

Hermes

VOLUME 81
NUMBER 4

OCTOBER 27, 2000

Dana College

BORUP EXPANSION ADDS PARKING

by Beth Garber
Hermes Staff

The Borup expansion is not just benefiting Dana athletes; it also affects the entire campus. Parking has been an issue at Dana this year, but it should not be any more with additional parking spaces added through the Borup project.

As you have noticed, the east side of the main parking lot is no longer in existence. Bob Schmoll, Executive Vice President and CFO of Dana, stated that this area will now become a pre-load area. This is a place where they plan to put soil to compress. The soil needs to be compressed because it is unstable. Construction workers



compress soil by running it over with special machines to compact it. By the time that they are finished there should be about 12 to 20 feet of dirt in the old parking.

The soil comes from behind Borup. When it is all finished, the new landscape will be an extension of the grass fields. Schmoll said the trees in front of the main parking lot will be moved to other places around campus. The concrete will also be reused. They plan to use this on the service roads around campus.

Schmoll said that parking was an issue in the Borup expansion. The expansion lost around 100 spaces in the lot. Not to worry, the new lot across the street did add about 106 spaces. Schmoll states that this is a gain to all students. All together Dana has 675 open spots for parking and 633 of them are reserved for students. The rest of the open spots go to athletics, the kitchen staff, and motor pool vehicles.

Schmoll stated that he goes out about twice a week to check on parking spots available. When he checked the lots at 10:30 AM on a Friday there were ten spots open in the Borup lot, only twelve cars in the gravel lot (which accommodates 60), 25 open spaces in the new lot, and 30 open spaces in the MFAC lot. Schmoll said that parking is not a problem at Dana, but it might not be in the places where some students want.

INTRAMURALS

by Kyle Evasco
Hermes Staff

Intramural sports at Dana are "a good time with a lot of action," said Jason Davis last Thursday as we sat at the Dana men's soccer game. Intramurals creep up on the students of Dana quietly. A handful of people around campus didn't even know we had an intramural program. So if you're in the dark, here's some help.

Intramural tennis began at the beginning of October and will run the whole month. It consists of men's singles, which is planned out by pool play that leads into a tournament, women's singles and mixed doubles who only play in a tournament style of season. The winner in each of the matches will win a T-shirt at the end of the event.

Intramural flag football is played on one day only, Sunday, Oct. 29th. The teams are compiled of five teammates who will play in a round robin style of tournament. Sign up was Monday the 23rd, but you can talk to Davis in the

Student Life office if interested.

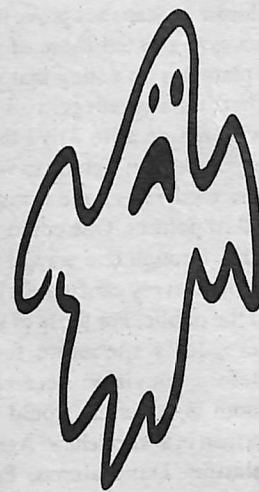
In the month of November, volleyball is the only intramural sport offered to us Dana Students. There will be a season of six-on-six games progressing into tournament play. The faculty will also have a team to compete in the season.

December offers a variety of less grueling sports. Darts, a one-night-only event, pool and ping pong are open for contestants. You can sign up or learn more about darts, pool and ping pong from Davis in the Student Life office. Pitch and spades will be coming in January during interim.

Intramural sports provide students with a competitive field outside the walls of organized sports at Dana. You don't have any coaches breathing down your back. You have friends you know beside you on the playing field and you have the ability to enjoy these sports in a quality environment without any true stress to deal with. Jason remarked to me on Thursday that, "You don't only get a t-shirt, you get the pride of intramurals as well." So, if you're interested in competing in intramural sports be sure to talk with Davis in the Student Life office.

*Happy Halloween
From The Hermes Staff*

**PARENTS
WEEKEND**
Welcome
to
Dana!



*Don't forget to set your
clocks back this Sunday!*

INSIDE



Frosh pg. 2
Special Halloween Edition
Halloween Horoscopes pg. 3
Where Jack O'lanterns Came From
Halloween History



OPINION

FOOD SERVICES

by Paul Smits

We're really are sorry. We try very hard to make everyone that eats on campus happy, and to make their dining experience at Dana a positive one. But from the comments made in the October 6 edition of *Hermes* we have failed in our endeavors.

But in our defense, maybe a few points should be brought out.

The article comments on the fine food that is served at Kobes Steak House in Omaha. I don't believe that anyone who has ever dined there can deny that fact that the food is excellent and worth every penny that is spent. Kobes has a menu that features 15 different entrees and changes 2 to 3 entrees every 3 months. Every month, Dana dining services will serve 206 different entrees, not counting the repeats of the most popular items, and changes up to 20% of the menu each month depending on customer preference.

When you go to Kobes expect to pay \$13.00 to \$15.00 per entrée, which includes sop, salad, main course and

green tea. If you want something else to drink or you decide that you want to have dessert, there is an additional charge. At Dana, everything is included for one low price, and it's all you can eat.

The comparison becomes obvious:
Silver plan at Dana, board \$1640.00 per school year
Silver plan at Kobes, board \$8316.00 per school year

The bottom line is this: we try to please as many guests as we can. Our goal is to make the pasta lovers on campus happy as well as the wrestlers who can only eat non-fat protein. We also try to provide a variety of special events, for example Texas Day, to be followed later in the year by tribute to New Orleans, Miami, New York, Charleston, and other great cities as we sample cuisine from around the United States.

We're sorry we can't meet everyone's expectations, but we will keep trying to make you happy.

Chef Paul Smits
Chef/Manager
Sodexo Marriott Services
Dana College

DEREK'S VIEW

by Derek Fey
Hermes Staff

In a little more than a week, citizens of the United States will have the opportunity to cast their vote for a variety of issues and politicians.

If you are like most young adults, you probably won't make it to the polls. Politicians know it. Statistics prove it.

I am not going to tell those of you who aren't planning on voting that you should or that it's a privilege to. I am going to give a reason as to why I think some young people aren't going to vote.

The mass media has done wonders for the world of politics. One could say that the media, through one way or the other, has decided every candidate's fate in the eye of the public. For those of you nonbelievers, let's speculate for a moment. Before television became a household item in America, would the public elect a man in a wheelchair? Again, pure speculation. Dana alumni, Paul

Simon, who attempted to beat Michael Dukakis for the 1988 Democratic nomination for presidency, was ridiculed just for wearing his infamous bowtie. Did it cost him the nomination? Pure speculation.

But what is even worse than the media affecting the vote, is that individual candidates, whether local, state or national, have resorted to advertisements to help them become victors. The latter wouldn't be so awful, but the ads have become a platform for misinforming and misleading information about the opposing candidate.

When Ben Nelson and Don Stenberg repeatedly fire back and forth in political ads, young adults get a taste of juvenile behavior. As young adults, we strive to grow out of our childish nature. Apparently politicians don't.

In a time when young adults are encouraged and urged to cast a vote, the mass media takes an active role in turning them off. A negative advertisement is the catalyst for a negative attitude towards

HALLOWEEN HISTORY

by Toni Hoffmeier
Editor-in-Chief

What holiday is associated with jack o'lantern's, candy, witches, ghosts and goblins?

If you guessed Halloween, you're right. The pagan holiday is celebrated on October 31st each year. There are many different rituals celebrated in our commercialized society today, compared to the first Halloween celebrated by the Celts in west central Europe in the 5th century BC.

The Celts celebrated Halloween as the ending of one year and beginning of another, according to *Encarta Encyclopedia*. The Celts believed that on the evening of October 31, the spirits of all who had died the previous year would roam the earth in search of new bodies to inhabit. Trying to ward off evil spirits, the Celts would build bonfires on top of hill and perform rituals offering food, drink and human and animal sacrifices to honor deities.

These rituals also linked the transition of summer, or time of living, to the dead of winter.

The Halloween we celebrate today comprises of Trick-or-Treating, much different than our Celtic counterparts. Trick-or-Treating began in the early 20th century in order for homeowners to avoid tricks from pranksters, according to *Encarta Encyclopedia*. At every house costumed pranksters would greet the owner with "Trick or Treat," suggesting that they would play a "trick" on the homeowner unless a treat was provided. If the treats weren't up to the satisfaction of the pranksters, or no treat was provided, they would vandalize the homeowner's house. Most vandalism was minor, with pranks of breaking windows, overturning sheds, and toilet papering houses. Today, Trick-or-Treating is more of a ceremonial custom than that of a threat.

SIGN UP FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS!



Come to
HALLOWEEN NIGHT
in MFAC
(North Entrance)
7:00-11:00

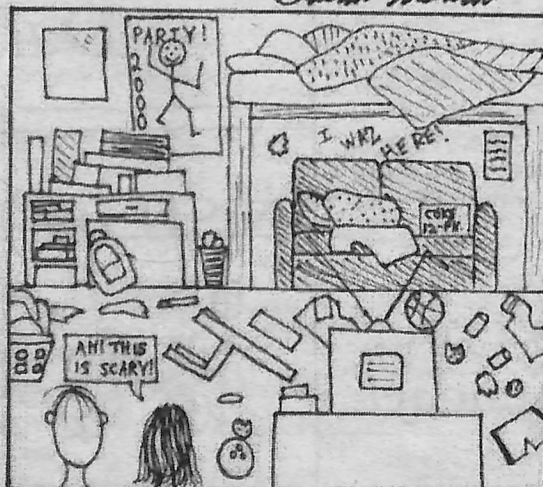
Prize for best costume
*costume not required
Live Music in the
Black Box:
Shelter Belt
Haunted Hallway
Ghost Stories
*open mic.

*Sponsored by Imnop

FROSH



Dustin Nelson



HALLOWEEN SPECIAL



WHERE JACK O'LANTERNS CAME FROM

by Toni Hoffmeier
Editor-in-Chief

Jack o'lanterns have a very ghoulish tie to Halloween. According to an Irish Folktale, a man named Jack was drinking himself to death when Satan appeared to him at the bar to take him to Hell on Halloween. Jack begged for one last drink, but didn't have any money. Only needing one coin, a sixpence, Jack convinced Satan to turn himself into the coin. After Satan transfigured himself, Jack took the coin and put it in his wallet, which had a cross on it. Satan was trapped in the wallet and begging to be let out. Jack agreed to let Satan out of the wallet if he agreed to stay away from Jack for one year. Satan agreed and was let loose. Jack tried to turn his life around, being nice to his wife and children and even going to church, but soon reverted to his old ways.

One year later Satan once again appeared. Jack, not wanting to die, distracted Satan by pointing at an apple tree, and asking him to get an apple. Satan gave in to the request, climbed on top of Jack's shoulders and started climbing the apple tree to get an apple. While he was in the tree, Jack took out his knife and carved a cross into the trunk of the tree, trapping Satan. Trying to escape the agony in the tree, Satan offered Jack ten years of peaceful living to release him. Jack wanted more. He wanted to never be bothered by Satan again. Having no other choice, Satan agreed.

Jack died a year later from his evil ways. He was told that he couldn't enter heaven because of his meanness, so Jack tried to get into Hell. Satan refused to admit Jack into hell because of the way he tricked him on earth. Being kind, Satan gave Jack a single piece of coal so that he could find the dark side of limbo, where he would wander in darkness until Judgement Day. Jack then lit the coal and placed it in a turnip that he had chewed hollow, thus making a lantern, or Jack O'Lantern.

The Irish still use these lanterns on Halloween to represent souls of the dead being freed. When the Irish immigrated to America, they couldn't find turnips easily, however pumpkins were in abundance. They decided to use pumpkins instead of turnips, and have been using them ever since.

For more information on this folktale visit www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/9316/jacko.html

HALLOWEEN HOROSCOPES

by Melissa Lewis
Hermes Staff

Scorpio

(Oct. 24- Nov. 22)

Take time out of your busy schedule to relax. Your hard work is becoming overwhelming. In order to be happy you must be happy with yourself. Take life one day at a time.

Halloween night: Enjoy a movie with friends.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Relationship problems are slowly approaching. Honesty is the only thing that will save you. Swallow your pride and confess.

Halloween night: Spend time with a significant other.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

This week your spirits will be soaring sky-high. Everything seems to be going your way. A new year new love.

Halloween night: Dress up and hit the town.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Smile big this week. People are looking up to you. Be yourself and enjoy time spent with old friends. Confide in someone you trust. Beware of those who you don't trust.

Halloween night: Call an old love.

Aries

(March 21- April 20)

Your grades might be lower than you

expected right now. Kick yourself into gear and focus on what is important. Look toward your future and plan ahead.

Halloween night: Attend a costume party.

Taurus

(April 21- May 21)

Don't let your stubborn side get in the way of a relationship. Be strong in your beliefs while learning to listen and understand people.

Halloween night: Hand out candy.

Gemini

(May 22- June 21)

The child in you will come out on Halloween night. You might wish you were eight years old again. Act upon this urge and have fun. Get others involved in your silly behavior.

Halloween night: Sleep with the lights on.

Cancer

(June 22- July 22)

You might be tempted to let others in on a secret. Don't give in to temptation. Your friends will look toward you for advice at the beginning of this week. Relax and take pride in yourself.

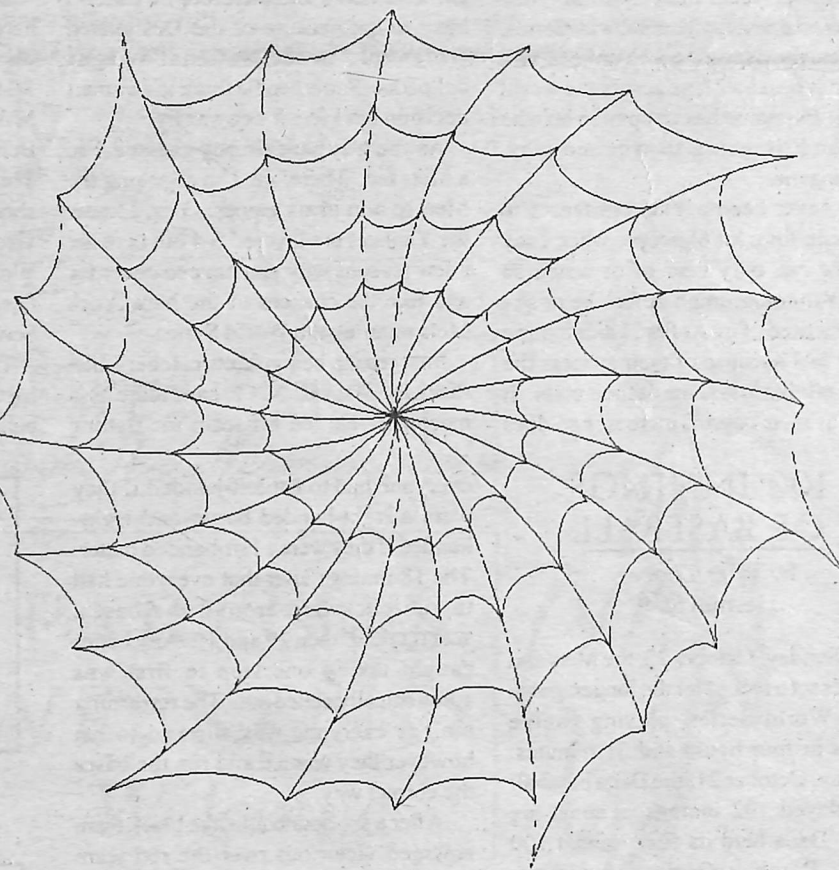
Halloween night: Go on a ghost hunt.

Leo

(July 23- Aug. 23)

Your leadership role might change soon. Think things through and get your priorities in order. A family member will need your advice.

Halloween night: Wear a clown suit.



Virgo

(Aug. 24- Sept. 22)

Your perfectionist side will come to your advantage. Don't let others be intimidated by your organizational skills.

Set an example for others.
Halloween night: Carve a pumpkin.

Libra

(Sept. 23- Oct. 23)

This week you might be on edge. Get to the core of the problem and work things out. Friends will be needed to encourage you this week.

Halloween night: Go along with a crowd but don't participate.

**Ideas?
Stories?
Pictures?**

*The Hermes needs
you!*

Contact:
Editor: Toni Hoffmeier

SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL DEBUTS IN DENMARK

by Jon Carlo
Hermes Staff

First year head coach Chris Fear and his Viking basketball team traveled to Denmark last week to compete against professional Danish organizations. The Vikes ended up 3-2 and never lost by more than three points.

Coach Fear commented, "The trip did a lot of good for me and the team. It gave me a chance to see how we perform in game situations."

The Vikings return 10 players from last year's roster including seniors Don Morrison, Jim Koontz, and Michael Johnson, this year's team captains. Fear praised all three for being leaders and

keeping the entire team focused.

As far as strategy to win games, Fear wants his team to push the ball up the floor and get easy lay-ups. When they do set up and run their motion offense look for the Vikings to get the ball in the post to Johnson or Dwight Nelson. Both are powerful inside threats.

The Vikings seem to have all of the components for a successful team and once they are all put together Dana could be a serious competitor in the GPAC. Dana will host Bellevue University in their season opener Tuesday November, 7 at Borup coliseum.



WORLD SERIES: THE METS SIDE

Dustin Nielsen
Hermes Staff

The anticipation for this year's World Series is unbelievable. For the first time in forty-four years there is an all New York World Series. The Subway Series, between the New York Yankees and Mets, has baseball fans across the world talking. Everyone has an opinion on who they think is going to win and why, including me.

I've never been a Yankees fan. I'm sure I talk for a lot of people when I say that one can only hear of or watch so much Yankee triumph before he or she becomes tired of it. At first, I didn't mind it but I feel because of their success the Yankees have lost some of their class. It seems as their payroll increases so does

their egos. I lost more respect for the Yankees when Roger Clemens beamed Mike Piazza earlier this season leaving him with a concussion. Needless to say, that added some fuel to the fire going into the World Series. With that in mind, the Yankees decided to pitch Clemens in games 2 and 6 and therefore he doesn't have to bat because of the Designated Hitter rule in the National League ballparks. Some people think it's a smart decision but I feel it's cowardly.

As you may have already guessed, I'm a Mets fan. Therefore, I'm choosing the Mets to win in six games. Yes, I know the Yankees are favored 5-4 but here are a few reasons why you have to cheer for and like the chances of the New York Mets winning the World Series.

First reason being, Mets catcher Mike Piazza. The NL MVP candidate is a machine! He led his team in: Batting



Sophomore Garry Clark and freshman Anthony Metcalf run in the 400 meter dash

100 INNINGS OF BASEBALL

by Tyler Cooper
Hermes Staff

On Sunday, October 22, the Mets and Yankees set a record for the longest game in the World Series, playing twelve innings in four hours and 51 minutes. Saturday, October 21, the Dana baseball team played 102 innings in about six hours. Dana held its first Annual 100 Innings Baseball Game, a fundraiser done by the baseball team.

The game was played with more enjoyment than competition. The rules of the game were a little different than those of a normal baseball game. To keep the strain off the pitchers' arms a pitching machine was used during the whole game. No one was allowed to play in their original positions. Some of the pitchers played in the field, outfielders played in the infield, and some infielders played in the outfield. The baseball team split into four teams. Teams one and two played the first 50 innings during the morning. The third and fourth teams played the last 52 innings during the afternoon. Everybody was allowed to bat however they preferred during the first 18 innings. The next 18 innings,

everyone had to bat left-handed if they were a right-handed batter and right-handed if they were a left-handed batter. The 18 innings after that everyone had to run backward around the bases, ~~running~~ to 3rd then 2nd and 1st. Any batter caught taking one step to first was automatically called out. The remaining innings everyone was allowed to bat however they wanted and run the bases the correct way.

After a six-hour battle, the black team emerged victorious over the red team with a score of 32-27. The big slugger for the black team, David Wessels, knocked in five RBI's with his three hits. The black team's heart of the order came through, including Mark Bless hitting 9/17 or a .529 average. Tommy Cox was the power behind the red team batting 10-16, and tying the team in RBIs with three. John Roan of the red team also put up a fight going 8-18 for the day.

"This annual event will always include opportunities for little league players, Dana players, and alumni to come for great fun. Any funds raised by this event will go towards the improvement of the Little League program and the Viking program," said Athletic Director, Dr. James Krause.

Average (.324), Homeruns (38), and Runs Batted In (113). Although some say his defensive skills are 'average,' his offensive production and leadership makes up for it. All-around, he is one of the top players on and off the field in Major League Baseball.

Secondly, the Mets are a bunch of hardworking, tough, levelheaded, team players. They include veterans: C Piazza, 3B Robin Ventura, 1B Todd Zeile and SS Mike Bordick and young guys: LF Benny Agbayani, CF Jay Payton, RF Timo Perez and 2B Elgardo Alfonzo. I should not forget to mention that it is veteran manager Bobby Valentine's first World Series. Therefore, they are very deserving of winning this year's World Series.

The last reason you have to like the Mets is because of their fans and home ballpark, Shea Stadium. Name another

MLB ballpark where the combination of loud, energetic, wild fans and monstrous speakers cause the whole stadium to literally shake! Tough isn't it?

For those reasons, even if you're not a baseball fan you have to cheer for the Mets because they're the kind of team everyone ends up cheering for. Go Mets!



Pictures?

Stories?

Ideas?

The Hermes needs you!

Contact:

Editor: Toni Hoffmeier

Editor in Chief: Toni Hoffmeier
Assistant Editor: Jeff Mangus
Copy Editor: Jessica Gall
Photography: Ryan Milner
Co-Graphics Editors: Erik Hoffman/Natalie Hornig
Co-Business Manager: Lindsay Meyer
Advisor: Joan Bucy

DANA COLLEGE HERMES

Hermes is written and published by students of the Dana College Communication-Print Media Department on Fridays during the fall and spring academic year. Content of the paper is developed independently of the student government, faculty and administration and does not reflect the policies of these groups. Opinions expressed in Hermes are not necessarily those of the editors, college or the college community.

Hermes welcomes letters to the editor expressing all original points of view. Hermes reserves the right to edit all letters according to space availability. All letters must include the author's name and address. Under certain circumstances Hermes may respect requests to have names omitted at time of publishing.

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments by calling (402) 426-7328, or via Hermes, Dana College, Box 1252, Blair NE 68008. Submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m. Monday to be printed in the weekly issue.