photo taken by Hitomi Yoda

YUMMY: Yosef Chowdhury dishes out some food at the international food festival

The Hermes Winter Preview will appear in the Dec. 3 issue

But before the preview, here are some updates of records and schedules:

Men's Basketball
Record: 3-1

Next game: Tonight and tomorrow at the Peru State Tournament

Only loss came to Dordt College last Tuesday

Women's Basketball
Record: 3-1

Next game: Tonight and tomorrow at the Huron Tournament

Only loss came to #20 Mount Marty on season opener

Wrestling

Next meet: Tomorrow at UNO. Make the 20 minute drive and watch the Vikings take on Div. II powerhouse. The meet runs all day long.

Hooray for Intramurals and a little place called 'Happy Time'

"Semper reformandum (Always reforming)"

DEREK FEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Faculty Follies

In one of the greatest moves in Dana faculty history, Dr. Kathleen McSharry formed the intramural volleyball team, creatively titled "The Faculty." The faculty haven't been involved in intramurals for decades.

Students can watch their favorite (or least favorite) faculty having fun on the court. Even the likes of President Christopherson have joined the faculty cult.

The team has brought a large number of spectators (mostly students) to each game they play, but unfortunately the team hasn't given the crowd a victory yet.

This doesn't bother the faculty though, for after each match all members of the team display smiles, reminding all the students that this is intramurals, not the NCAA Volleyball Championships.

Kudos go out to McSharry and the faculty for bringing the faculty closer to the students. It's been awhile since the faculty have found a way to connect with the students.

Speaking of finding a way to connect with the students, how about the cafeteria. What's up with the dividing wall during occasional lunch and supper times? I have to give a shout out to all the faculty and staff who break the law and actually sit near the students during eating times.

One of the advantages of going to a small, liberal arts college is the connection between faculty and students. The wall in the cafeteria divides the faculty from the students, and gives the impression that the connection isn't allowed to be there.

Relationship Problems

Just wanted to devote a few paragraphs to a problem found on campus, and also around the United States. That problem is relationships.

How many of you know a woman/man who is getting treated like crap by his/her girl/boyfriend? It happens everywhere you go. Many women date the ones that hurt them. I'm not talking about physically getting hurt (although that happens too), but more emotional stuff. For example, many women date a guy who cheats on them repeatedly. Well, I don't agree with it, but if you talk to that woman who is still in the relationship, they will tell you that their boyfriend will change. Wrong. That person won't change if you let them continue. Just get rid of him/her. NOW.

Happy Time

I just wanted to remind everyone that the end is near. The end of our nice, mild summer-like days. And with the coming of the cold, comes a few months of unhappiness for some.

Studies have been done on the effects of lack of sunlight on moods, but since I didn't really pay attention in my General Psychology class (sorry Dr. Hoppe), I won't try and give you stats.

I think it was something like the fact that when it gets dark and stuff, you get upset, or something. Anyway, I just want to tell you that if you get down, think of happy time. Happy time is a place we all can go (all of you that smoke the doobie, your happy time isn't quite the same as mine).

Happy time is a place in your mind that you imagine is exactly the way you want things to be. Just go there when you're upset and down. When life is kicking you so hard, you don't know how to handle it, go to happy time (for most of you, happy time will probably involve me somehow).

Hope all is well, and that you aren't too worried about what is going to happen at 11:59 p.m. on December 31. I'm not worried, for I know that the end is coming, and that we will all die in a massive nuclear attack set forth from the Martian invaders and their earth correspondent Al Gore. Oh, sorry, I need to go to happy time. Have fun.

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Bring entries to the Sower Box in the English Pod. For more info contact: Eric Friedericks through email or call x7516.

Steering Committee Preparing for Association Evaluation

By: Sean Crow
Staff writer

Have you ever wondered what makes a college a college? Is there anyone that decrees that Dana is worthy to be a college? The answer is yes. And, since 1957, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has deemed Dana an accredited school.

If a school is accredited, it means it has been accepted as a worthy institute of learning by an association of colleges.

Every accredited college belongs to an association, and Dana belongs to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, or the NCA, is a commission designed to evaluate colleges and universities.

The NCA judges the school based on five criteria of education. If these five criteria are met, then the school is deemed accredited. A team is sent to the school being evaluated when the time comes around.

Dana's evaluation occurs every 10 years, the last one being in 1992. March of 2002 is when the committee will drop by next. One may think that 2 ½ years is a ways away, but not to Dana College.

Dana has already started a committee of their own to prepare themselves for the upcoming review. The Self Study Steering Committee is Dana's way of self-evaluation before 2002. This committee, appointed in September, has already begun the process of self-evaluation, which will last until the NCA team arrives.

The Self Study Steering Committee is composed of members of the faculty and staff as well as the student population.

Ten members make up the committee including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul Formo, and English professor, Dr. John Mark Nielsen. The committee meets once a week in the Heritage Room.

Dr. Nielsen expresses that the self-evaluation process is a complex one, but that all will be ready for the NCA evaluation in 2002. Self-evaluations are usually always for the better, and, hopefully, Dana will be ready and improved for any outside evaluation.

Interim Expansion

Dana hosting Buena Vista Student for Interim; Possible Exchange in Future

By: Sean Crow
Staff writer

Interim is a time where one can cram in a Dana College course in a few weeks, go home or even travel abroad. But, in the upcoming years, a possible new program may give students one more option

Toni Hoffmeier, a sophomore at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, contacted Nancy Penna on attending an interim class here at Dana.

A course offered here was not available at Buena Vista and she was interested in spending the interim here.

According to Hoffmeier, Penna seemed interested in starting a possible interim exchange with Buena Vista. Penna could not be reached for comment on the issue.

If true, then Dana students may have the opportunity to take a greater variety of classes during interim.

Hoffmeier says that she is excited to be coming to Dana for the interim. She says it will be a nice change for a few weeks and she will be able to take an interesting class that she may need for her major.

Hopefully, more will come out of this possible idea and others will benefit from this prospect. If a program is started, then it will mean one more choice Dana students will have to further their education.

Nebraska's Professional Chorale Performs at Dana

By: Cheryl Pattie
Features Editon

Last Saturday the Blair World Entertainment brought the Soi Deo Gloria Cantorum to Dana. The Cantorum, in its 12th concert season, is Nebraska's Professional Chorale. The Cantorum was founded in 1988 by Jackson and Almeda Berkey.

Berkey, director, has performed with the International Folk Song Choir Festival, the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and has played keyboard with Mannheim Steamroller since 1973. Jackson Berkey, keyboardist and composer, also performs as part of Mannheim Steamroller. This year he received top honors from the Nebraska Individual Artist Fellowship for Performing Arts. The remaining members of the Cantorum hail from all over Nebraska, and from several surrounding states.

The performance on Saturday consisted of a variety of tried and true Christmas favorites, as well as several of the Cantorums own renditions of a few carols, which weren't quite so well known.

Along with the Cantorum singers, performed harpist Kathy Bundock Moore. The combination of harpsichord, harp, and singing provided for a memorable, and enjoyable, event.

Photo Opinion

Campus Quotes: What do you think will happen on Dec. 31 at 11:59?

"There will be chaos and looting, and lots of people will die."

Jake Herre
Freshman

"A lot of people will freak out, but absolutely nothing will happen."

Jason Dannelly
Sophomore

"I don't think anything will happen! If it does I am not prepared"

Mindy Streitenberger
Junior

"Nothing, but the power might go out for awhile."

Melissa Dolezal
Senior

Staff

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Staff of the month

Janice Rasmussen

By: Wendy Weaver
Feature staff

Janice Rasmussen, Assistant to the Registrar, was named Staff of the Month for November.

Not unfamiliar to the small community, Janice previously worked at a community college. She has worked at Dana for almost a year now.

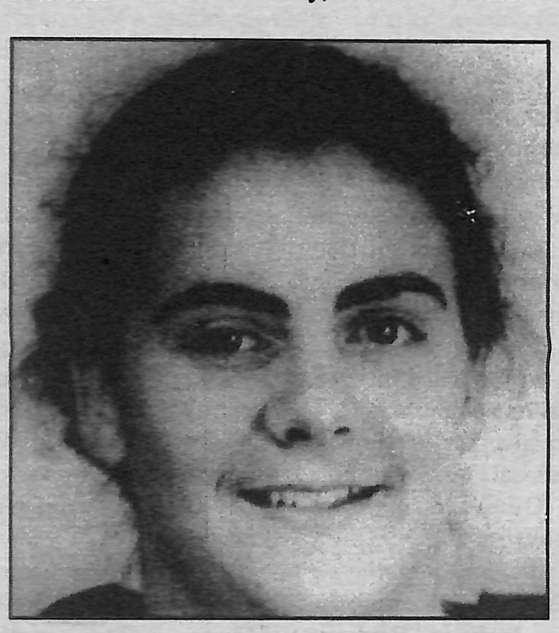
When asked what sparked her interest in working at Dana, she said that she enjoys the student contact. As Assistant to the Registrar, she works with grade reports, dropping and adding classes and also organizes LARP materials.

"She's always positive," LARP coordinator Kathleen McSharry said. "She's always willing to do what needs to be done."

Janice is married and has two children. Her husband Tim, works at Tri-County Equipment in Tekamah. She has a son Kyle, who attends Blair High School, and a daughter Megan, who attends the Blair Middle School.

In her spare time, Ramussen likes to attend all of her children's activities and make crafts.

"I'm glad to be a part of Dana's Family," Rasmussen said.



Athlete of the month

Elizabeth Snedigar

After reaching the 27-point mark twice in four games, senior Elizabeth Snedigar was voted as the Hermes Athlete of the Month.

H: How has scoring 27 points changed you?

E: It has kind of given me more confidence for the rest of the season.

H: What motivates you as a player?

E: Probably what motivates me to do well is that I'm helping the team out I'm motivated to help out, so that we have a winning record.

H: What are your team goals?

E: To have a winning record, to win conference games, which we haven't done in the past and make it past the first round of the conference tournament.

H: Do you have a role model?

E: My older brother, he played college ball. I think he set the goal for me and my other brother in basketball.

H: You've seen the "Tampax was There" commercials. Do you support these?

E: Yeah. I mean everyone in the world knows that women have periods. I think they're funny. I laugh at them.

Person of the Month

Thomas Blase

H How tough is it to be as cool as you are?

T Not tough at all because I'm just that cool.

H You are on an island. You can only live with one person. Who would that be?

T Probably MacGyver because he could make a boat, so we could sail home.

H 'Tampax was there.' Feelings?

T Hey, more power to them. As long as I don't have to see those commercials while I'm eating.

H From where do you like to eat pizza the most?

T Papa John's or Zio's.

H They say pizza is better than sex. Is this true?

T I wouldn't know, I am a virgin.

H Does Gingko really work?

T For what? Yeah. I use the Gingko Biloba for energy and it works. Is it supposed to be used for sexual energy? Yeah, the Gingko works.

H Are there any disadvantages in being the campus ladies man?

T Very, very many. It's impossible to start a relationship because you have a reputation.