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Election night gives Republicans control over both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives

By J.D. Piland
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U-WIRE - Republicans seized the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives following the general elections Tuesday, extending their reign in the House to eight years.

At press time, the House had the majority of the seats, leading 223 to 188, with projections saying the Republicans would retain the House. If the Republicans finish the election by gaining House seats, it would be the third time in 100 years. The other times that occurred was in 1934 with Franklin D. Roosevelt, and in 1998 with Bill Clinton, said Kyle Saunders, a Northern Illinois University political science professor.

Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert, who won the 14th Congressional Representative seat, was in Aurora, Ill., Tuesday night and responded to the dominance of the Republicans in Congress.

"It's all about hard work I think," Hastert said. "This is such a great victory for us."

As of Tuesday night, Saunders predicted that Republicans would gain one seat in the Senate and seven or eight in the House.

Coming into the elections, the Democrats had a one-seat majority, 50-49, in the Senate. Projections said the Republicans would come out on top 52-47, with one seat designated as "other."

As of the final tallies, the Republicans seized control of the Senate. While the GOP has exactly half of the 100 seats, Vice President Dick Cheney acts as the tie-breaking vote.

The "balance of power," as many media outlets have called it, may not be decided until Dec. 7, however, Saunders said.

Holding the "balance" until then is the Senate race between Mary

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'The Apple Tree' gives choice to students

Faculty and students will soon be able to attend 'The Diary of Adam and Eve,' 'The Lady and the Tiger' and 'Pasionella,' three musical acts known collectively as 'The Apple Tree.'



Apples, diaries, ladies and tigers: student-actors at Dana practice waving their arms at bemused junior Jeremy Stoll. The three musical acts will all run together from Nov. 14 through Nov. 17 with daily showings. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

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Get ready for something different in Dana theater.

This November, Dana's actors are putting on the three musical acts called "The Apple Tree." These musicals consist of "The Diary of Adam and Eve," "The Lady and the Tiger," and "Pasionella."

The theme in the musical deals with problems that exist between men and women, and show the sides working together to find a common ground between the two of them.

Junior Emily Neve said, "This is a unique musical because it's not just one storyline, it's three." She added that she felt, besides being profound and interesting, the musical also has a strong sense of humor.

"I really enjoy the entire moral message that this musical gives. Also, the music is fun and exciting," added sophomore Kori Williamsen. She also said that she has been enjoying preparing for the performance so far.

Professor Schneider, who is in charge of Dana College Theater, said, "I selected musicals based on how much I

like the music. In these stories, the music is fun and wonderful."

He went on to say that these three different acts have wonderful music and that the audience should be in for a comical treat. Schneider mentioned that he has been having fun working on this play, because he has been the one to choreograph the whole musical. He has been having a blast working with the students as well.

Student and faculty are invited to come down and see the production November 14-16 at 7:30 p.m., as well as November 17 at 2:00 p.m..

U.S. finalizes modified Iraq proposal in U.N.

Negroponte, Chirac, Zhang agree that U.S. proposal will soon be accepted by U.N. Security Council, with changes

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Various senior government officials said yesterday that they are confident in their ability to convince the United Nations to accept the U.S.-sponsored Iraq proposal.

They also added that the Bush administration is hoping to force Iraq to a decision through the proposal: disarm completely or face war. The officials conceded that the draft may be open to some modifications before it is put to a vote in the U.N. Security Council.

The principle opponents to the drafted proposal are France and Russia. Spokespeople for these countries said they were concerned over the possible presence of "hidden triggers" that would justify sudden war between America and

Iraq, but that they felt the issue was close to a final compromise.

French president Jacques Chirac said, "There are a few ambiguities to clear up, but [we are] only a matter of hours [from clearing things up]."

China's representatives were optimistic about finding common ground as well. Zhang Yishan, Beijing's deputy ambassador, said he was certain the proposal was in its final form. "I think we are near," he said.

United States diplomats are pushing for a common ground and a speedy vote, said the office of the U.S. Ambassador. Richard Grenell, spokesman for Ambassador John Negroponte, said yesterday, "We may have a tweaked resolution by later this afternoon, but we want a vote by tomorrow." Some governmental representatives believe that Syria, which opposes the resolution against Iraq, might upset the vote and delay it until Monday.

In order for the measure to pass in the Council, it must win at least nine of the fifteen total votes and survive with

no vetos. The countries which have veto power are France, Russia, China, Britain, and the United States.

The modified resolution mandates a new round of Security Council debates if Iraq breaks the resolution, a clause which was created by France to keep the United States from being immediately able to invade Iraq should Hussein disobey the resolution. The debates could then produce an authorization of force by the United Nations, but the resolution does not require force to be an option. The resolution will give U.N. workers unrestricted inspection rights in Iraq. They will have 60 days to begin reporting to the Council after the resolution is adopted.

The British and American ambassadors spoke out vehemently against the idea that the resolution is a call to arms.

British ambassador Sir Jeremy Greenstock said, "This is about the disarmament of Iraq through inspections and by peaceful means. This is not about triggers. This is not about the use of force."

Professor Morgan sets sail for Central

Chemistry guru Scott Morgan, a veteran Dana professor, says he will leave the college after first semester. He'll accept a more prominent position in Pella, Iowa, at Central College

Rene Nicolay
Assistant Editor

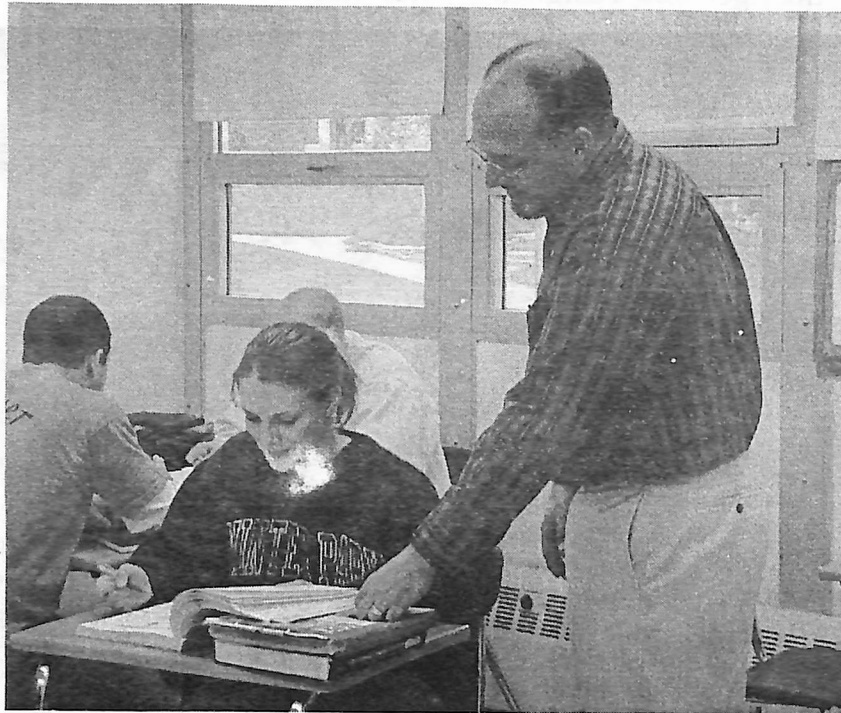
Professor Scott Morgan has taught at Dana College for 10 years running now, guiding students through the mystical and dangerous world of chemistry. In addition to teaching Chemistry, Morgan has also taught portfolio, L.A.R.P. (Liberal Arts Reading Program) and Senior Seminar. Sadly, he will be leaving Dana in January to Iowa.

Now 38, Morgan looks back on his career fondly. "I came to Dana for a number of reasons," he said, "but I really saw an opportunity to build a better chemistry department here." Now, thanks to Morgan and other staff members, the department is in considerably better shape since Morgan came to Dana, especially in the equipment area.

Dr. Morgan grew up in Omaha, and went to Wesleyan University, eventually getting his graduate degree at Ohio State. He has a large family, including his wife, three children, a dog, and a cat. "Don't worry," he chuckled, "They're all moving with me."

His love for chemistry and his faith in God have proved to be compatible with each other. "As long as I could remember, I wanted to be a chemist...I like being able to ask questions and finding how and why it relates to the molecular world."

Across his computer screens



Professor Scott Morgan says it'll be hard to leave Dana. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

are the words FROG (Fully Rely On God) and PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens).

"If anything, my faith has been strengthened by science," Morgan explains. "I'm always amazed by the wonderful intricacies in the natural world."

He says that many things in the scientific world are based on faith. Electrons and atoms are invisible to us, "but

we don't dispute the fact that they exist."

Morgan is leaving in January to work for a larger department at Central College in Pella, Iowa.

Although he still believes leaving is the best option for him, Morgan will have trouble leaving Dana. "It will be difficult to leave...I suppose that's a testament to the type of college Dana is."

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Landrieu (D) and Suzanne Haik Terrell (R) in Louisiana.

Saunders explained that in Louisiana, the winner must have more than 50 percent of the vote. If he or she does not, then a run-off election will decide the race. At press time, Landrieu had 46 percent of the vote. The run-off would be held Dec. 7, Saunders said.

"We will not know tonight," Saunders said Tuesday.

The Democratic Southern states have had a hand in the balance of power, as well. Over the years, the conservative South has tended to vote Republican.

"The more time passes, the more ideologies line up," Saunders said. "There is no blurring of party lines, but Republicans are conservatives and the South is fundamentally conservative."

These types of instances are rare, however. Of the possibilities for the balance of power, two of eight will make the Senate and House a unified government, which now appears to be the case.

"It's very rare that it happens, especially in the last 60 years," Saunders said.

With such a division, getting things done on the federal level, and consequently the state and local level, became harder.

For example, President Bush has tried to get his judicial appointees squared away, but because the Senate, which approves the appointments, is controlled by Democrats, few people have been selected, Saunders said.

Now that the Republicans have control of the Senate, Bush's appointments should make it through more easily.

It is rare that the majority becomes the minority during the elections. On average, the party that controls the White House loses 15 to 20 seats because the support usually wears off as the term continues, Saunders said. For instance, in 1994, when Bill Clinton was in office, the Republican party gained 53 seats in the House.

On the state level, the Democrats will control most of the public offices, and therefore, the Illinois Senate and House and Representatives.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Chefs in tournament transform chickens

Rene Nicolay
Assistant Editor

Tuesday night, and the ovens were hot.

The culinary competitors faced off in a battle of chicken breasts, vegetables and sauce. Lots and lots of sauce. This was Dana College's first Iron Chef Tournament!

The battle scene was fierce and messy. Chef Derek wielded sharp instruments as onlookers cowered in fear.

Chris Humphreys stirred a suspicious lumpy brown sauce. Shannon Ford-Jefferson frantically fried chicken. Paul Smits was rumored to be dead.

The judges, including Chief Olson and Lisha Palmer, stared at the plates in



Dana College's very own Iron Chefs: Derek, Rene, Shannon, Chris, and Paul. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

fear and awe. The first tentative bite and the judging began. Would the gourmet talent of Chef Derek win? His recipe had the added benefit of a foreign word: Chicken Breast en Papirole, vegetable fried rice, and "sautéed matchsticks of

zucchini and carrots, with asparagus and mushrooms."

Perhaps the winner would be Chris Humphreys and his Breaded Smothered Chicken, honey asparagus and garlic potatoes.

There was also the juiciness of Shannon's Lemon Pepper Chicken with seasoned butter potatoes.

When Paul Smits made his appearance with his Garlic and Cheese Stuffed Chicken Breast with linguine and cream sauce and

steamed veggies, the judges were hard pressed to pick a winner. In the end, the judges' palates were in favor of Chef Derek's recipe. Now, he proudly holds the title of Dana's Iron Chef, the man who tamed the savage breast!

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Dr. Jorgensen, retired, keeps on recycling

Although Dr. Richard Jorgensen retired last year from the history department, he's been busy. Every day he comes on campus to recycle cans, paper, etc. Every weekend he cleans up our garbage in every residential hall.

We (Wade, Whitnee, Windy and Rune from Small Group Communication) are trying to find containers to every floor around campus for cans

and paper. So, please help us, and especially Dr. Jorgensen: he starts every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Blair hall.

Our project is to set up containers around campus. We are optimistic that student and faculty will try to understand how important it is to have a clean campus, and hopefully volunteer to help out now and then around campus to make it a better place for all of us. Help us out!

When the weekend rolls around, the food worsens

I like Dana. No, I really do. The students, the faculty, the campus; I love them all. The way Dana spends money: now that's another story. Though I agree with most "endeavors" that this college wishes to pursue, I think some changes could be made, especially in the cafeteria.

Anyone who eats up at the cafeteria on the weekend might notice a decline in the quality of food. In fact, it's a huge decline. During the week, the food seems fine enough; it's not my mother's home cooking, but nothing to really complain about. However, the weekend cafeteria serves an abundance of food that literally hurts to eat.

I do understand that the trees on our campus don't grow money. There is only so much to go around, and of that small portion, I'm sure that the cafeteria does not receive as much as they would like.

Here's the students' problem: we spend money on our respective meal plans to eat throughout the week, including weekends. Many students choose not to eat at the cafeteria on the weekend due to the quality of food. So, many of us take a trip into town to our favorite fast food restaurant or No Frills. Many of us are spending money not eating at the cafeteria and then spending more

money to eat elsewhere. But what kind of complainer would I be without offering a solution? Maybe someone can clue me in on why the following options wouldn't work.

Plan A: a third and fourth meal plan (call it the "bronze" and "copper" plans... though the names are irrelevant). Students can choose the normal "gold" or "silver" meal plan excluding the weekends. Sounds smarmy to me.

Plan B: student choose how many meals they would like a week and pay accordingly. This would silence many of the meal "time" complaints, and give people the option of eating breakfast some days, or going without on others. Last time I checked, Lincoln does it, so why can't we?

I discussed these options with my fellow classmates and they seem to agree. If it's what the students want, why not give it a try?

—Matt Bloomingdale



The cafeteria: can the weekend food match the weekday food? Nope. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Bring Thanksgiving to the 'needy'

We are a group of five Dana College students who would like to be involved in Blair community and bring some Thanksgiving joy to the needy people within the community.

In conjunction with Country Bible Church, we are raising money for the families who are not fortunate enough to have a Thanksgiving dinner. This project is also done within our Small Group Communication class. Our group will try to help as many families as we can with basic food baskets, which would contain traditional

Thanksgiving items.

Every basket costs \$25.00. By giving a donation today you will make it possible for those in need to have a happy Thanksgiving. Nothing can be better than a feeling of personal satisfaction that you helped families on such a day. Please make Thanksgiving possible for the unfortunate families and donate. Please put check or money orders in the campus mailboxes of Erin Rozelle, Bobby Andrews, Devin Chenault, Kate Veeh or Aleksai Kriatchko.

'The Ring' is one great movie that you *don't* want to see

A videotape that kills you seven days after you watch it. Doesn't sound that frightening, huh? It seems more closely related to an urban legend from the seventh grade than a movie from the horror section.

However, after that initial disappointment, 'The Ring' manages to keep you not only on the edge of your seat, but also permanently attached to the unlucky person sitting next to you.

The movie stars a newspaper reporter, Rachel Keller. As a reporter, she is originally skeptical of this video tape story, until her own niece and four of her friends mysteriously die exactly seven days after viewing the tape. Letting her curiosity get the better of her, she hunts down the tape... and watches it. She then has just one week to unravel the secret of the ring.

After the storyline takes twists and turns though the surreal, and a happy ending is finally within reach, the plot twists and plunges the viewer into a whole different realm. The viewer is left wondering, "what just happened?" and



"what if what I just saw was real?" and "what will I do with the next seven days?"

Overall, the movie was great. The acting was superb and helped captivate the audience and convince them that they may have only one week left. I know more than one person went home paranoid. Descriptions provided by those who have already seen the movie have convinced others that they never want to see it. If you are one of those squeamish types, and are still considering seeing this movie, I suggest you bring a friend.

—Brandie Carlson

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Vikings destroy Morningside football squad, 31-26

Morningside's tough 5-3 record didn't stop an inspired Dana offense from scoring at will; quarterback Chuck Wright nailed three touchdowns and threw only two interceptions, while running back Chevas Lamoya scrambled for 53 big ones. The defense was crucial in the win: linebacker Luke Smith chalked up twenty-one tackles, and T.J. Weis also netted ten

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking football team got back on track last weekend, beating a tough 5-3 Morningside team, 31-26.

Quarterback Chuck Wright led the Vikings to victory, throwing three touchdown passes, his longest to wide receiver Dave Abbott for 93 yards. Wright was 21-43 on the day with only two interceptions.

Running back Chevas Lamoya kept the Morningside defense guessing, carrying the ball nine times for 53 yards. Ronnie Wimberly also got a good share of the running attack, carrying the ball seven times for 34 yards.

Abbott led all receivers on the day, hauling in 9 passes for 173 yards, while Alex Ash was second, catching three passes for 45 yards, two which were for touchdowns.

Freshman quarterback Dan Irwin, who shared snaps with Wright, also scored on a one-yard touchdown run.

The defense held strong throughout the game, holding their quarterback to 14-35 passing, and their number one running back to only 3.4 yards per attempt.

The defense was led by linebacker Luke Smith, who had double the tackles

of anyone else on both sides of the ball. Smith finished the game with 10 solo tackles and 11 assisted tackles.

Behind Smith was T.J. Weis, who chalked up five solo and five assisted tackles, as well as an interception that he returned 41 yards.

Place-kicker Cory Ray was 1-2 on the day, nailing a 27-yard field goal in the first quarter of play.

Smith currently has 84 total tackles on the year, averaging just under 10 per game, and also has the most fumble recoveries with two. Cliff Ellis leads the team in sacks with 6.5, while Jerrod Phillips is second with five.

Mitch Deering leads the team with four interceptions, but Willie Shelton is in reach of taking over the lead, having three himself.



Dana's offense came up big against Morningside, rumbling to 31 points. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

The offensive leaders for the Vikings include Wright, who averages 153.5 yards per game, and Lamoya who averages 41.5 yards per game.

They prepare this week for their final game of the season, where they will host Northwestern here tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Fey wins conference, leading men to third place; Collins takes sixth

Compiled by the Hermes Staff

Dana senior Derek Fey strode to victory today in the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championship, covering the snow-covered 8000-meter course in 25 minutes, 13 seconds.

Fey took the lead shortly after the first mile and battled doubts over the final two miles to win by 20 seconds over the 12-team field of 99 runners.

"I thought at mile three I was about ready to pack it in and call it a day," Fey said after the race. "At mile four, I put in a surge."

"He ran an aggressive and courageous race," said Dana's head coach Jay Birmingham.

The Viking men put together their best team effort to date, placing a close third to 13-rated Concordia, 71-87. Nebraska Wesleyan won with 22 points. Nine other GPAC teams trailed Dana in the team standings.

Garry Clark ran 26:15 to place 16 and Allen Wagner followed in 17 with a 26:25 clocking. Ian Latella was Dana's fourth man in 22 place, 26:38. It was the season's best time for all three.

Ryan Milner completed the Dana

scoring, placing 41 in 27:19, followed by freshman Roger Simpson, whose time of 27:27 placed him 44 overall.

Stephanie Collins ran with the lead pack for almost two miles in the women's 5000 meter race. She placed sixth at the finish in 19:02, twenty-six seconds back of Molly Engel of Concordia. Collins, setting records, became the first Dana woman to medal since 1997.

Dana placed eighth in the 12-team field, beating Briar Cliff, Midland Lutheran, Mount Marty, and Dakota Wesleyan. Concordia won with 30 points.

Alicia Widtfeldt was the second Viking runner, 50 in 21:10, pursued by teammate Katie Robinson who ran 21:12 for 54. Petey Sparacino placed 58, running 21:21 and Lindsey Bliemeister completed the Viking scoring, placing 83 in 22:53.

The next competition for Dana's cross country teams is November 12 at the NAIA Region IV Championships to be contested at Lincoln's Pioneers Park.

Twenty-five teams will race to determine who advances to the NAIA National Championships on Nov. 23 in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Hastings ends season for women's soccer team with late goal, 1-0

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking women's soccer team's outstanding season ended abruptly Wednesday night as they lost to Hastings, 1-0.

Hastings scored with 13 seconds left in the game to give them the 1-0 lead and the win in the GPAC semi-finals.

Goalkeeper Melissa Respeliers had an outstanding game with 15 saves.

"The girls played hard and gave it everything they had," head coach Kristen Gay said. "We had as many op-

portunities as Hastings did. We had a great season and look forward to next year."

The Vikings won their first round game against Briar Cliff last Friday, beating them 4-1 for the second time in the same week.

Juniors Julie Miller, Natalie Sifers and Tanya Dugan all scored goals for the Vikings.

The Vikings finished the season with a 15-4-1 record.

The Viking men's soccer season ended on a promising note as they won their last game against Briar Cliff 2-1.

The men ended their season, 2-15.

Dana junior Tanya Dugan, on left, prepares for a sharp Dana attack as junior Jeannie Mayotte, right, dribbles the ball away from a charging Hastings defender. The women lost in the final seconds as Hastings scored the only goal of the game. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

