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Vince Morris of Pick Pocket Announces Winners
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OPENING NIGHT OF THE NEWLY IMPROVED DRAGONS HEAD



By Kjaer Kirkegaard
Photo Editor

Dull and boring? Not anymore! Organized by Erik Hoffman, the freshly painted Dragon's Head 'opened' on the 19th. The night included performances by Sevenfold, Kyle Harvey, and a partial Pick Pocket, as well as a stunning impersonation of our dear friend and president, Merv Christopherson by Derek Davis. Door prizes consisted of \$200 of the finest Dragons Head gift certificates and dorm room essentials money can buy. One of the biggest changes is the addition of a snack bar, serving nachos, hot dogs, cheese sticks, soda, and many other muncherific munchies.

Future plans include open mic nights with karaoke and hilarious comedy style jokes, pool tournaments, occasional 'student senate discount nights,' and a smoothie machine. Kyle Evasco and Mary Rist will also be painting a mural, which I'm sure will amaze and astonish all. This addition to the campus center will hopefully inspire students to get off the couch, away from the booze, and hit the books...or the pool table.



Jeremy Stoll and Mara Bartlett in
"A Lie of the Mind."

Photo by: Kjaer Kirkegaard, Photo Editor

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Top and bottom: Omaha Village, the scene of an incident twelve days ago. Photos by: Hermes Staff.

INCIDENT AT OMAHA VILLAGE

By Hermes Staff

Twelve days after an incident at Omaha Village, Dana College officials continued to weigh disciplinary measures.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at about 8:42 p.m. Police arrested Dana student Dana Biama Sabiya for second-degree assault and the case is now at the county attorney's office, pending charges.

Dana College Dean of Students Chris Jebsen said there wasn't a threat to the rest of the campus. "The incident appeared to occur only between the individuals," he said. Dana's record is good in safety issues. "We live in a safe area," Jebsen said. "Sometimes, individuals have disagreements."

More details may be released in the next two weeks.

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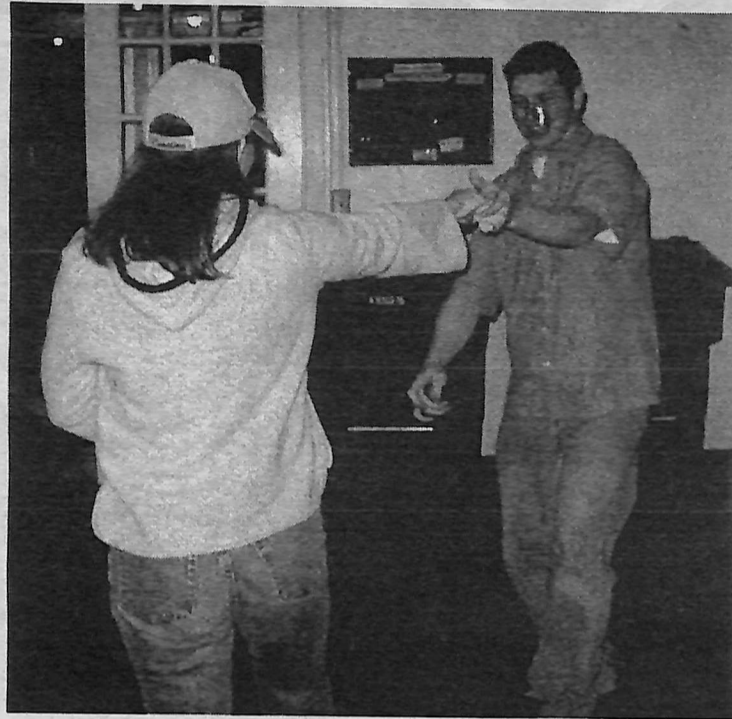
FEATURES

"A LIE OF THE MIND" PUT ON BY DANA'S THEATER DEPARTMENT

The Dana College Theater department is showing "A Lie of the Mind" this Friday and Saturday (March 2-3) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Lauritzen Theater, of the Madsen Fine Arts Center.

Written by Sam Shepard, the story explores the life of people brought together by love, but torn apart by some domestic experiences. Jessica Gall said "it's not what you would expect," when asked how the production ends.

"A Lie of the Mind" is directed by Paul Schneider, and stars Jessica Gall, Mary Sutherland, Mark Sukraw, Jeremy Stoll, Chris Sorensen, Jake Adolphson, Emily Neve and Mara Bartlett.



Lisa Jackson and Derek Davis Learn to Swing Dance
photo by: Natalie Hornig
Graphic Editor

PRESIDENT BUSH, FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO OMAHA

By Katie Robinson,
Hermes Features Reporter

Every four years a presidential election takes place. The most recent election took place in November of 2000. Four candidates were running for the Presidency. These candidates included Ralph Nader, Pat Buchanan, Al Gore and George W. Bush. This election seemed to hit nerves with many people because the differences in Gore and Bush's viewpoints were very obvious and different.

Part of the interest drawn to the election was due to the election aftermath. A recount of Florida's votes was necessary for various reasons. The number of ballots for each candidate was unsure and the ballots themselves may have confused voters. The recount turned out to be a long, drawn out process that held the interest of the nation because of the fate of the Presidency was in the balance. Many Democrats and Republicans got their debates over which candidate, Bush or Gore, should be the next President. This was among the closest elections in history and the suspense added to its popularity. In the end, George W. Bush emerged as the victor.

Many people were extremely involved with the election of our newest President, Bush. Jennifer Gochenour and Christine Reiners are two students from Dana who are strong Republicans and support Bush. "Although I have some discrepancies with some of the issues, I generally tend to agree with the Republican views," said Gochenour.

Recently George W. Bush paid a visit to Omaha, NE. This marked a very important occasion for many of the Republicans in the area, because his coming gave them a chance to see our president in person. This was also the first visit to Omaha by a Republican president in over ninety years.

Gochenour and Reiners attended President Bush's speech in Omaha. Reiners described the experience as, "Awesome. I love the way that he can convey messages to the people and really get his point across." The two girls traveled to Omaha early in the morning for the speech. Hundreds of people waited in line during the excruciating cold weather just to get into the building.

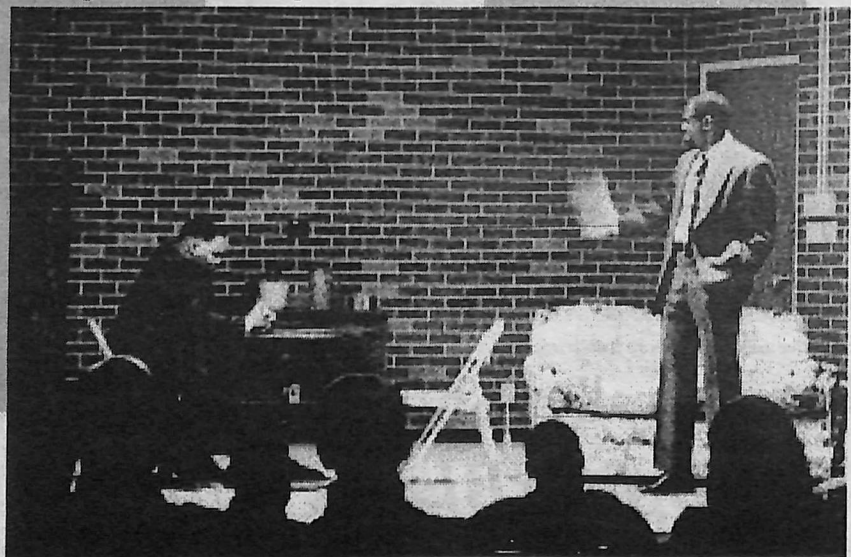
"To hear Bush speak was worth waiting through the cold weather and other discomforts," said Gochenour.

The main focus of President Bush's speech was family. Behind him stood multiple families that were there to show Bush's support for them. He is trying for a tax cut that will benefit families. For instance, the money that would have originally

gone towards taxes, parents could now use for the child's education, etc. Gochenour says one of the main things she loves Bush is his emphasis on families. Many people cheered Bush for his view about a tax cut.

However, not everybody was thrilled with the President's visit to Omaha. Reiners feels that many people, both Democrat and Republican, feel that Bush is simply making an attempt to win people over by making numerous personal appearances to multiple areas of the country.

Perhaps the newly elected President will provide positive services for our country. This is a time for new beginnings and maybe a new president will be productive in this new century. Gochenour and Reiners were just two of the 3,500 people who packed into an auditorium for the sole purpose of hearing President Bush speak.



The Meeting of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcom X
photo by: Kjaer Kirkegaard

RESULTS FROM DRAGON'S HEAD OPENING NIGHT

By Toni Hoffmeier
Editor-In-Chief

The grand opening of the Dragon's Head was held on Feb. 19. It was estimated that 125 people showed up to have fun in the newly renovated room. At this time, a ballot was given to those in attendance to see if they were for or against Dragon's Head snack bar to be incorporated into Dana's meal plan. "We had 98 ballots filled and everyone was for the Dragon's Head to be incorporated with the meal plan for next year," said Erik Hoffman.

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DANA HOSTS THE PLAY: "THE MEETING," FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

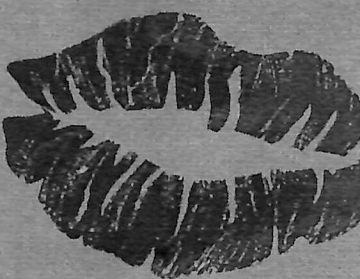
The Dana College Organization, HOPE brought a unique play to Dana this past weekend. "The Meeting" was about the civil rights movement, and a fictional meeting between Martin Luther King and Malcom X.

The play starred Art Phillips, a Dana alumnus and Vince Alston as King and Malcom X, respectively.

NATIONAL NEWS


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EOE/United Way Agency

Plaintiff says U. Wisconsin seg-fee revision half-hearted
By Kristen Wieben
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)
03/01/2001

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - The Associated Students of Madison expressed displeasure with the plaintiff's response to the UW System Board of Regents' latest proposal in the student segregated-fees case.

The Board of Regents, which had been ordered to make the UW-Madison segregated-fees distribution system more "viewpoint-neutral," recently submitted its revised plan to U.S. District Court Judge John Shabaz.

"The changes ... require student governments at each UW System institution, in consultation with the chancellors, to develop policies and procedures that set criteria for the allocation of student fees, create records of the allocation deliberations,

avoid conflicts of interest and establish an appeals process where funding decisions are alleged not to be viewpoint-neutral," UW System President Katherine Lyall said.

This past Monday, lawyers for the plaintiff submitted a brief critiquing the Board of Regents' proposal, which had been primarily worked out by ASM chair Mike Dean. This brief urged Shabaz to reject UW's new plan, on the grounds that the system it proposes still allows student government members "to exercise unbridled discretion in the allocation of the segregated fees."

Original plaintiff and former UW student Scott Southworth said UW's new reforms do not go nearly far enough. "The fundamental problem is not what [ASM] did, but what they didn't do," he said. "They still have unbridled discretion. Tyranny of the majority over the minority still exists in this system."

Southworth criticized the sincerity of UW's commitment to the case, citing its decision to stand back and allow ASM to negotiate the proposal.

"I don't think [UW officials] made any effort — they basically dumped it in the hands of ASM," Southworth said. "They're sending the signal that they don't think they'll win and really don't care about the program."

Wednesday, Dean and the rest of ASM had a chance to respond to these criticisms.

"There's a lot of inaccuracies in the brief," Dean said. "I'm very offended by it. [Lawyers for the plaintiff] are saying that students shouldn't be involved in the decision-making process."

Dean said the plaintiff's brief, instead of trying to find constructive ways to improve the segregated-fees distribution system, simply tried to obliterate it.

"They aren't trying to reform the system," he said. "They're trying to get rid of it. [The brief] attacked a lot of the student organizations for some of the things that they do."

Dean, along with the rest of ASM, said it is crucial that students remain in control of distributing segregated fees. A recent

ASM press released stated, "It is essential that students make these funding decisions and not the university administration."

Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle, who represents UW in the case, will file an official response by March 5. After that, it will be up to Shabaz to decide whether or not the Board of Regents' proposal will be sufficient.

"I think it's nearly impossible for the university to win," Southworth said. "We've already won in trial. ... I'd prefer for the university to do the right thing and get out of this business."

However, Doyle and other UW lawyers disagree. According to their brief, "The changes to the system for distributing student fees are sufficient."

Southworth said that, regardless of whether or not he wins this round in court, he has already won an important victory.

"Universities across the country are going to stop using segregated fees," he said. "And that's a big victory for us."

If Shabaz rules against the university, Doyle said UW will appeal to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has already ruled once against the university.

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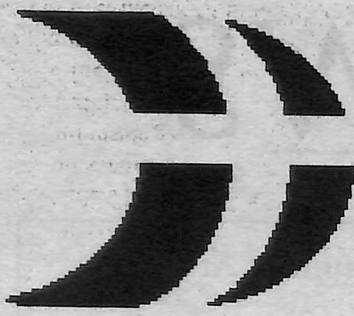
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DANA SPORTS

GREAT PLAINS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE: HOW IT HAS AFFECTED DANA ATHLETICS

By: Jason Dannelly,
Hermes Reporter

The Big Ten, the Big Twelve, the SEC, the PAC Ten and now; the GPAC. Dana College is in their first year in the newly established Great Plains Athletic Conference, and things seem to be going well. The Viking Women's Soccer team is coming off a record setting season, the Men's Soccer program is underway and Dana is almost through one Basketball season. So really, how are things going?

The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) is comprised of teams that were formerly in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference, and the South Dakota Iowa Conference. Hastings College, Midland Lutheran College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Concordia University, Doane College, Dana College, Northwestern College, Dakota Wesleyan University, Sioux Falls University, Mount Marty College, and Dordt College make up the newly founded GPAC.

The Dana College Athletic Programs

have thrived, and suffered in the new conference. The football team had a very rough year. The Viking football team finished the year 1-9, with no wins in the new conference. The Vikings had Nebraska Wesleyan on the ropes in the fourth quarter of the second game of the season, but lost 21-17 to the Prairie Wolves. After that game Nebraska Wesleyan went on to win a share of the conference title with Northwestern College in Orange City Iowa.

The soccer season went well for the women, who finished 17-4, with a runner up placing in the conference tourney. The men's inaugural soccer season was very respectable as the Vikings finished sixth in the conference, with a final record of 6-10. A very respectable record for any first year program.

Unfortunately, the Viking Volleyball program had a setback this season finishing at the bottom of the conference with a record of 2-29 overall and 0-10 in the conference. Nevertheless, with new head coach Laurel Derry bringing up the volleyball program, it looks like volleyball has a very promising future.

Women's basketball has suffered some of the same woes that the volleyball program has. Going though another head coach and having a very young team has put the Vikings at the bottom of the GPAC, with a record of 0-16 in the conference, 2-27 overall.

The men's basketball team has had a respectable season under first year head coach Chris Fear. The Vikings were right in the middle of the pack and got a number six seed in the tournament. Their conference record ended at an even 8-8, 13-15 overall.

Spring sports are just getting started, and the teams are hungry for competition. In the preseason the girls softball team was picked second in the Great Plain Athletic Conference, and the baseball team was picked ninth in the preseason poll.

Therefore, with all the facts on the line, what is the consensus among people surrounding the athletic department? Dr. Jim Krause said he likes the conference for three reasons. One of the reasons is scheduling, "You don't have to spend as much time finding schools to play."

Krause also went on to say the new conference is very competitive and seems to do well at the national level. Krause added a final comment that, "the new conference aids in recruiting. Dana College is now able to get expose in states like South Dakota, Iowa and more exposure in states like Nebraska, because the conference is becoming so successful."

The athletic director likes the idea, so what about the coaches?

"I think the new conference is great," said head men's basketball coach Chris Fear, "with the new conference we're able to get another bid to the national tournament."

Fear is correct with this observation. Before in the Nebraska Iowa Athletic Conference, basketball teams only received one automatic bid to the national tournament. That bid came from the post-season tournament champion. Now the regular season champion gets a bid to the national tourney, as well as the post season tourney champion.

Athletes have gone along with the idea that the new conference is a good

thing. Former Dana football player and student assistant coach, Jason Meggison said, "The new conference allows us to play against great competition every week. There are no breaks in our schedule, and I think the players like that challenge."

Paul Clark, the commissioner of the Great Plains Athletic Conference, thinks this conference could be the start of a super-power in the Midwest, "The conference has made the competition for conference championships even more outstanding. With the addition of the new teams to the existing NIAC conference, no one has an easy road in front of them."

It looks like the ayes have it. The consensus around the campus is the conference will lead to some outstanding competition, national recognition, and athletes from a more diverse area over the Midwest. The players, coaches, and administrators have their support in the conference, which can only make it strive for further excellence.

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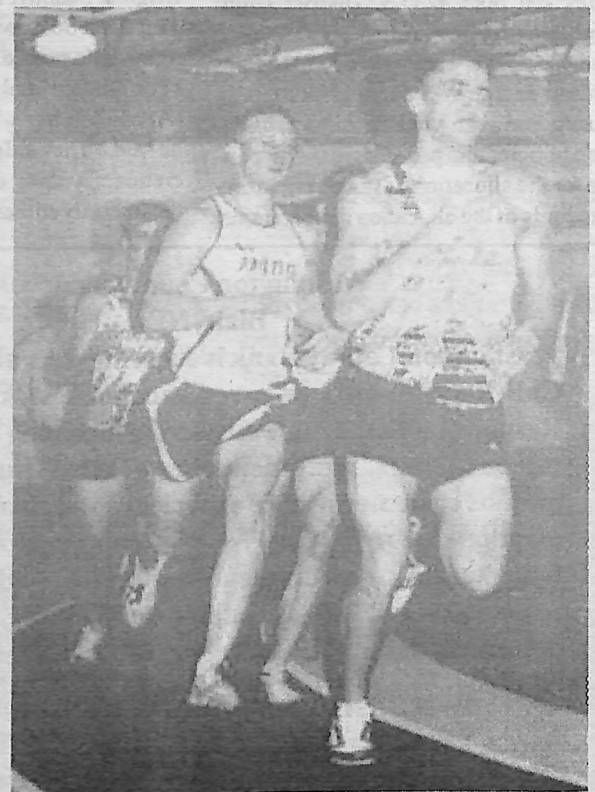
By: Cliff Ellis
Hermes Reporter

The Dana College Men's Basketball team ended its regular season on February 17, with a win against the University of Sioux Falls in an exciting double overtime finish. Unfortunately, their momentum did not carry them through the first round of the post-season tournament. The Vikings finished the season with a 13-15 record overall and 8-8 in conference. This marks the first season since the 80's that they have attained a .500 record in the conference. Other high points of the season included a 4-0 start in conference play and beating Nebraska Wesleyan for the first time in four years.

Head Coach Chris Fear seemed very pleased with the results the team had in his first year at Dana. He said the players were all extremely hard-workers and always enthusiastic. The three seniors, Michael Johnson, Jim Koontz, and Don Morrison were asked to step-up as leaders for this fairly young team. Johnson contributed by providing a powerful inside game and being an all-around athlete. His goals for the off-season include, an extensive weight program, maintaining contact with players over the summer, and focusing on becoming consistent shooters. Coach Fear will look to his underclassmen next year as they improve and become a threat in this competitive conference.



Stephanie Collins on her way to victory, before traveling to Nationals, which are being held this weekend in Johnson City, TN.



Indoor track runner John Tripp tries to pass one of his opponents, while qualifying for Nationals.

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