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THE WHIRLWIND STRIKES: DANA TAKES DAMAGE

Right: Rasmussen Hall, with a temporary rubber roof. Below: Rasmussen Hall, with part of the original roof flapping against the side of the building. Far Below: Holling Hall, where a tree heroically caught most of the original roof before it sailed away on harsh winds.



Photos by Jessica Gall, Copy Editor

Students Hardly Affected by Roof Damage

By Toni Hoffmeier, Editor-in-Chief
and Jeff Mangus, Managing Editor

Early in the morning on Saturday April 7th, a windstorm hit Dana College, damaging windows, doors, roofs, and trees. Severe winds ripped at the roofs of Rasmussen Hall and the baseball dugout. Rasmussen lost most of the original roof, while over half of Holling Hall's roof ended up piled on the ground next to the main entrance.

No one was hurt during the storm. Since roof-damage in the dorms could have affected some of the students living on the top floors, an offer was made to find alternative housing for any student who experienced problems with their room. According to Shawn Cook, Hall Director, only one student from Rasmussen requested relocation due to water damage after the roof flew away.

Dana has "received one bid for roof repairs but need[s] another for insurance purposes," said Bob Schmolli, Executive Vice President and CFO. The second bid should be received by the end of this week.



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FEATURES

Why Do Good People Make Bad Decisions?

By: Don Morrison, Guest Writer

Have you ever made a decision that you later reflected on and thought, "What was I thinking?" Of course, we all have. But what is it that causes us to rush into these bad decisions? As college students, these decisions can be based on our academics. In a recent survey, fifty out of seventy Dana College students admitted that they have committed some form of academic dishonesty. The most common replies were that they had cheated on homework assignments, copied answers during tests and received or studied off past tests.

There are also cases where people may not even know they are committing academic dishonesty. For example, the following are acts, which you may use, but do not realize that they are seen as academic dishonesty:

- Directly taking another source, but not footnoting it
- Rewording another persons work/research but not giving recognition
- Using another persons style of organization
- Not stating references even though

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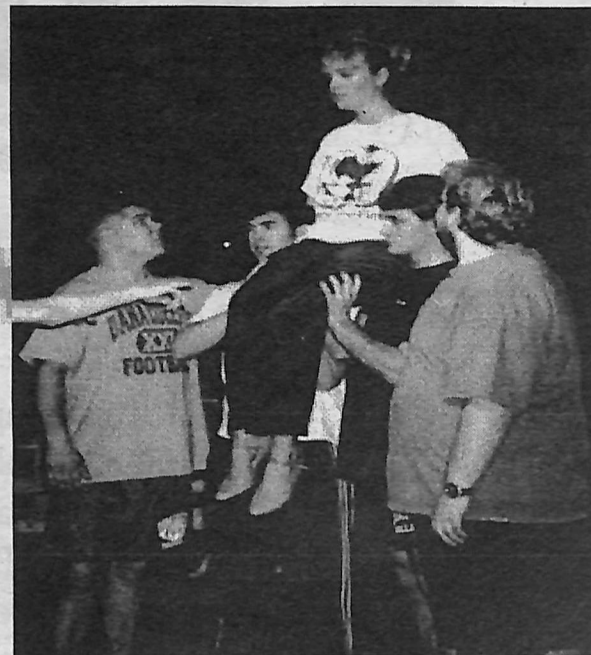
a small amount was used.

If you are uncertain about a source you have used, that wasn't your own idea, always cite it.

The benefits of attending a small college is that our professors know us on a personal level. If you are having trouble making a deadline, talk to your professor and ask for an extension. This shows that you are concerned about your grade and they will work with you. Academic Dishonesty is a choice, which crosses many of our minds. Not only are the punishments severe, but you are also taking away your education, which you have paid for. Academic Dishonesty is wrong and the next time you are considering taking the easy way out, make the right decision.

"High Society"
April 25-28
at 7:30 p.m.
and
April 29 at
2:00 p.m.

DANA STUDENTS:
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Above and below: Members of Dana's musical, "High Society", practice for thier opening night performance. Photos taken by Jessica Gall, Copy Editor



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If so, you are someone the Hermes wants on their 2001-2002 staff! The campus newspaper provides a chance to learn media skills and make decisions about newspaper content in a learning environment. Students generally work on their assignments as their schedules allow, and provide input to plan upcoming issues. Experience in writing photography or advertising is helpful, but not required.

Applications are available in the Information Booth in the Campus Center and need to be returned by April 20 (TODAY!). For more information contact Dr. John Mark Nielsen (x7242) or Joan Bucy (x7348) or Communication chair person Dr. Mary McComb (x7204).

CAMPUS

Spring Fling 2001 April 24-28

List of Events

Tuesday, April 24

Blair 3 Theaters, Private Movie for Dana College, Meet in Campus Center

Wednesday, April 25

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Noon Hour Drawings, Food and Drink Prizes, Campus Center

11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Inflatables Obstacle Course, Oval

8:00 P.M. Intramural Water Polo, Borup

Thursday, April 26

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Noon Hour Drawings, Dana Bookstore Gear and Other Prizes, Campus Center

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Art "Wear," Tie-Dye some T-shirts or Boxer Shorts Make some necklaces or candles, Dragon's Head

Friday, April 27

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Noon Hour Drawings, Dana Bookstore Gear and Other Prizes, Campus Center

9:00 P.M. Movie Night, Remember The Titans, Linden Room

Saturday, April 28

FAMILY DAY 2001

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Noon Hour Drawings, Food and Drink Prizes, Campus Center
11:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. Spirit Games, TBA

RESEARCHERS EXAMINE NATURE OF RISK-TAKING, THRILL SEEKERS

By Amy Bruggeman
The Arbiter (Boise State U.)
04/18/2001

Does the idea of being airborne at speeds of up to 65 mph against the backdrop of a concrete canyon appeal to you? What about skiing amidst the thrills of an avalanche — sound like your idea of a good time? If you answered yes to either question, fear not, you are not alone. If you can't imagine what sane person would answer in the affirmative, actually there are quite a few — and numbers are growing. In an age of computer transactions and cubicle-sized offices, people are searching for adventure; they are searching for something that will remind them they are alive. For many, this comes in the form of extreme sports such as downhill-mountain biking, rock climbing, extreme skiing, base jumping and sky surfing — sports allowing competitors to face death in the eye and, hopefully, live to tell about it.

Just because someone desires to push the limits in such a manner does not mean the person has a death wish. On the contrary, as Marvin Zuckerman, author of *Behavioral Expression and Biosocial Bases of Sensation Seeking* notes: "If these were real 'death wishers', they wouldn't bother with

CIA LOCK-IN

By Abby Jones, Guest Writer

The lock-in will be held this Friday in the Campus Center from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and junior high and high school youth groups from all around the Blair area have been invited. The activities will include games and icebreakers; pool and ping pong tournaments; Bible studies; praise and worship led by From Dust, a local Christian band; movies; and, of course, food and prizes.

We can always use more help and would welcome anyone who would like to come and be a part of the event for all

safety precautions. The 'death wish' is a myth made up by those who aren't high-sensation seekers, who can't understand the rewards."

Nor does it mean that thrill seekers are all a bunch of nutcases. Dr. Frank Farley of Temple University explains this with his type-T analysis. Type-T people are those individuals living off the thrills and novelty of life, whereas the Type t's (lowercase) tend to avoid such risky business, preferring the routine in their stead. It's all part of their make-up.

Farley stresses that risk-taking can be both mental as well as physical. "I believe human progress demands Type-T behavior," he said. "If you look at Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Pablo Picasso or Margaret Mead, all crucially important in their fields — these are not people who choked while standing on the edge."

Perhaps the fact Americans are more into risk-taking than ever is a good sign. Perhaps risk takers are just what America needs. As Farley reminds us, "You are not going to stop that thrill-seeking, it's just a matter of channeling it in the right direction."

So, have a dream that others have labeled impossible? Perhaps now is the time to take a leap and give it a dying chance.

Who knows, you could succeed. And the act of surviving insurmountable odds may prove to be just as thrilling as surviving the scale down an ice-capped mountain. You will never know until you face the fear of defeat, and decide to take the risk anyway.

or part of the night. Lock-ins are also a fun way to learn more about CIA and get to know other members if you haven't been involved before. One kind of help that we really still really need is faculty members who would be willing to help sponsor the event. We just need one faculty member present in the building at all times.

Also, we hope to have enough volunteers so that each one will only have a two hour shift, and faculty sponsors are welcome to participate in the activities or to bring a book and read in a quiet corner. It should be a fun time for everyone.

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DANA SPORTS

Sports Are Part Of American Culture

By Jason Dannelly

When I took the job as the Program Director of Blair radio 101.5 in June of last year, I was told of all the in-office work I needed to worry about. I was told about all the reporting I would have to do for the "mothership" in Omaha. They told me about how this would not be an easy job, but they had confidence in me to do the right thing. In fact, they told me that I probably would not like doing my job at first because it was the first full time job I would have.

The guy who gave me a break, former Blair native, Rich Ray, told me good luck, and to tell the good people of Blair "hi" for him. He also told me of the pitfalls in radio, also, how not to get burned out in the first year.

But with all of the warnings, there was no other job I wanted than that of Program Director for KISP. The job had a very important attachment to go along with it — Sports Director.

When the day is done and all the papers are filed, we still have sports. We have the games, we have the sports page, we have ESPN, we have the special reports, WE HAVE SPORTS. There is no other thread that runs through the culture of the United States that unites people more than the forum known as athletics. Last fall in Nebraska, 15,198 young men were out for high school football. Just about the same number of people were out for boys and girls basketball in the state. There is no activity that draws more student participation than sports.

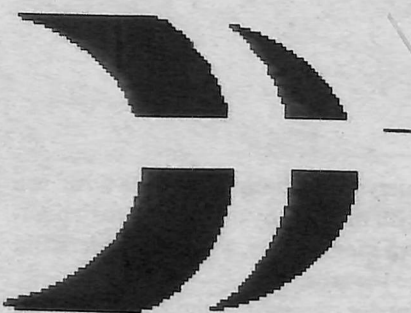
If you ask someone who their favorite team is, they will have an answer, maybe not the right answer in your mind, but an answer. Some people might have 18

answers, "Which sport — pro football, college football, baseball, minor league baseball, soccer, basketball, rugby, lacrosse or underwater basket weaving?"

The point to all of this is that in the game of life, sports play a major part in our culture.

Parents of athletes plan their lives around making it to the meet or the game. They plan laundry loads around washing practice shirts, shorts, and socks to make sure their child is not the "smelly kid".

And they wouldn't give any of it up for the world. When the careers are over, athletes are left as an outsider looking in. All that is left are the memories, ESPN Classic, games on the radio, and the sports page. Sports are a part of our lives, and that is the greatest accomplishment of athletics. Instead of going home and kicking the family dog halfway down the street, we can grab a basketball or go golfing and let our problems melt away. Maybe not the best outlet, but an effective one.



Clark Clobbers 800 Record and Three Vikings Qualify for Nationals

By: P.W. Cerutti,
Sports Writer

Des Moines, IA (April 14, 2001)—The Dana College track team is competing this spring with the big dogs and many Vikings have shown they can compete with the best. Three Dana runners added their names to the list of qualifiers for the NAIA National Track and Field Championships at Drake University's Jim Duncan Invitational. A total of 15 Dana athletes placed in the top six in their events against Minnesota, Iowa State, Drake, Northern Iowa, Bemidji State, Concordia-St. Paul, Morningside and various others.

Garry Clark (1st yr./Washington DC) smashed the five-year-old 800 meter record to win the event in a fine 1:53.82 clocking. Clark was among the leaders the entire race and found a gap on the rail to slip through for a one-meter victory. Max Grady of Woodbine, IA set the old record of 1:54.30 at Nationals in 1996. Clark returned with a stunning 49.1 second leg in the 4x400 meter relay.

Stephanie Collins (2nd yr./Shelby, IA) carved two more seconds from her 800 meter time to nab fifth overall in 2:20:02, a national qualifying mark. Senior Justin Christiansen (Schuyler) also qualified for the national championships with a third place in the steeplechase, recording 9:42.18.

Allen Wagner (3rd yr./Kailua-Kona, HI) returned to top form at Drake with a fine 1500/5000 meter double. Wagner battled Hungarian Balazs Csillag, a post-collegian, in the 1500, placing 1-1/2 seconds behind with a season-best 3:59.11. The All-American marathoner returned for a strong third place in the 5,000 in a time of 15:56.22.

Other placers for the Viking Women were Tiffany Poole (1st yr./Ashland) fourth in the javelin throw; Jessica Chambers (4th yr./Bennington) fourth in the 5000 meters; and Chenel Sanders (1st yr./Omaha) whose 1:01.29 placed sixth among the 400 meter field.

Men who placed for Dana included Ian Latella (1st yr./Read Oak, IA) who ran 10:04.36 for fifth in the steeplechase; Jason Brindle (4th yr./Brady) whose PR time of 16:07.80 was fourth in the 5000 meters; Chris Lagazo (2nd yr./Lahainaluna, HI) long jumped 21 feet, 7 inches for third place; and Matt Maltby (2nd yr./Ralston) put the shot 48' 11" to earn third in that event.

Other scorers included Arona Malu in the shot put, Josh Law in the high jump and the men's 4x100 relay team of Lagazo, Nahshon McMillian, Bryant Johnson and Mitchell Deering.

The next outing for the Dana thinclads is Saturday at the Doane Relays. First events start at 10 a.m.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

* denotes home games

Friday, April 20

-1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Doordt College*

Saturday, April 21

-Track Meet, Doane

Relays at Crete

-1:00 p.m. Softball vs. York College

-1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Concordia College*

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Sunday, April 22

-1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Concordia

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Tuesday, April 24

-1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Dakota Wesleyan*

-5:00 p.m. Softball vs. Doane College

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