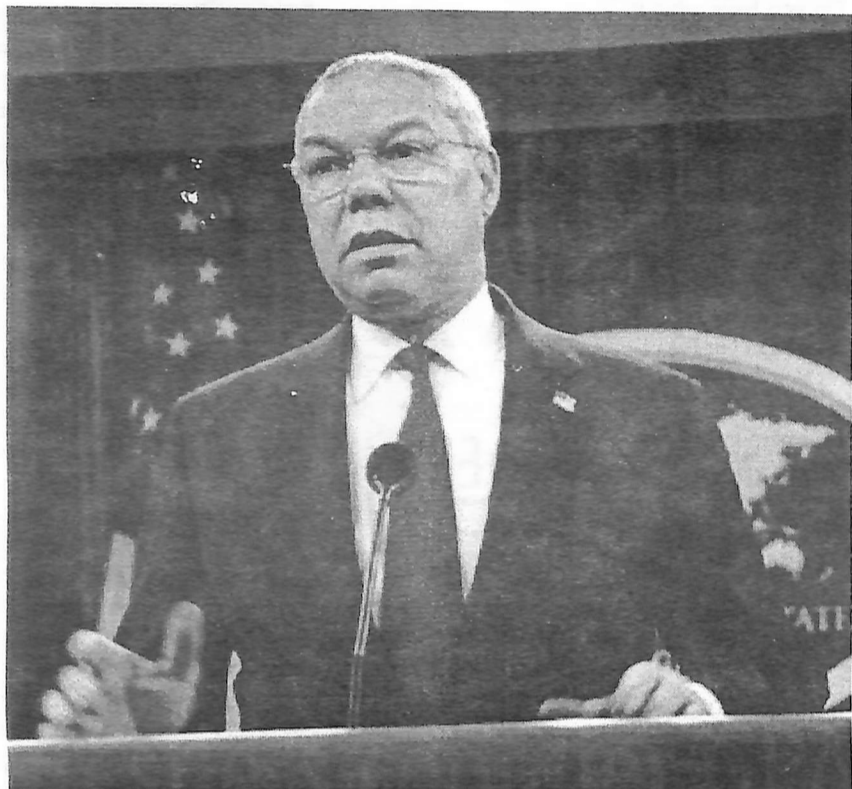


Inevitable war: Iraq?



United States Secretary of State Colin Powell recently addresses members of the United Nations in regard to Iraq's noncompliance in disarming according to Security Council Resolution 1441. Photo courtesy of U.S. State Department.

Jeff Mangus
Assistant Editor

More fuel may have appeared for the United States' claim that Iraq has defied United Nations disarmament resolutions. U.N. weapons inspectors have determined, after meetings Monday and Tuesday in New York, that Iraq's Al Samoud 2 missile exceeds range limits previously set by the United Nations. Hans Blix, the head of the inspectors, told the Council that the missile appears to have an effective range of 114 miles, while resolutions from the United Nations decree that missiles must be able to fly no more than 90 miles.

A second type of missile, Al Fatah, is also the subject of debate by inspectors, but they have reached no definite conclusion at this time. Iraq has already released Al Samoud 2 missiles among its military, potentially endangering any attacking forces.

The United States, which until now has primarily based its argument on so-called negative evidence—such as the lack of documentation for some Iraqi weaponry—may have more cause for war-mongering now that something resembling “a smoking gun” has been found.

But French officials, taking the opposite view, insist that the new

evidence proves that the inspectors are succeeding.

Members of the U.N. Security Council say that Blix may request Iraq release all illegal weapons to the inspectors, but many other diplomats do not expect Iraq to comply, with the growing threat of a United-States-led invasion.

France, Germany and Russia have requested an open meeting of the U.N.

the Council could still be ironed out. Mr. Powell said he thought the United Nations would rally around the original resolution, meaning that they would come to agree with the United States, but added that if it did not happen, the United States would head a “coalition of the willing” on an invasion of Iraq.

In anticipation of the coming war, American forces continue to arrive and fortify the Middle East. More than

“Nobody wants war, but sometimes it's necessary when you need it to maintain international order.”

— U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell

Council's foreign ministers today to hear the testimony of the inspectors. Diplomats from Russia, China, Germany, France, Britain, and the United States will attend. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the meeting “a moment of truth” and added, “Nobody wants war, but sometimes it's necessary when you need it to maintain international order.”

But some nonpermanent Council members called the meeting useless and said they dreaded that more posturing than problem-solving would take place. “We're supposed to be getting work done,” said one envoy. “It's a mess.”

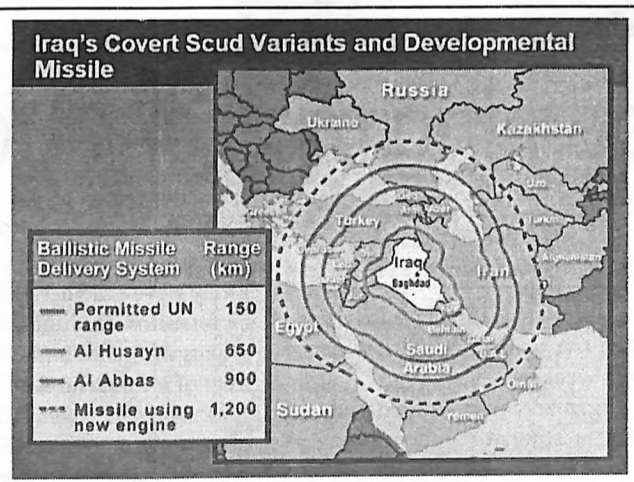
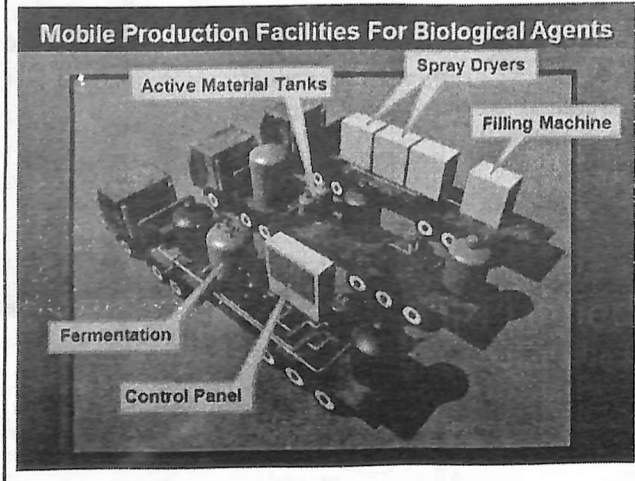
Officials from the United States, reiterating independence from the Council, said they thought disputes with

150,000 American troops are now surrounding Iraq. Britain has contributed 45,000 troops, who are still arriving. Four aircraft carriers, with entourages of cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and other mobile platforms, sail in the gulf and the Mediterranean outside Iraq. Coalition aircraft now drop leaflets, printed in Arabic, telling Iraqi civilians to avoid Iraqi military installations and what frequencies the coalition forces are using for broadcast purposes.

Evidence obtained by American and British forces suggests that Iraq is preparing for war.

Pentagon officials said recently that

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Clockwise from lower left: United States computer-simulated and photographic evidence of biological, chemical, and missile violations of the United Nations resolutions. Foreign diplomats will meet today to discuss Iraqi missiles with ranges exceeding U.N. specifications, as shown in the upper-right diagram.

Diagrams courtesy of U.S. State Department.

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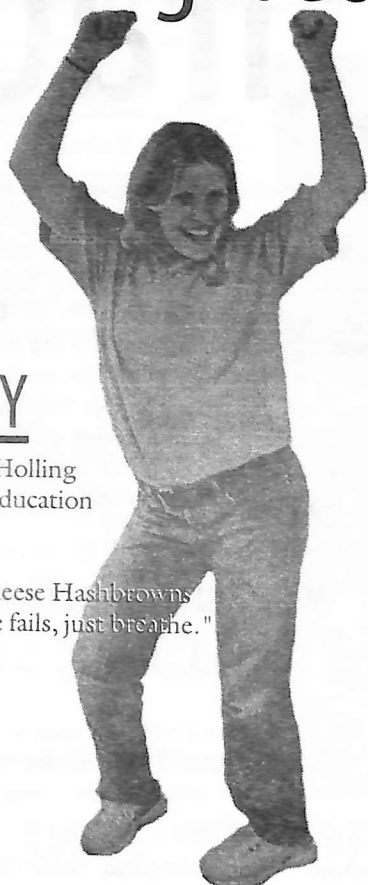
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The ins and outs of being and becoming a Resident Assistant

TIFFANY

RA on 2nd floor Holling
Major: Physical Education
Age:20
Status: Junior
Favorite food: Cheese Hashbrowns
Quote: "If all else fails, just breathe."



It's that time of year again, when resident assistants make plans to leave and slots are opening everywhere. Do you have what it takes to be a R.A.?

Mike "Chief" Olson, Dana's director of Residence Life, has been in the R.A. business for a while, and has worked for Dana for a year and a half. If anyone is more enthusiastic about the R.A. way of life, it's Chief. "I couldn't sell you a car," he laughs, "but I could sell you a residence hall!"

A resident assistant is a jack of all trades, according to Chief. They are leaders, listeners, advice-givers, friends, psychiatrists, organizers, partiers, and teachers. "I use the term 'Human Development Facilitator,'" says Chief. "They help other humans facilitate their time at Dana. R.A.s are community builders."

The perks of being a R.A. are numerous. In addition to leadership experience, a R.A. has a prestigious position on campus: you get a single room and double price, roughly \$1700 a year, and according to Chief, "at least 60% of R.A.s improve their GPA." The Assistant Hall Director has it even better – the Assistant Hall Director's dorm has three rooms, a kitchen, and free cable. The pay is more, and you get your own parking space.

There's more to being a R.A. than the material rewards, however. "There are a lot of challenges to over-

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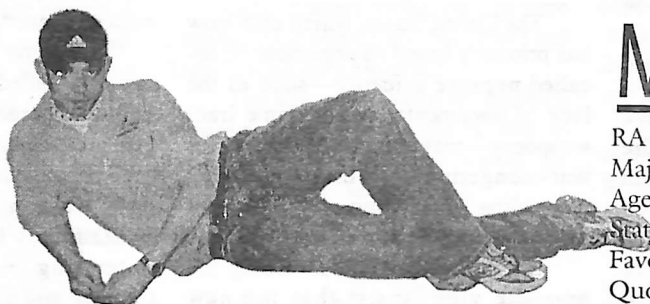
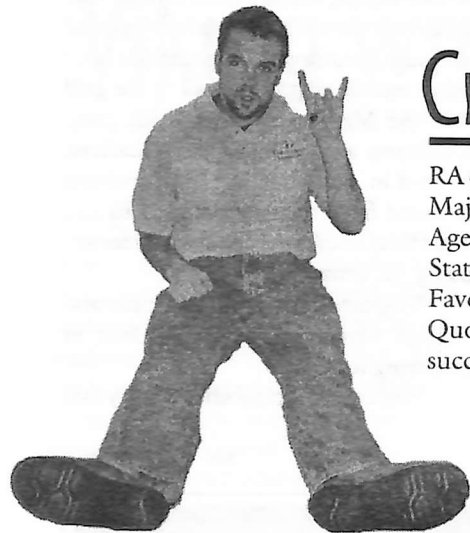
KJAER

RA on 4th floor Blair
Major: Art Education
Age:21
Status: Senior
Favorite Hobby: Dreaming
Quote: "When your deepest thoughts are broken, keep on dreamin' boy, cause when you stop dreamin' it's time to die."



CHESTON

RA on 2nd floor Holling
Major: Business
Age:22
Status: Senior
Favorite color: Red
Quote: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."



MATT

RA on 3rd floor Holling
Major: English/Communication
Age:19
Status: Sophomore
Favorite movie: "Pulp Fiction"
Quote: "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself."

Teeming mob of students attend Winterfest Dance

Lynsie Cetto
Staff Writer

More Dana students than usual attended the annual Winterfest dance this past weekend.

Organizers were thrilled with the increase in student numbers over last year. "We sold over 135 dinner tickets, about 60 dance tickets, and some bought tickets at the door, which was up from last year. Overall, Winterfest was a huge success," said Dana Activities Director Lisha Palm.

She added that much of the success came from the students themselves. "A lot can be attributed to the hard-work of the Winterfest committee headed by Chuck Wright," she said.

There were a few new editions to the dance atmosphere that made this dance special. One of them was a memorable slide show prepared by Derek Davis. This was a photographic span of each candidate's life with music each

candidate felt depicted them. Another addition was a hand-painted mural by Emily Neve's mother. This received a lot of attention throughout the night as groups of friends and dates gathered in front of it for pictures.

The dance went well, despite occasional slip-ups by the disc jockey. "The group of people who were at Winterfest were a lot of fun. Even at 12:30 a.m., when the dance was over, people were still requesting songs," said Palm.

This year's King and Queen were the ever popular and most deserving Cheston Fields and MacKenzie Krause. Fields is involved in many activities on campus, including being a Student Body President, Resident Assistant, Dana Diplomat, and part of many other clubs and organizations.

Mackenzie Krause keeps herself busy by participating in many campus organizations as well: Student Senate, Student Activities Director, SEA, CEC, Campus Crusades and more.

"I think it's important to be involved you get to know a lot of different people. That's really where I've found my place," said Krause. "I was just honored to be on court to begin with, and the other girls were great, so when they read my name I was surprised and excited!"

Fields shared in Krause's excitement. "I felt truly honored to even be on court, and to be named king was a moment I will never forget."

Other moments to remember included the music, food, and dancing with fellow Dana students. All of these proved to be a good combi-



King Cheston Fields and Queen MacKenzie Krause smile happily as she pats her crown. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

nation for Dana students who just want to have fun, and they found an opportunity to do just that.

Dana's students: maturity, or the total lack of it

Four DVD/VHS players, smoking popcorn, video-game-inspired anger, and a shattered desk all point to a growing problem

Maturity: the state or quality of being fully grown or developed.

Also, a characteristic rarely found or demonstrated by the Dana College student body. In all fairness, I must give kudos to those who actually take part in college activities, those that hold the leadership positions, and the few who actually get their OWN homework done. Those people are the ones really

preparing themselves for their future... and you know who you are.

The other part of the Dana College family is still unable to grasp this concept of "maturity." I know I am far from perfect, and I have made some irrefutable mistakes in my

college career, but I feel I am on a path to growing up and learning from my mistakes. Isn't that what college is all about? Growing up, maturing, and learning self-control? Obviously we are still going to have those few that are always make fun of others, get angry at authorities for disciplining them after breaking the more-than-obvious rules, and vandalizing things for no apparent reason (including my own property), and

then blaming it on someone else.

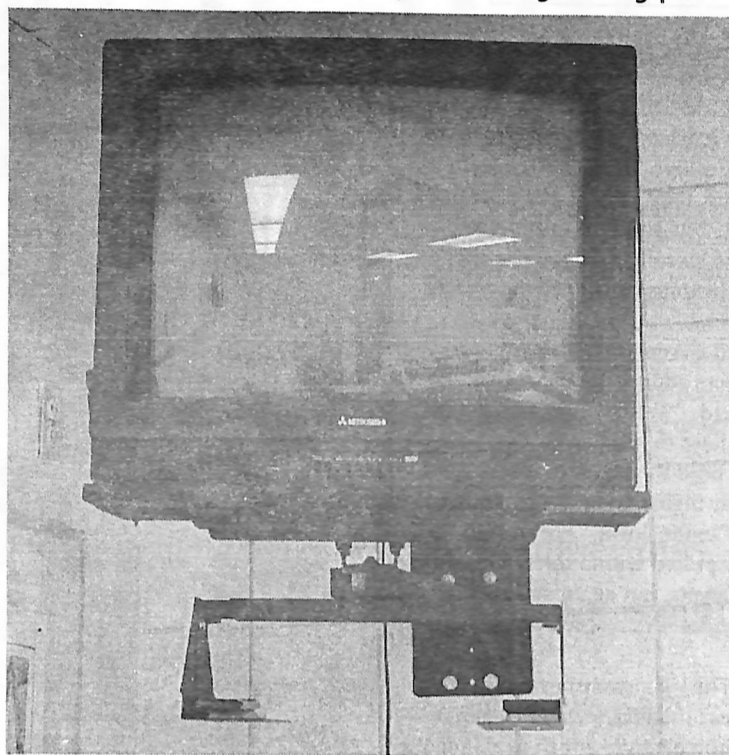
This is the mindset all around the campus. People are always trying to find a scapegoat for their own faults. If you throw a desk across the hall and it shatters right in front of two RAs and say it was because you were angry about a video game, you're still most likely going to get written up. If you are caught smoking pot and you tell 5 RAs that it

was popcorn, it probably isn't going to fly. Setting off the fire alarms and spraying the fire extinguishers just isn't cool. Do people not realize this? I know that sometimes people just like to joke around, TP

people's rooms, and hide their keys from them, but why do others have to be so destructive? This week I even found out that four, not one, not two, but FOUR DVD/VHS players were taken out of DCC. Rumor has it that they were stolen. I just don't get it.

Why is it that so many people at this school have no respect for people or property? Why can't people take responsibility for their own actions?

"Why is that so many people at this school have no respect for people or property? Why can't people take responsibility...?"



Disappearing act: One of four DVD/VHS players allegedly stolen from various classrooms in DCC. Photo by Matt Bloomingdale.

Since I haven't been to any other college, I don't know if this is normal at a college like Dana, but this behavior just doesn't seem right to me. I guess maybe stepping back and realizing the child-like ways of some of the student body the past two years is part of growing up and maturing.

I am able to look at the big picture and see what is really going on. I just hope that the group that is having the "maturity" problem will be able to take the initiative and GROW UP!

-Rebekah Kehm

Small-town drinking includes hidden dangers

Myiah Hutchens
Daily Evergreen (Wash. State U.)

(U-WIRE) - On almost any college campus there are students who drink. While research shows that small amounts of alcohol can be beneficial, there's a point when alcohol use is alcohol abuse.

Jerry Pastore, a substance abuse counselor at Washington State University's Counseling Services, says use becomes abuse when drinking causes or creates an undesired effect.

Pastore said students tell him they drink for the social aspect, such as relaxing or feeling less shy. Yet most of the students can describe a negative effect they have experienced from drinking.

"Whether they think so or not, alcohol impacts their lives," Pastore said.

Negative effects that students describe vary from blackouts, hangovers, illness, sexual encounters that would not

have happened without alcohol, missing class or doing poorly on a test, or having to take an alcohol class.

On Oct. 30, the bar Valhalla in Pullman, Wash., was issued an Administrative Violation Notice after allegedly overserving someone on their 21st birthday, said Tony Pizzillo, representative for the Washington State Liquor Board.

Witnesses said the young man consumed 15 to 20 shots of alcohol between 12:00 and 1:30 a.m. After he went home, he stopped breathing and was taken to the hospital for detoxification.

Although the Pullman Memorial Hospital would not confirm the report, it was reported his blood alcohol content was 0.527, which was one of the highest BACs ever recorded at the hospital.

Pastore said most people do not realize that their typical drink often contains more alcohol than they think.

Pastore said a standard drink is

one 12-ounce beer, 4 to 5 ounces of wine and 1.5 ounces of hard alcohol.

"A lot of people take that red keg cup and add booze to taste," Pastore said. "[Students in the class] are surprised when they realize the one drink they have is really like two or three."

One of the other myths that Pastore is intent on dispelling is that people can do something to make themselves less drunk. Pastore said that after someone stops drinking, their BAC goes down 0.016 per hour, and eating, sleeping, or drinking more water can not change that.

Patricia Maarhuis, the prevention program coordinator at WSU, said her goal is to broaden options for WSU students, so they don't feel their only option is drinking. "Some students in a small town see drinking as their only option for celebrating, but that's not the case," Maarhuis said.

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they have observed Iraqi forces transporting explosives into the southern sections of Iraq to prepare for blowing bridges, bursting dams, and burning oil fields to hinder an American attack.

Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said, "If hostilities begin, Saddam is likely to employ a 'scorched earth' strategy, destroying food, transportation, energy and other infrastructure, attempting to create a humanitarian disaster significant enough to stop a military advance."

But leading American commanders say publicly that such efforts will not be a problem in the war, as their war plans include measures to render the sabotage harmless. Privately, however, some commanders have expressed doubts.

Mr. Powell underwent recent careful questioning in Congress about the possibility of explosive backlash in the Arabic world after an invasion of Iraq. Might there be some type of universal repercussion from attacking a sovereign Arab state, potentially without the consent of the United Nations?

Powell said he was certain there would be disturbances, or "blowback," but that it was to be expected. But, he hastened to add, it really shouldn't matter.

"We can't say that because there is blowback, we shouldn't act, with or without U.N. permission."

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B-ball: men fall, 78-99, to sharp Hastings

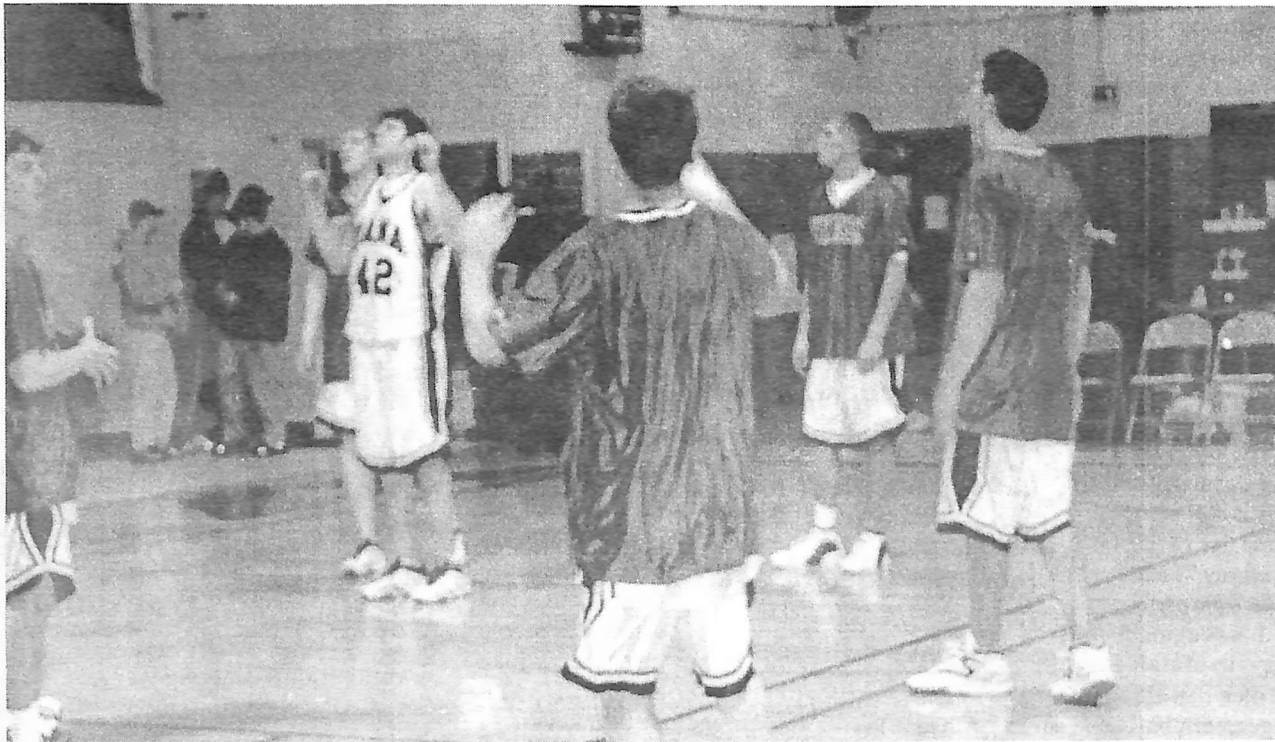
Christen Neben
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team finished with a disappointing home loss to Hastings College this past Wednesday. Players said they played some quality basketball, but some unfortunate foul trouble and excellent late-game shooting from Hastings consigned the men to a 78-99 defeat.

Chad Harder didn't have any specific answers addressing the defeat. He simply said, "When they shoot that good, it's hard to keep up."

The boys were back in action again on Saturday night playing Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. For part of the game they pulled within three points of their opponents, but again struggled toward the end and finally fell 67-85 to the Tigers.

The Vikings are now 10-17 with three games left in the season. Their next and final home game, which is also the Alumni Visit Day, will arrive on Saturday as they face Briar Cliff at 4 p.m.



Outplayed: members of the men's basketball team contemplate their recent loss to Hastings. They fell 78-99 after running into foul trouble and being simply outpaced and outshot by a very capable Hastings team. Photo by Christen Neben.

Viking wrestlers conquer GPAC Conference

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking wrestling team added yet another trophy to their case last Saturday, dominating the first annual GPAC Conference Tournament, held at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD. The Vikings crowned five champions at the tournament, winning the team title by more than 25 points.

Senior Art Castillo, junior Wynn Fangmeier, sophomores Leister Bowling

and Mark Lander and freshman Jason Lozier each earned first place honors at the meet. Senior Ed Schmitt, junior Brian Welte and freshmen Ryan Knight and Vern Haakenson all placed second for the Vikings.

"I was happy that we won a conference championship today," said head coach Steve Costanzo. "This was one of the goals that we had coming into the year, and I hope that we can build from this and take this into the re-

gional and national tournament."

Other placers for the Vikings were freshmen Ben Henderson (4 overall) and Trent Leichter (3 overall).

The Vikings traveled to Marshall, Missouri Wednesday night to take on the fourth ranked Missouri Valley Vikings, eventually losing 19-13.

Winners for the Vikings included sophomores Brian Tsutsumi and Bowling and Fangmeier. Lozier scored a huge 2-0 victory over the fourth-ranked wrestler in the nation.

In past action, the Vikings also wrestled Truman State University Wednesday night, winning 33-18.

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come," says Anthony Metcalf, the current Assistant Hall Director, "but it sets you up for the challenges in life." Chief would agree that being a R.A. is a tough job sometimes. "Being a R.A. here is rewarding, but difficult. You have to know how to manage time, and you have to make sacrifices."

But what steps are needed to take to become a R.A.? For one, you need to have at least a 2.5 GPA, and be able to maintain good grades. "All our R.A.s are over 3.0, though," says Chief. You also have to have lived on campus for a minimum of one semester, have sophomore standing and to be available to work for two semesters. Chief also recommends a "burning desire" to have the position.

If you meet these requirements, the next step is to get application sheets. If you didn't go to Prospective R.A. night on Wednesday, talk to Chief. During Prospective R.A. night, applications and information are given. Depending on the number of applicants, interviews will be set up for those who are the most qualified.

Once resident assistants are chosen, training is in order. The training usually takes place in the summer, six days before freshman orientation. There are a few tie-ins with the orientation leaders, but a resident assistant can't be an orientation leader as well. That would be too much on one plate.

"I think being an R.A. is excellent," says Metcalf. A junior now, he spent last year as a R.A. He was friends with Cheston Field, got interested in resident assistance, and "found out all the cool things about being an R.A." He was drawn to the opportunity to be a leader, to advance. "I'm also a real people person," Anthony says.

There are roughly ten to 12 Resident Assistant slots to fill for next year, and all students applicable are encouraged to try for one. If you are a leader and laugh in the face of challenges and poor time management, maybe this is the job for you.

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