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Sophomore Tulai Opetai at the inflatable obstacle course. More pictures inside... Photo taken by: Natalie Hornig

SPRING FLING THIS WEEK

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 27

- Noon Hour Drawings
- 9:00 p.m. Movie Night, *Remember the Titans*, in the Linden Room

Saturday, April 28

- Noon Hour Drawings
- 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Spirit Games
- Array and Sevenfold on the Terrace at 2:00 p.m. If it rains, it'll be held in the Dragon's Head.

ALSO: "High Society" shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday in MFAC.

WIRELESS INTERNET



by Jeff Mangus
Managing Editor

As you may have heard, the future is wireless.

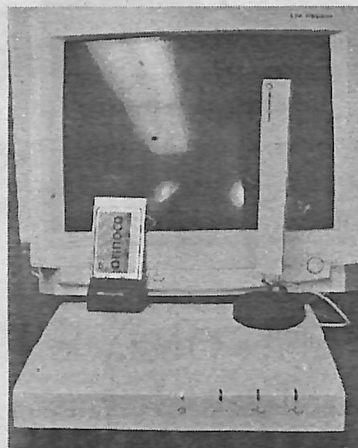
Dana College has taken the first steps already, with plans made to install wireless internet in three dorms by fall 2001. Blair, Argo, and Rasmussen Halls will all have Lucent Technology wireless internet next fall, and there is a possibility of equipping the library and the campus center if Dana has sufficient money by next year. Some installation has begun already, and will be completed over the summer.

This means that these three dorms will rely on wireless internet next year, so people who are currently using modems will have to switch to wireless in order to use the internet through Dana. Dorms that have already been hard-wired like Mickelsen and Holling will remain without wireless internet next year. Duey Heffelfinger, who works in Dana's Computer Services and will supervise the wireless internet project, said in three years Dana should be entirely wireless. "We're encouraging students to buy laptops," he said. "You can buy wireless network cards for desktop personal computers, which is what most people

have in their dorm rooms. The bookstore will sell these beginning next year and will help install them." Wireless cards vary in price, but the ones recommended will be USB cards and will cost somewhere around \$200.

There are some things about wireless that are exciting and some that could be troublesome, Heffelfinger added. For one thing, wireless internet is easier to install, because there need only be between 10 and 20 hardwired connections in the dorms compared to over 150. This is because actual wires run from a power and Internet source to transmitters and receivers, which are then placed to cover an entire dorm. "Wireless will be far more cost-effective because less actual wiring needs to be done," said Heffelfinger, adding that Dana personnel will install the components rather than hiring a company to do the same thing, which also saves money.

Another plus for wireless Internet includes a recent increase in the capacity and speed of the system. Low speed connections have been a major drawback for wireless in the past, but now things are beginning to change. Heffelfinger admitted that wireless connections have a long way to go before they are as fast as hardwired connections like those currently in Mickelsen. But, he pointed out, Internet connection speeds depend on both sides of the connection. If the Internet site you're trying to access is slower than Dana's connection, how fast it loads depends more on the site than Dana's Internet speed.



Components of the wireless system.
Photo by Duey Heffelfinger.

One of the issues wireless immediately brings up is the question of security. So many wireless things now exist that overlapping frequencies can cause interference. This means, in a worst-case scenario, someone using a phone running at 900 megahertz could cause interference with the wireless signals, which run at the same frequency. Besides phones, wireless mice for computers and wireless keyboards could cause the same problem.

Heffelfinger said the concern had

come up, but that the system was set up to avoid problems with interference. He also said that Dana had consulted with Buena Vista University, another college that has used wireless internet for some time, and that BVU has had no problems with their connections and interference. "If it becomes a problem, we'll deal with it as well as we can," he said.

A final problem with wireless could be dead spots. Since the transmitter throws out signal in a semi-flat circle around itself, there could be problems receiving signals in some areas. Like the question of interference, this will be something Computer Services will try to work through as quickly as possible.

One bonus of this wireless system will be the ability to upgrade the system every few years, so it will remain a high-speed connection that works well. This will mean students may have to purchase upgraded network cards as well, but this will be a relatively cheap way to continue to provide good Internet access to every person on campus who needs it.

In fact, this is exactly the reason Dana has embarked on this project. Heffelfinger puts it best: "We believe every student on campus deserves good Internet access."

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FEATURES

PLAGIARISM

by Don Morrison

When you hear the word "plagiarism" most people think of academics, such as in writing a paper and other homework assignments. But plagiarism goes well beyond academics. It is an issue everyone needs to be aware of because the consequences for plagiarism in the real world are much more severe than receiving a failing grade.

In the music industry plagiarism is an issue that comes up regularly. For instance Vanilla Ice's "Ice, Ice, Baby" sounds similar to David Bowie and Queen's "Under Pressure." Although Vanilla Ice denies the similarity because of one extra beat, there was still controversy. Michael Bolton was another performer who was under scrutiny for his song "Love is a Wonderful Thing." Bolton lost a court case and was sued for 5.4 million dollars for plagiarism of a song by the Isley Brothers.

Just because these stars are constantly in the spotlight, don't think plagiarism only pertains to them. In an article by Denise K. Wagner, it states that last year the President of Hastings College lost his job because of plagiarism. He gave a speech titled "What Matters Most to Me and Why" to only 25 or 30 students and staff. In the speech he offered five elements to life and twelve don'ts. After the speech, a student recognized these points and mentioned it to the school newspaper. It turned out that these points were the words of an executive in the Coca-Cola company, and were in an e-mail letter that was forwarded to him. He acknowledged that he did build his ideas from the e-mail message, but he did not believe that it was plagiarism because it did not involve intent. The e-mail had no attribution and he felt it was for public use. He later stated that this entire situation could have been avoided by stating that his speech was partially taken from an e-mail message.

MOVIE: SHOOTING BEGINS MONDAY



By Toni Hoffmeier
Editor-in-Chief

"Quiet on the set!"

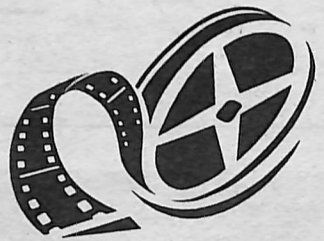
You may begin hearing these words around campus on Monday, because that's when the movie "Full Ride" is to be shooting on Dana's campus. You may also notice that some of the normal entrances you use to get into the buildings may be blocked and you will be asked to use alternative entrances. When this happens, according to Robert Christoffersen, Location Manager for the movie, there will be signs posted telling you where to go if an entrance is blocked.

He also added that some of the staircases might also be blocked, especially the staircase to the cafeteria.

The directors don't mind if you want to stop by and watch what is going on during the taping, but they do ask that you respect them and be quiet when asked.


Christoffersen wants to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation over the next few weeks, he knows it will be hectic, but for him, it's realizing a dream come true.

The movie is expected to wrap up on May 25th.



Students enjoying the Inflatables Obstacle Course in the Oval on Wednesday. It was quite popular and many students found time to bounce around during their free time! *Photos by Natalie Hornig.*



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OPINION

CHANGE PAY SCHEDULE?



by Sean Crow

I think we all agree that money is a good thing.

Most of us need it and most of us want it. Those who don't want money are either already rich or eating paste in their ignorance.

Of course, if you feel strapped for cash you can always get a job. Yes, that obscene "j" word. Anyway, if you want a job, I'll leave it up to you to find it. Unless of course you offer me a fair amount of money and then I'll gladly help you find a job.

If you are lucky enough to have a job already then I'm truly happy for you. And, if that job happens to be on campus, I'm still truly happy for you, well, sort of. I happen to be one of the multitudes of Dana students with a job on campus and I'm grateful to have the job, but I must say the pay period isn't the most efficient.

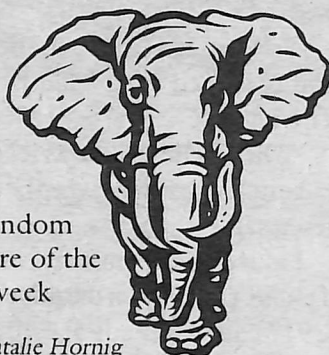
Once a month. That's how often Dana student employees are paid. Whether it is work-study or a non-work study job, every student is paid once a month. This poses a hindrance to most of us hard working Dana employees. Let me quickly go through a typical month for me and expose how the pay system effects my finances. I'll use March as an example.

- March 1 - 7: I have \$3.
- March 8: I receive my bills for the month.
- March 14: My bills are due.
- March 15: I am paid.
- March 16: I pay my bills and buy food necessities like Ramen noodles and peanut butter.
- March 17 - 25: I have \$10.
- March 26 - 31: I try to live off my last remaining Ramen noodles and

peanut butter. (A word of advice. Ramen noodle/peanut butter casseroles do NOT cook well in a microwave.)

Now did you all notice I get paid after my bills are due. Yeah, that really helps my credit. A lesson for you all: Money equals goodness and happiness while late fees equal despair, hate, anger, and lack of sweet money.

I have a simple solution. Instead of getting one check a month I propose that we get paid on the first of the month and the middle of the month. Even if you only get \$30 a month, half of it is still money 15 days earlier. Fifteen dollars would even be enough to buy a can of tuna to add to that Ramen noodle/peanut butter casserole. I'm drooling just thinking about it now. Ok, that might have been sarcasm. In all honesty I'm sure the Business Office does their best to please us and work as fast as they can. I noticed my check for March came a week earlier than expected, which was very welcome and allowed me to avoid the late fees. Cutting a second set of checks each month may be expensive and time consuming for the Business Office to complete, due to the amount of student workers. In order to handle every student request on campus the college would have to hire an extra worker. Either that or a bunch of monkeys. Well, monkeys are always good.



Random picture of the week

by Natalie Hornig

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NEWS

RADAR RANGE LETS DRIVERS ELUDE COPS

By Kara Wiley
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(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - With the wind in their hair and the pedal to the metal, students are finding it's becoming easier and easier to cheat the system with the help of radar detectors.

Radar detectors come in all shapes, sizes and prices. Some of them start as low as \$40 and can reach up to \$400 for the top of the line Valentine V1 radar detector.

But the sometimes hefty price has not discouraged students from buying the "best."

Dallas senior Ashley Priddy said he bought the Valentine V1 because it has the best reputation in car magazines.

"I was willing to buy the best if it meant I had better protection from getting hit by cops' radar guns," Priddy said.

Valentine One's Web site says it is the only detector with two radar antennae — one front and one rear — to scan all around your car and precisely locate each radar threat.

But are these widely used devices cheating a system designed to protect the individual?

"Radar detectors are for one purpose only — to provide a driver with the opportunity to have a 'general' idea of when he/she is at a low risk level of being detected when they exceed posted speed limits," said Baylor Police Chief Jim Doak. "People who respect the traffic laws of the land do not need radar detectors."

Fort Worth junior Stephanie Hargis said she would not give up her "cheating device" until it is deemed illegal.

"Radar detectors are probably cheating the system, but as long as they're legal, I am going to have one," Hargis said.

Hargis said she bought her Cobra detector because she was frequently stopped for speeding violations.

"I believe some cops are just trying to fill a quota, because I have been given tickets for ridiculous reasons like going five miles over the limit," Hargis said.

But Priddy has not been so lucky. He said he got one ticket after having the detector for one month.

"I was disappointed, but the type of gun the police officer was using was unbeatable. It is called instant-on radar," Priddy said.

Both Hargis and Priddy said they usually like to drive 10 miles over the speed limit.

"Don't get me wrong ... I don't drive like a maniac," Hargis said.

"I go with the flow of traffic and sometimes I think they are going too fast and I get in the slow lane."

But Doak warns students that even going 10 miles above the speed limit raises safety concerns.

"Radar detectors simply provide those who seek to violate established speed limits an opportunity to do so, thus creating a more dangerous situation for other drivers who don't use them," Doak said.

Doak said the Texas Department of Transportation develops the speed limits with the individual's safety in mind.

"When people drive beyond the posted limits, the parameter of safety with regard to speed is diminished as speed increases," Doak said.

But until something bad happens, students like Hargis and Priddy will continue to zip through traffic with the help of their detectors.

"I'll use it to avoid speeding tickets, but will never drive so reckless that someone's life is in danger," Priddy said.

U. NEBRASKA FRAT MEMBER IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER FALL

by Charlie Kauffman
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)
4/23/2001

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. - A barbecue turned tragic for a member of University of Nebraska's Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity early Friday. Nelson Trambly V, 20, fell more than 18 feet from a balcony and hit his head on the house's cement driveway.

Trambly, a sophomore from Campbell, was upgraded to serious condition at Bryan LGH West Sunday night after suffering severe head trauma and brain swelling in the fall.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the fraternity was preparing for its annual barbecue hog roast when the fall occurred.

Trambly and several other fraternity members were up all night drinking and monitoring the roasting pig, Griesen said. Trambly excused himself around 3 a.m. to rest.

"It was four guys trying to pass the time drinking while watching this pig roast," Griesen said. "There was some alcohol involved."

Griesen said it was believed Trambly leaned out a window and lost his balance.

"They believe he was leaning over the railing vomiting when he fell," Griesen said.

House members heard a thud and found Trambly on the driveway. The 911 call was made at 4:10 a.m. Friday.

Alpha Gamma Sigma President Adam Pavelka said the house members were worried about Trambly's

condition.

"Nelson is an outstanding member, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family," Pavelka said.

Griesen said doctors induced a coma to lower Trambly's body temperature and prevent further brain swelling.

Interfraternity Council President Brian Magnusson agreed with Griesen on all points.

"Our main concern is with his health and keeping him in all of our prayers," Magnusson said.

Griesen said Trambly's family was "optimistic about his long-term prognosis."

Trambly's fall was not the first of its kind at UNL.

In February 1999, UNL sophomore Kara Bliven fell out of the Chi Phi Fraternity house, 1245 N. 16th St.

Bliven was also drunk, but her injuries were not as serious as Trambly's. She sustained several broken ribs, a broken arm, a broken pelvis and had to have her spleen removed.

Chi Phi faced heavy sanctions after the incident.

Griesen said the tragedy provided an example of why the risks of drinking still applied outside the party atmosphere.

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