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Rene Nicolay  
Feature Editor

On the first floor of Argo, Patti Nielsen sees her share of sniffles, coughs, flus, needles, aches and pains. A registered nurse (R.N.), Patti has worked here for twelve years, assessing students' sometimes horrifying symptoms and taking the best course of action. Of course, this is easy for her. She's been in the medical industry for twenty-four years.

In addition to holding the position of Head Nurse

of the Recovery Room, she has also been an ER nurse, a night shift charge nurse, a night shift House Supervisor, and various staff nurse positions.

Patti has also held the Patient Education Coordinator position.

"As the Director of Health Services here, I enjoy every opportunity to teach students about taking care of their health," she says, and it's no wonder – pam-

Nurse Nielsen  
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## Public burning to be held Thursday on Dana campus

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For the first time in Dana history, students will set fire to Rasmussen.

Well, not quite. They'll be holding a bonfire outside Rasmussen Hall on Thursday night of Homecoming Week. It will also be a luau featuring the dancing styles of exotic Hawaii.

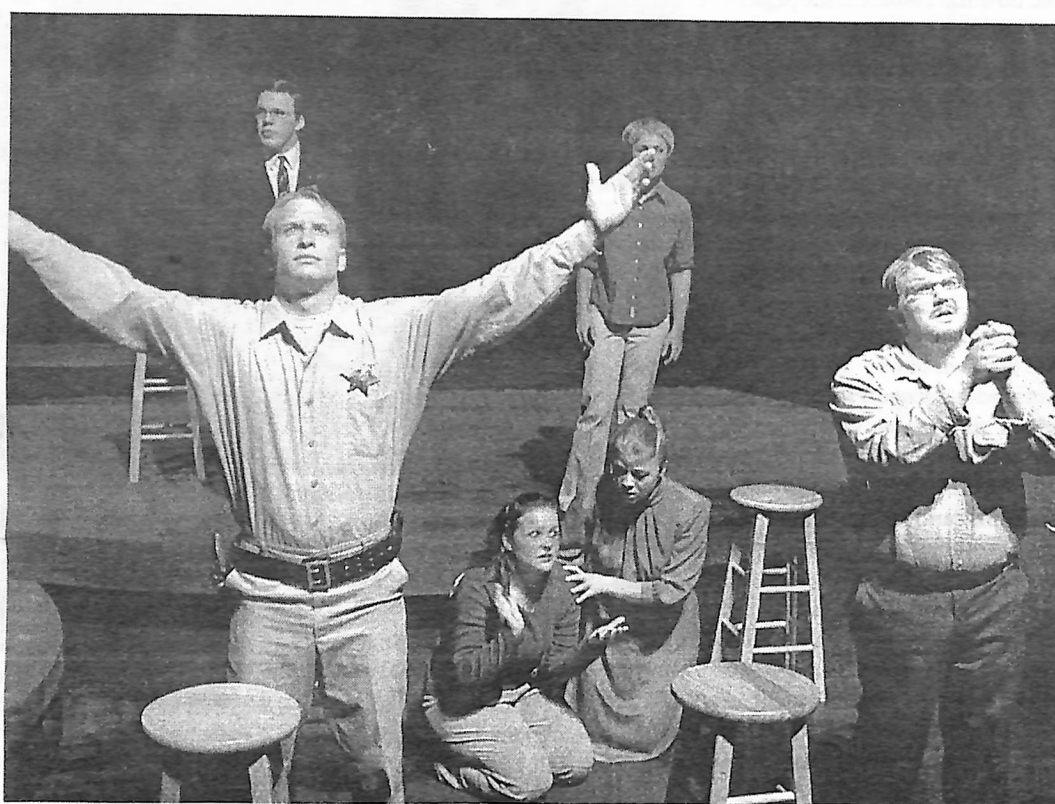
But there are other activities planned for the week. On Monday, in the Lauritzen Theater, there will be a Mr. Dana Contest at 9:30 p.m. to select the alpha male on campus.

Tuesday will feature the showing of "The Replacements" at 8:30 p.m. in the Linden Room.

Bingo, that old-folk's-home favorite, will make an appearance on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, and students will be able to win various dorm-life necessities like junk food.

On Friday, hypnotist Daniel James will comi-

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Sophomore Scott Taylor, left, hails the light as freshman Tabby Holman, crouching, practices for the opening night of "Book of Days" in the Lauritzen Theater. The show began Wednesday and runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., as well as showing at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

## Students break backbones to show visiting parents good time at events during recent Dana Parents' Weekend on campus

Brandie Carlson  
Staff Writer

Meditate for a minute on Parents' Weekend.

One of the few days during the school year when parents are allowed to visit. College students sacrifice a weekend of fun...to hang out with the parents.

Fortunately, someone thought ahead and planned out the whole day for them, thereby resulting in minimum involvement with students' personal lives.

Dana student Jennifer Hayford said, "I enjoyed Parents' Day because it was a time for me to spend time with my parents, but I could send them back the very same day."

Activities began with a tour of the president's home. Visitors could visit with Dr. "Myrv" Christopherson and his wife while gorging themselves on pastries.

Parents had an opportunity to sit down while viewing scenes from the play "Book of Days" in the Linden room.

Audience members observe the students in black theatre shirts (one standing conspicuously with a chain saw) and slowly put together bits and pieces of this R-rated soap opera. (This was the watered down ver-

sion!) The preview was quite promising; I encourage everyone to see the complete performance. Hey, what could it hurt? It's free!

After sitting quietly, parents had a chance to get involved at the Dana vs. Nebraska Wesleyan football game. Activities consisted of cheering, hooting, hollering, and the occasional cardboard box sledding. There was also a frisbee toss at halftime.

Finally, how could a great day be complete without the Dana Game Show? Game show contestants consisted of seven adults and seven students.

One of the game show judges, Karrie Lenzen, said, "The game show was the best! It was great to get parents involved; a great time was had by all."

In this exciting game, similar to "place the prof.", participants guessed "which building's windows" were pictured. Prizes included: Easy Mac, Capri Sun, Little Debbie's, Gladwear plastic containers, movie tickets, a \$10 gift certificate to Pizza Hut, towels, imaginary 48 qt. containers, a Scrabble board, a t-shirt, 12-packs of Mountain Dew, a \$30 gift certificate to Applebees, and of course, a DVD player.

By the end of the day the parents were so worn out, they couldn't possibly stand to stay and bother students one day longer.



Senior Justin Wiese is unbearably happy at the recent Game Show, which was held in the cafeteria as a part of Dana's Parents' Weekend. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

## Nielsen, despite her back injury, continues providing care

Nurse Nielsen  
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phlets and brochures on almost any conceivable health subject can be found at her office.

Patti has been taking a less physical role in nursing these days, however, because of an accident in her nursing days.

"I lifted a heavy piece of physical therapy equipment and tore my back," she explains.

Four unsuccessful back surgeries later, she now has chronic back pain.

"My desk is my coffee table and love seat because pain makes it very difficult for me to sit. Please don't think I'm lazy!" says Patti.

Far from lazy, she has a variety of interests, such as going to the pool, watching good movies, eating ethnic food, family activities, reading (she's half way through the third volume of *War and Peace*), and writing.

In fact, she enjoys writing so much, she wrote her own book.

Entitled, *Living With It Daily: Meditations for People with Chronic Pain*, her book is inspirational for those who suffer from chronic pain, like Patti.

Uplifting and enlightening, the book has sold 15,000 copies, and continues to be sold in stores now.

"My writing experiences started with having short pieces published in nursing journals. Then I had articles published in minor journals and when I had an 'Unforgettable Patient' article published in the journal, *Nursing '91*, I



Senior John Whitney receives valuable advice and medication from Dana's on-campus nurse, Patti Nielsen. Nielsen has been working as a registered nurse for twenty-four years, and says she's deeply in love with Dana. Photo by Rene Nicolay.

thought I'd died and gone to heaven. I had no idea that only three years later, I would have a book published by a major publishing company!"

Today, Patti continues to contribute to chronic pain organization newsletters. After all, she has had 14 years of

chronic pain. She wants to share her experience in positive ways. The book can be found at the Dana bookstore, from Patti, or at [www.restministries.org](http://www.restministries.org).

For Patti, this isn't the only time she's been at Dana. She's an alumna — she was a student here for two years be-

fore she went into nursing.

"Dana has always felt like home to me, because my dad worked here," she explains.

So, when the opportunity came to come back to Dana, she returned. "I loved this job ever since."

## Dana's own rumor mill: churning out lies a mile a minute

The Other Side of Campus:

Dana College campus is small. When the wind is right a person can spit from one side to the other. Because it's so small, many people know what goes on. In fact, Dana's rumor-mill is one of the most industrious parts of this campus. The problem with rumors is that ninety-nine percent of the time they aren't true, but ninety-nine percent of the people passing them around think they are. This is where the trouble starts.

For the record, I don't sell crystal meth. However, one young lady, fresh out of the rumor mill, accused me of it one day. Everyone knows what you make out of "u" and "me" when you as-

sume something. In this case, the girl was that particular barnyard animal. However, there are other students on campus that aren't in the same situation, or don't have the same sense of humor. The problem is that it doesn't matter. That student will still be labeled by whatever rumor is floating around about them.

Say someone gets a ride home with a member of the opposite sex one night. There are no witnesses to the ride home, so people start to assume, naturally, that the two went on a tri-state killing spree. It makes sense. Then, that assumption is passed around, perverted, and eventually gets back to its two subjects. However, now the rumor is that

they went on a tri-state killing spree, kidnapped the Pope, and slept together. Now the rumor mill has stigmatized its two victims as murderers, kidnapers, and sexually ambiguous. In fact, all they did was drive home.

I know that without rumors and gossip Dana campus would lose some of its flavor. It's like telling law schools not

to teach professional lying.

However, the rumor mill is an organization completely staffed by volunteers, and it hurts people. Also, turn-about is fair play, and it sucks being on the receiving end. You never know when someone will stop you and demand to know where they can get some black-tar heroin.

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cally bedazzle student brains at 8 p.m. in Borup Gym.

The hypnotist is usually a big draw for students, who flock to Borup Coliseum to watch their luckless friends perform embarrassing shenanigans on stage. Sophomore Matt Bloomingdale, who chairs the Hypnotist Committee, said, "Well, there was a good turnout for the hypnotist last year, so I'm expecting a good turnout this year. I'm looking forward to seeing all the wildly exciting stuff that's going to happen out there on the stage."

After the mind-control is complete, the Pep Assembly and Coronation will complete the evening's activities. Finally, on Saturday, the Viking

football team will do battle with Hastings on the gridiron at 2 p.m. As part of a world-renowned half-time show, the golf carts will perform in parade as the student clubs show their school spirit by driving the carts at reckless speeds around the track.

Junior Mackenzie Krause, who is in charge of the Homecoming Committees, said, "The homecoming committee has worked hard to design fun and creative activities for an exciting homecoming."

### Homecoming Week

Monday: Retro Day  
Tuesday: Backwards Day  
Wednesday: Twin Day  
Thursday: Aloha Day  
Friday: Spirit Day

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## Iraq: Bush's overseas headlock will be a foreign embarrassment and a huge international insult

In Gaza, Israel, thousands of Palestinians marched the streets Tuesday morning, angered after an Israeli infantry raid killed nine people before dawn in retaliation for a suicide bomber who killed 23 people in June in the city of Tel Aviv. In Gandhinagar, India, two men, apparently Muslim, entered a Hindu temple on Tuesday afternoon with machine guns and grenades and systematically killed 37 bystanders and 4 commandos sent to corner them before dying themselves. In Karachi, Pakistan, seven Pakistanis work-

foreign land with the object of replacing a military dictatorship with "a superior alternative."

Do Bush, Cheney, Rice and Rumsfeld really believe that removing Saddam Hussein—if this is actually possible—will instantly solve the world's problems? Will they attempt to install a democracy in a nation that favors its current leadership? How will they put down Iraqi civilians rioting against Western occupation of Iraq? How will they soothe the nerves of the Middle East to prevent

war: Vietnam. Who remembers Vietnam? Does anyone recall a little war against an agrarian nation that quickly became an international embarrassment and grounds for political riots in mainland America? Vietnam seems to be a classic example of racing into a war without due consideration of all the consequences.

Assume we're successful in Iraq: we've won the war, have cornered Hussein, are feeling invincible, those all-important Presidential ratings are up, etc. In effect, we now have the tiger in a headlock. How then do we retreat? Is it even possible to take your arms off the neck? The Bush administration might spend some serious time thinking about who assumes control of Iraq next. What unlucky idiot will hold the tiger next? Some democratic no-name whom we place in power?

But wait: we supported Batista in Cuba in the 1950s, and Castro (who was then the rebel) has never forgiven us. Do we really want to make all the powermongers in Iraq more angry?

Speaking of power, should we flaunt the authority of the United Nations? Does our government understand what it means to be a superpower? Does Bush think about our responsibilities as world leaders? Has he carefully considered what it means to invade a sovereign nation without the sanction of the world? Will his rose-colored political world serve as blinders to what really happens during a dirty war, let alone the bloody aftermath?

Here are a few bottom-lines: cultures that don't like us *won't* suddenly change their mind if we invade them. No, quite the reverse. We'll just give them one more thing to resent, one more stick

### Ideas?

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The Hermes Staff

of fuel they can use to spark other nations against us.

Furthermore, amid waning ratings, a stagnating economy (the Nasdaq reached a six-year low last week), armies of exposed corporate criminals and an upcoming election year, it's hard to say it looks good when the Bush administration suddenly begins considering a war abroad. The economy's not even going to benefit: economists agree that since it is a "cheap war" there won't be an increase in economic production. Gas, oil, airfares and other expenses, however, will all dramatically increase just as they did during the Gulf War, which is *very* helpful for airlines trying to get back on their feet.

Let's not even mention the "good old American boys" who will die in a foreign land to gain our President a few extra points in the polls, a pointless headlock on an enormous angry carnivore and a potential spanking from the United Nations.

No matter how much "terrorist" nation-invading Bush does, let's remember that he has two immediate goals: distracting the citizens of America from their worsening national plight, and eventual re-election.

- Jeff Mangus  
Hermes Assistant Editor

*"Is it possible to neutralize a tiger by putting it into a headlock? ...How then do we retreat?"*

-Senior Jeff Mangus



U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld responds to a question during a recent Pentagon press briefing. Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense.

ing for a Christian Charity on Wednesday morning were gagged, tied to chairs, and executed with single shots to the head by two local militant gunmen, who were apparently trying to frighten away Western investors from the city.

As if these atrocities, these kill-and-kill-in-turn feuds are not enough, our beloved President and his gentle advisors are preparing yet another catastrophe: war and forceful occupation of a

wanton acts of terrorism like those currently gripping Israel? Is it possible to neutralize a tiger by putting it into a headlock?

Is it less than sheer stupidity to ignore the United Nations and openly ridicule the opinions of Russia, France and Germany? And, heaven forbid, have we learned nothing from the foreign policies of the last forty years?

Let's rewind to another small

## Respect for athletes should depend only on involvement

In response to Derek Fey's opinion piece "Some Dana Athletes Receive Varying Respect," in the September 13 edition of the *Hermes*, I agree with him that it is unfortunate that there may be athletic teams and athletes here who do not feel they are receiving the respect they deserve.

However, I disagree with his inference that respect is something that has

to be earned by winning alone.

His inference seemed to be directed at the football team: that they have received respect around campus that is not yet due them.

This respect is not yet due because the football program has not been successful like the women's soccer team, the wrestling team, and the cross country programs have been in recent years.

I disagree because I believe that any athletic program on this campus that has coaches and players sacrificing both time and effort to represent this institution is worthy of my respect.

I would hope that others on this campus feel the same way.

We should be positive about anyone who is participating in athletics, fine arts or other activities/organizations at

Dana.

We should not be negative or divisive in our attitudes toward our extracurricular participants.

I am proud of all who participate, and I respect their efforts on this institution's behalf.

-James Lynes

### Homecoming Court Candidates

David Abbott  
Cheston Field  
Wynn Fangmeier  
Erik Hoffman  
Kjaer Kirkegaard

Erin Sorensen  
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The Viking women recently beat U. of Sioux Falls, winning 5-0 with two goals apiece from Tanya Dugan and Amy Fullenkamp. Photo courtesy of Brian Viets.

## Men's soccer team loses 6-0 to U.S.F.

Jeff Mangus  
Assistant Editor

The men's soccer team was unable to stop a dominant University of Sioux Falls offense, losing 6-0 Saturday afternoon.

It was the first conference game of the season, and a hard way to begin conference play. The loss left Dana with a record of 1-4 and, of course, 0-1 in the GPAC as of now.

The Viking men were picked to finish tenth in the conference overall in pre-season polling. The Hastings Broncos were chosen by the league's head coaches to finish first, with Nebraska Wesleyan close behind and Sioux Falls a distant third.

Next up are two home games, Sept. 24 and 28, against Midland Lutheran College and later Northwestern College.

## Vikings lose nailbiter 23-17 to Nebraska Wesleyan, becoming 1-2

Marshall Marquardt  
Sports Editor

The Viking football team held the ball thirteen more minutes than Nebraska Wesleyan, but it was not enough to overcome them.

Dana's squad lost 23-17, bringing their overall record to 1-2.

The Vikings scored the first points of the game on a 21 yard field goal by Cory Ray, but Wesleyan struck back quickly on a 22 yard run from David Starke.

The second quarter was scoreless until 1:55 remained on the clock, when Jon Carlo caught a 22 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dan Irwin.

Ray hit the extra point to put the Vikings on top going into the locker room at half time, 10-7.

That lead would not prove to be enough as Nebraska Wesleyan scored three times in the second half to the Viking's single touchdown.

Running back Chevas Lamoya scored on a four yard touchdown run with 2:56 left in the game, putting the Vikings down by six points, 23-17.

That is where the score would remain. Lamoya ran the ball 25 times for 82 yards.

"At times we ran the ball effectively, but we need to improve on our consistency," said Offensive Coach Bill Danenhauer. "It is usually just one or two mistakes, and we need to fix those."

The Vikings dominated the stats, getting 19 first downs to Nebraska

Wesleyan's 15, and having 77 more yards total as well.

The Viking offensive line held strong throughout the game, not allowing one sack, while the defense sacked Nebraska Wesleyan quarterbacks three times, as well as scoring one interception and returning it 22 yards.

"They (the offensive line) controlled the line of scrimmage and came off the ball very well," Danenhauer said. "They deserve a lot of props for that."

Although Irwin started for the Vikings, quarterback Chuck Wright came in the game in the fourth quarter to try and bring the team back from a 17-10 deficit.

"I knew at this point in the game that we were going to have to throw the ball a lot more than the previous three quarters, and that is why I went with Wright," Danenhauer said. "Nothing against Dan, but I had to go with the guy who had the stronger arm and who has been in that kind of situation before."

Irwin was 12-21 with 86 yards and a touchdown, while Wright was 12-21 with 108 yards and an interception.

The Vikings head to Doane College in Crete, Nebraska tomorrow for a very important conference road game.

"We have not beat a conference team on the road in three years," Danenhauer said. "We can win if our players decide to get off the bus and play. If we can hang on to the ball and control the game on both sides of the line of scrimmage, there is no reason we should lose."

## Editorial: Sportsmanship should apply to both athletes and crowds

Steve Jones, Rick Wilson, and Joe Blowhole lead the way to better crowd support, a cleaner image, and more fun for everyone

Sportsmanship is a funny thing: you only kinda know when you're seeing the good side, but you definitely KNOW when you're seeing the bad.

Good sportsmanship isn't something that's only expected of athletes; if that were the case, why would virtually all sports have penalties for crowds that get out of hand?

There are basically three types of fans: first, there is "Steve Jones."

You know, the guy who is always cheering and shouting positive things no matter what the score is.

Even if the team's down by 40, you can still hear him yelling his support for the team.

Then, there's "Rick Wilson."

This is the guy who is at every game just for the fun of watching the competition.

He usually doesn't say much, but he is there in support of the team and everyone knows it. He rarely makes a scene, but just cheers enough for everyone to know who he's rooting for.

Last, and definitely least,

there's "Joe Blowhole."

This is the guy who will just not shut up, plain and simple.

The obscenities and criticisms flowing loudly out of Joe prove that he has no respect for anyone around him.

Basically, what Joe says (and does) shows how big an idiot he is. The one thing it does NOT show is his support for the team.

Aside from making himself look like a moron to the opposing team, the media and anyone else who can't manage to shut out his ravings, Joe's behavior makes his team look bad.

The next time you go to a game or a meet, sit back and take a look at how you and the people around you are acting.

We need more fans like Steve Jones and even Rick Wilson.

A positive crowd keeps the players' spirits up and can often mean the difference between a win or a loss. Do your part.

—Marshall Marquardt

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