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Students Experience Egyptian Culture

By: Natalie Hornig
Staff

It was a rude awakening walking out of the airport a few weeks ago. I had been spoiled for three weeks enjoying the warm weather in Egypt. I went along with a group of 16 to Egypt over interim. Lindsay Bamesberger, Jeremy Havekost, Melissa Jurgensen, Kaj Nielsen, and I were the five students who went along with eleven other adults.

Several of them were Dana alumni, one of them including our leader, Professor Jim Olsen.

We enjoyed soaking up the sun on the top deck of our cruise ship, watching the Nile riverbank go by. Over the entire trip we saw some amazing

things. First, we went to the pyramids in Giza. Then hit historical sites in Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and Alexandria. We crossed the Suez Canal to see Mount Sinai and the Burning Bush. The temples were incredible. My favorite was the Kom-Ombo Temple in Aswan. I asked a few of my traveling companions what their favorite part of the trip was.

"The highlight of the trip for me, was when the little boy, on the row boat, sang in Japanese. That was great!" Professor Jim Olsen said.

"Overall, the trip was alright." Jeremy Havekost said. "Playing soccer at the YMCA camp in Luxor with some guys my age was great."

The entire trip was fantastic and will be a memorable experience for all of us.



Photo courtesy of Natalie Hornig

THE GREAT PYRAMIDS: Lindsay Bamesberger, Jeremy Havekost, Melissa Jurgensen, Kaj Nielsen and Natalie Hornig along with Professor Jim Olsen and 11 other adults traveled to Egypt this past interim. Students visited several of Egypt's cities and also saw many of Egypt's monuments including the sphynx and the Great pyramids.

Presidential Participants to Compete for Academic Scholarships

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

High school seniors from all over the United States will be visiting Dana College in two days to compete for academic scholarships.

The day of competition formally is named Presidential Scholarship Day, and students will also be competing for the Melchiar positions. This will be the 12th annual Presidential Day, which involves students writing an essay and completing an interview.

If you see a senior who is competing, make them feel a part of the Dana community. Competing in the Presidential and Melchiar competitions are:

Tara Andreesen	Wymore, NE	Kristina Conley	Omaha, NE	Molly Jackson	Tekamah, NE	Vanessa Rushing	Omaha, NE
Jared Babbitt	Emerson, IA	Molly Crowley	Omaha, NE	Amy Janssen	Omaha, NE	Jamie Sanders	Ashland, NE
Kristen Baer	Omaha, NE	Elizabeth Crumly	Hartington, NE	Joey Jensen	Wheatland, ND	Kraig Schjodt	Blair, NE
Mindy Bailey	Missouri Valley, IA	Kyle Cullin	Pennington, SD	Leah Kastrup	Ruskin, NE	Jami Schlegel	Akron, CO
Kira Barclay	Shenandoah, IA	Jeremy Culver	Eagle, NE	Rachel Knock	Stout, IA	Catherine Senff	York, NE
Kevin Bartak	O'Neill, NE	Ann Dahlke	Omaha, NE	Angela Kohring	Sloan, IA	Michaela Serlet	Omaha, NE
Marissa Bartlett	Cozad, NE	Owen Day	Iowa Falls, IA	Kelly Kudera	Osmond, NE	Nichole Sheard	Omaha, NE
Christian Beckendorf	Exira, IA	Luke Dea	O'Neill, NE	Kimberly Ladd	Loveland, CO	Megan Shreve	Hastings, NE
John Becker	LeMars, IA	Margaret Dice	Omaha, NE	Ian Latella	Red Oak, IA	Wendi Sieh	West Point, NE
Jami Bertelsen	Missouri Valley, IA	Emily Durdin	New Market, IA	Lars Madsen	Falmouth, ME	Paula Sieve	Brandon, SD
Adam Boukal	Omaha, NE	Daniel Edney	Omaha, NE	Sarah Magoon	Pueblo, CO	Natalie Sifers	Omaha, NE
Matthew Bryan	Fort Calhoun, NE	Pamela Evans	Nebraska City, NE	Jeffrey Mangus	Wellington, CO	Kevin Siminske	Newcastle, NE
Mark Burson	Gretna, NE	Jane Felt	Glenwood, IA	Julie Melick	Schuyler, NE	Jennifer Simmons	Omaha, NE
Luke Buttry	Shenandoah, IA	Tina Furstenuau	Strasburg, CO	Tiffany Metz	Minatare, NE	Rachael Small	Leavenworth, KS
Amanda Cameron	Yankton, SD	Matthew Gall	Howells, NE	Julie Miller	Omaha, NE	Jennifer Spurlock	Percival, IA
Lynsie Cetto	Bellevue, NE	Kyle Gallagher	Bellevue, NE	Jennifer Miller	Hallam, NE	Portia Strasser	Freeman, SD
Stacey Clark	Omaha, NE	Theresa Garlow	Omaha, NE	Muffin Morris	Chariton, IA	Anna Stubblefield	Shelton, NE
		Katie Glacey	Omaha, NE	Christen Neben	Papillion, NE	Michelle Sukup	Verdigre, NE
		Jennifer Gochenour	Missouri Valley	Emily Neve	Des Moines, IA	Jason Swift	Omaha, NE
		Gwen Goos	Fargo, ND	Dustin Nielsen	Clay Center, NE	Regina Vallery	Omaha, NE
		Darrell Greene	Omaha, NE	Patricia Novotny	Omaha, NE	Amy Vandemark	Gillette, WY
		Jessica Grigg	Lawton, IA	Tina Nykodym	Omaha, NE	Lindsey Vogel	Woodbine, IA
		Andrew Gum	Council Bluffs, IA	Adam Ogorzolka	Madison, NE	Philip Volentine	Omaha, NE
		Justin Gunderson	Missouri Valley, IA	Sarah Olson	Indianola, NE	Amanda Wagner	Omaha, NE
		Philip Hansen	Walnut, IA	Gloria Otto	Cambridge, IA	Sandra Wakeman	Bloomfield, NE
		Chad Harder	Walnut, IA	Christian Overgaard	Greenwood, NE	Crystal Weaver	Hawarden, IA
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IMPORTANT DATES

February 11	Valentine Making 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Campus Center	February 13	EAT in Dragon's Head 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	February 21	Prospective R.A.s Campus Center 9 p.m.	March 28	311 Rockin' Concert Pershing Auditorium Lincoln, NE (not free...\$21.50)
February 13	Presidential/Melchiar Competitions	February 15	Intramural B-ball 3 pt./free throw 8 p.m.	February 24	Lasertag in Omaha	June 3	Editor's 21st birthday Omaha (\$10 Gift required)
			Super Saver 8 Movie in Omaha	February 29	Leap year Movie Night Linden Room		

To Dana College Community

Jason Brennan
Former Dana student

As you may have been informed, I have received sentencing as of December 3, 1999. For my admitted wrongs, I received 50 hours of community service and two years of probation. I believe that I have received all the mercy of the court and shall endeavor to fulfill these obligations to society as soon as possible. To fulfill my obligation to society, and at the behest of the court, I have planned to spend time speaking with college and high school students informing them about the dangers of drugs and the internet.

Above all, I intend to express my sorrow

and apology to the Dana college community. I understand that what I have done has brought shame and undue infamy to a wonderful group of people. I am also sorry for the pain and suffering I have brought upon all those who have been directly made victim by my senseless acts. I understand that nothing I can ever say or do can fully repair this damage, but I do plan to do everything in my power to prevent a crime like mine from ever happening again.

Since leaving Dana and entering the work force I have encountered many graduates of Dana College and their

family members. I have found them all to be top-notch citizens and can offer this generalization without fear of reproach. I have, though, encountered individuals with the same penchant for self-deprecation that I once possessed. They have the same ability to drag themselves and their friends in the muck for that initial cheap thrill.

It is for this reason that I offer my experiences and emotions with the hope that in speaking with me they might visualize the error of their ways and not be forced to swap their future for the thrill of the moment.

I humbly and magnanimously ask for your compassion in this matter. Sometimes one's own pride and feelings of indestructibility can cloud one's judgment and pervert the senses. I hope that the Dana college community can accept this emanation and apology.

According to the Dec. 11, 1998 issue of the Hermes, Nathan Olsen and Kevin Brennan were arrested by the Blair police and charged with Manufacture of a Controlled Substance and Distribution of a Controlled Substance.

You Best Check Yourself Before You Start Spreading Any Rumors

After writing the best column I've ever produced (Dec. 10 issue, and I'm sorry some of you disagree that it wasn't the best piece of writing in the history of literature), it's been hard to think of another issue that I can use sarcasm to its full effect. So, unfortunately, sarcasm is going to have to wait until next issue (just a preview: it's on off-campus housing policies).

This week, however, I'm focusing on something everyone needs help on: spreading rumors, and talking about others who aren't present at the time of the conversation (i.e. talking behind their backs). Yes, even I fall victim to the nasty disease.

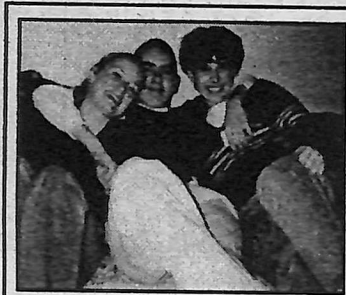
I'm not talking about the conversations where you're trying to find out positive information about someone. If you believe the person you are trying to find out about wouldn't care or be offended if you knew that information, I'm all for "digging."

But if your idea of "digging" into someone's life is trying to get the latest scoop so you can spread the latest rumor, you are heading down the wrong path.

Now, these types of situations have responsibilities on both sides. Just as you shouldn't be the one trying to get information,

it's also the responsibility of the person who knows something not to spread their negative knowledge. If you know something, it's probably because that

I was wrong, sarcasm did make its way into this column). Talking about someone when they aren't there goes back to our high school days.



“ I may run cross country and have two earrings, but that doesn't mean I'm ... ”

Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

person trusts you with the information.

I won't spend useless time on the topic of talking behind other's backs because if you do it there is no use in me trying to convince you that you shouldn't. It's an illness that doesn't go away without a lot of work.

Everyone wants to be popular (except for those of us who are already; okay, so

But just a word of wisdom: it's not smart to talk behind the back of the most powerful man on campus (that whole sarcasm thing again).

All this stems from a source who told me that a faculty member and a student decided to spend their time ripping on my job, and the paper. I hold the up-most respect for most faculty members,

and to think that an adult would stoop down a level is disturbing. I've heard of wasting time, but for crying out loud, don't make me part of your problem.

If there's a problem with the paper, or how I handle it, tell it to my face. I'll understand. I may not agree, but at least you would be enough of a person (heck maybe even an adult) to tell me in person.

RUSSIAN SENSATION

My hero has arrived and his name is Kriatchko. I would just like to give a high five to the new graphics editor Alexie Kriatchko. He's the bomb.

SHOUTOUT

I must recognize the following people for going out of their way to compliment me on my previous column (that column received the Pulitzer Prize by the way): Ray Wright, Wynn Fangenhemienschmidt, Ryan Milner, Nicole Lage, Jason Mitchell, Jeremy Havekost and The Noise.

God bless all of you for your support. You add the fuel to the fire, so any administrative problems there are, I'm directing them all to the list above.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Angus

Dana College Helps Families in Need of Christmas Trees

By: Jessica Angus
Staff

Each month I have the privilege to go to the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation with the Omaha Baptist Center and Westside Church, Omaha.

We go up one Saturday a month and host Bible club with the kids and adults. We have lunch, play games with the kids, make crafts, and study the Bible. We are able to tell kids who don't often hear it how much they are loved. We tell them this and we show them through service.

Our December trip has always been extra-special. It is our annual Christmas party. Westside Church gives out the names and the wish lists of all the children. We then bring all of the gifts up to the children and it's amazing to see the faces of those who do not have a very bright Christmas otherwise. They are so happy. One such girl is five years old and asked for shoes. You truly learn the meaning of the word grateful when you see these kids light up.

Dana College made Christmas even brighter for two families this year. During "Sights and Sounds" the campus was littered with many beautiful trees. They graciously offered these trees for the families in Santee. We were able to take two of these trees with us.

When we came to pick them up, we found that Andy Bayerl, head of Dana maintenance, had purchased ornaments for these trees. We got there with these two trees and ornaments and found that exactly two families needed Christmas trees. Those families were very grateful that their children could enjoy these wonderful gifts.

On behalf of them, the Hermes staff, The Omaha Baptist Center, Westside Church and myself, thank you to all who helped make Christmas brighter for those families and those of us who could see the look on their faces.

Happy Valentine's Day to All

The Hermes would like to wish all of those Valentine's Day observers a happy, loving holiday. However, please refrain from any public displays of your Valen-

tine cheer. Some of us are choosing to boycott this Valentine's Day for lack of a date, so please be sympathetic to others around you.

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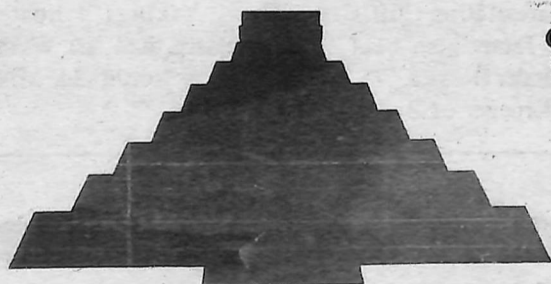
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Women's Basketball: Best Record in Recent History

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

After winning its first conference games in four years (74-67 against Hastings and 56-55 against Wesleyan), the women's basketball team traveled to Doane College last Saturday.

The Vikings were led by three seniors. Kim Wilken scored 17 points while Jorgia Morin and Elizabeth Snedigar added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Turnovers were the deciding factor in the contest as Doane forced Dana to 34. Doane ended Dana's conference winning streak, and Dana fell to 11-13 on the season.

The Vikings then took a trip to Graceland College Monday for a non-conference match-up. Graceland got out of the gates quick with a 12 point lead. Dana fought back before the end of the

half to bring the score within three points at halftime.

Again three seniors controlled Dana's fate. Snedigar had a strong game with 22 points and Wilken added 14 points. Senior Tricia Nicholson stepped up and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Dana's poor field goal percentage (37%) would lead to a 76-66 loss to Graceland.

"We just weren't ready to go tonight," Coach Doug Fessler said. "We continue to get down early and have to climb back out. When we do that, we expend all our energy."

Dana traveled to Northwestern (#7 in NAIA standings) to try and get back on the winning track. Northwestern jumped ahead early in the half, leading by as many as 12 points. All looked hopeless for the Vikings.

However, Dana took advantage of a huge offensive run and went into the locker room at half only down two, 33-31.

The seniors again showed leadership with Snedigar scoring 22 points and grabbing 7 rebounds. Nicholson added 16 points and Wilken hit double figures with 10 points.

The Vikings were plagued by Northwestern's All-American Rachel Binneboese. Binneboese scored 31 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, helping the Red Raiders to a 82-64 victory.

"I'm proud of my team for the effort they gave," Fessler said.

The Vikings take on rival Midland Lutheran at Midland Wednesday. The seniors final game in a Dana uniform will be next Saturday at the final home game against Concordia.

1999-2000 Women's Basketball Record 11-14 (2-8)

Hastings	Jan. 5	L 78-75
Wesleyan	Jan. 8	L 68-62
Doane	Jan. 12	L 81-75
Northwestern	Jan. 15	L 90-70
Midland	Jan. 22	L 80-67
Concordia	Jan. 26	L 92-42
Hastings	Jan. 29	W 74-67
Wesleyan	Feb. 2	W 56-55
Doane	Feb. 5	L 92-61
Graceland	Feb. 7	L 76-66
Northwestern	Feb. 9	L 82-64
Midland	Feb. 16	7:30 p.m.
Concordia	Feb. 19	7:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball Coming Off Tough Overtime Loss

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

After the Vikings had lost five consecutive games, it was time for an adjustment. Coach Dave Jensen had no reasons for changing anything after hosting Doane last Saturday.

The Vikings took a six-point halftime lead and never looked back. Dana finished off the Tigers 91-79.

Five Vikings scored in double figures with junior Jim Koontz leading the way with 18 points. Freshman Derek Hack added 16 points and junior Michael Johnson grabbed a double/double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

But that wasn't all. Freshman Jeff Tesmer and sophomore Dwight Nelsen each added 12 points. Dana shot 47% from the field and also out-rebounded Doane by eight rebounds.

The win boosted Dana's record to .500 at 12-12 (3-6 in NIAC).

The Vikings then traveled Wednesday to Northwestern to take on the NAIA #10 Red Raiders. Fans were treated to an offensive game with the half-time score at 57-50 with Northwestern leading.

Dana didn't see the lead until 10:40 left, as the Vikings took a 78-77 lead. The teams battled it out to a 102-102 score at the end of regulation.

Northwestern would squeak out of overtime with a victory, 122-115. The loss brought Dana's record to 12-13 overall (3-7 in NIAC).

Seven Dana players were in double figures. Johnson led the way with 25 points. Koontz brought in 23 points, Nelson scored 15 and freshman Jon Mauro chipped in 12 points. Senior Ruel Cooper, Hack and Tesmer each took in 11 points in the loss.

Both teams were hot from the field, with Northwestern shooting 60% and Dana 52%.

"We had our chances," Jensen said. "It was a very high-paced and exciting game to be a part of. Unfortunately, we came out on the short end."

The final two home games for the Vikings are coming up. Tomorrow, the Vikings take on non-conference foe Briar Cliff at 4 p.m. Wednesday will be Dana's final home game against conference rival Midland Lutheran College at 7:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Wrestling Team Adds New Coach; Same Leadership

By: Derek Fey
Editor-in-chief

The wrestling team traveled to Storm Lake, IA for the Buena Vista Duals last Saturday.

The Vikings tied Briar Cliff 24-24, but couldn't handle both William Penn and Buena Vista. William Penn defeated Dana, 24-20, with the Vikings losing to Buena Vista 52-0.

Freshman Jake Herre, wrestling at 125 pounds won two of his matches by forfeit, but lost against Buena Vista's Nick Field by a fall in 2:19. Wrestling at 141 pounds, Ben Wilcox handled Briar Cliff's Luke Pigott 8-4, and held on to beat William Penn's Chad Garvis, 9-8. However, Wilcox couldn't take Buena Vista's Mark Van Beek, losing 16-1.

Senior Darold Foster (157 pounds), won by a fall in 1:08 over Briar Cliff's Brodie Veit, and beat William Penn's Vladimir Reyna 11-2. Senior Steve Jenny wrestled at 165 pounds and took care of Briar Cliff's Dave Welte 5-2. Jenny also beat William Penn's Fritzler Dorsica, 7-5, but lost to Andy Krueger of Buena

Vista, 12-3.

Junior Riley Tonkin (174 pounds) won a close match against Briar Cliff's J.D. Hoogestraat, 10-8, but lost to William Penn's Joe Robinson by a fall in 1:02, and also lost to Matt Schuver of Buena Vista, 8-4. Wrestling at 184 pounds, Alex Gum lost by a fall to Briar Cliff's Spike Reynolds in 1:49. Gum took on William Penn's Ryan Adamonis, but lost by a fall in 1:26. He then battled Buena Vista's Ben Borkowski, but also fell in a time of 2:45.

All-American Perry Mostek wrestled at 197 pounds and beat Briar Cliff's Scott Fockler, 6-3, and easily handled William Penn's Eddie Kennedy, 11-2. Mostek had a struggle with Buena Vista's Dave Doebel, but lost by a fall in 4:59.

Also wrestling for Dana was sophomore Chad Rybar (157 pounds). Rybar lost to Buena Vista's Gavin Martin, 15-3.

The Vikings hosted a Northwestern dual last Wednesday and travel to Northfield, MN today and tomorrow.

Winterfest 2000 Brings Crowning of King and Queen

By: Cheryl Pattie
Features Editor

Last Saturday wrapped up Winterfest 2000. All through the week students were busy with Winterfest activities.

Tuesday marked the beginning of Winterfest with the first round voting for King and Queen. Tuesday night included a viewing of the movie *The Thomas Crown Affair*.

Wednesday marked the first noon hour drawing of the week, and students continued to vote for the first round of King and Queen. The most popular event on campus was held Wednesday night with the Avalanche of Cash.

Thursday saw the King and Queen field narrowed to five candidates. The

five in the running for the Queen were Teri Ahrendt, Jenny Lemmerman, Theresa Soby, Michelle Schriver and Molly Fuxa. The five in the running for King were Tim Andersen, Chris Sorensen, Brian Jones, Kurt Ferguson and Jim Koontz. Thursday concluded with Vegas Night.

Friday afternoon was the final time to vote for King and Queen. That evening, the Winterfest dinner/dance was held in Omaha at Mister C's, with the coronation held between the dinner and dance.

Chris Sorensen and Theresa Soby were crowned King and Queen of the 2000 Winterfest dance.

Saturday held the final noon-hour drawing and the final activity of 2000 Winterfest was comedian Craig Carmain Saturday evening.

Final Meets/Home Games:

Women's Basketball:

Feb. 19 Concordia

Men's Basketball:

Feb. 16 Midland Lutheran

Track:

Feb. 26 National Meet in Lincoln, NE

Wrestling:

March 5 NAIA Nationals