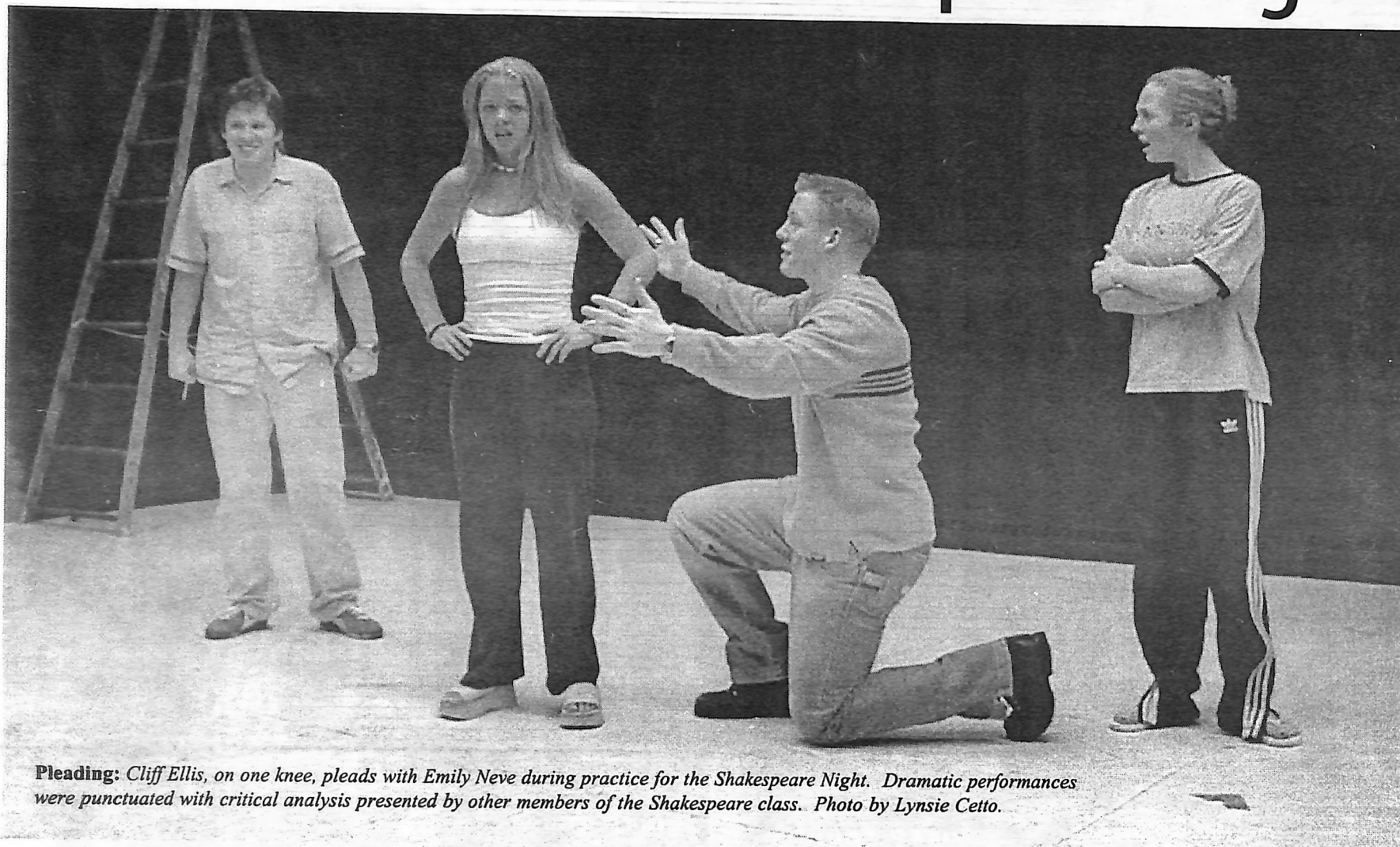




## Students create 'Shakespeare Night'



**Pleading:** Cliff Ellis, on one knee, pleads with Emily Neve during practice for the Shakespeare Night. Dramatic performances were punctuated with critical analysis presented by other members of the Shakespeare class. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

**Lysie Cetto**  
Staff Writer

Shakespeare is the writer most often critiqued and discussed in the world. This Tuesday evening in the Black Box, Dana students accepted the challenge to perform and critique Shakespeare.

Shakespeare was not the only playwright of his time, but he is the one that everyone remembers and he's the playwright that has become a household name. Christopher Marlow was a competitor of Shakespeare and during

their era, their competition was fierce. The first critiques of Shakespeare's plays began to spring up. His plays also received a lot of attention because they were very politically charged.

Especially his historical plays, which in essence capture decades of action, fictionalize and present the content in the light appropriate for the political standings of the current kingdom. So people at one time critiqued Shakespeare's plays because he had competition and because they were politically charged. But why do his plays still receive constant critiques and attention? "In the plays that Shakespeare wrote, there are so many diverse characters. One finds in these

characters a variety of human qualities that have inspired readers and theatre-goers over the ages. In fact, one critic named Herald Bloom has suggested that Shakespeare is responsible for inventing what it means to be a modern human being. From the contemplation and indecision of Hamlet, to the body and pragmatic responses of Falstaff, Bloom says that Shakespeare has inspired us to see the human experience as varied and complex. We continue to study Shakespeare because we see human actions and instincts that we recognize in ourselves," said John Mark Nielsen, who teaches the course at Dana.

Students often read "Macbeth" and

"Romeo and Juliet" in high school, and currently this semester the Shakespeare class on campus is forging ahead in an attempt to read and discuss 11 plays. A portion of the class's grade was based on their participation and roles in the Shakespearean Evening Tuesday night. "I enjoyed the project because I like to act; and I think Shakespeare is best understood in the performance aspect rather than when just reading the text," said Todd Maxwell.

With an all-star cast featuring many veterans to the stage, the performance portion of the evening was deemed a

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## Iraq: celebration and civil disorder

American troops have won the major battles of the war. Iraqi citizens are reacting in various ways

**Jeff Mangus**  
Assistant Editor

After only three weeks of fighting in Iraq, the capital has fallen to American forces and citizens are openly proclaiming their hatred of the former Iraqi government.

The Iraqi army couldn't hold a candle to the power and speed of American forces, despite their unexpected attacks on American supply lines and paramilitary action in the southern areas of Iraq. Fedayeen troops proved a minor problem

for American troops, but the supply lines came through as expected after initial difficulties.

Commanders and politicians are careful to say that there is still resistance in Baghdad.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has said that although Baghdad has fallen and the statues of Hussein are tumbling down, the war "is most assuredly not over." Fighting continues in the northern areas of Iraq in Tikrit.

Light American forces battle alongside Kurdish pesh merga troops against Iraqi garrisons there.

Rumsfeld also said that the war could continue for weeks, or months, as American forces mop up pockets of resistance and track down loyalists to the former regime using a cash system. Special operations forces and Central Intelligence Agency officers will search for members of Hussein's staff and party.

The location of Hussein and his sons has not been determined. American intelligence is unsure whether he is dead or alive, though there have been several attempts to kill him.

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## 'Dry campus': how Dana handles alcohol

The approach used by Dana to prohibit alcohol use on campus is more educational than punitive, says Jebson



Beer Stash: No-Frills, a store located in Blair, sells alcoholic beverages to the town as well as groceries. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

**Rene Nicolay**  
Feature Editor

There are many things you, as a young adult, face when you come to college.

You have freedom to make your own choices, but also the responsibility to take care of yourself.

Escaping the possibly oppressive gaze of your parents or guardian, the temptation to live *la vida loca* is a strong one, indeed. Most people have the preconceived notion that going to college equals rivers of booze, but as Chris Jebson, the Dean of Students, will tell you, less people drink in college than most people think.

Dana College is a "dry campus": it is

free of alcohol not only on campus, but in any activity that is student driven, for example, the Winterfest dance held each year.

A pamphlet that Jebson hands out to parents of students has some startling facts that may cause you to appreciate the lack of availability on campus. According to this brochure published by the Century Council, alcohol is involved with:

- 30% of drop outs
- 36% of academic failures
- 60% of violent behaviors
- 64% of unsafe sexual practices
- 70% of acquaintance rapes

Now, it's all well and good to insist that you will drink responsibly, so the alcohol policy on campus doesn't matter.

But it doesn't matter if you drink responsibly; there is no guarantee that

others will. "The fact that Dana is a dry campus contributes to less vandalism and crime on campus," says Jebson, "while assisting the well-being of the community."

With Dana's total of alcohol on your sparkling is less likely to get stolen or wasted in the middle of the night.

What happens if a student gets caught with a bottle of beer on campus?

"Our discipline process, simply as it relates to alcohol policy violations, is not meant to be punitive, but an opportunity to grow and learn from the situation," says Jebson.

Basically, the student in question sits down with someone from Student Life in a "discipline meeting." In the most typical case, Professor David Hoppe, who teaches psychology as well as acts as a counselor for students, will do an evaluation of the

student to determine if they feel they are in control of their behavior or not, and then the student faces either a fine or some community service.

It is only when the alcohol is associated with either a violation of some other policy or if it is a habitual violation that the student's status is jeopardized.

Jebson insists that the policy is in place to protect, as most policies are. "It's not as if we monitor each person coming in to see if they have alcohol on their breath.

We want to monitor and address behavior."

Jebson currently is toying with the idea of implementing a standardized survey to see how many students drink. The brochure in Jebson's personal office reads:

"Availability of Alcohol + Absence of Parents + Desire to Fit In = potentially risky drinking decisions."

In the past few years, some Dana students have received punishment for some drinking-related offenses,

but Dana's overall record is clean.

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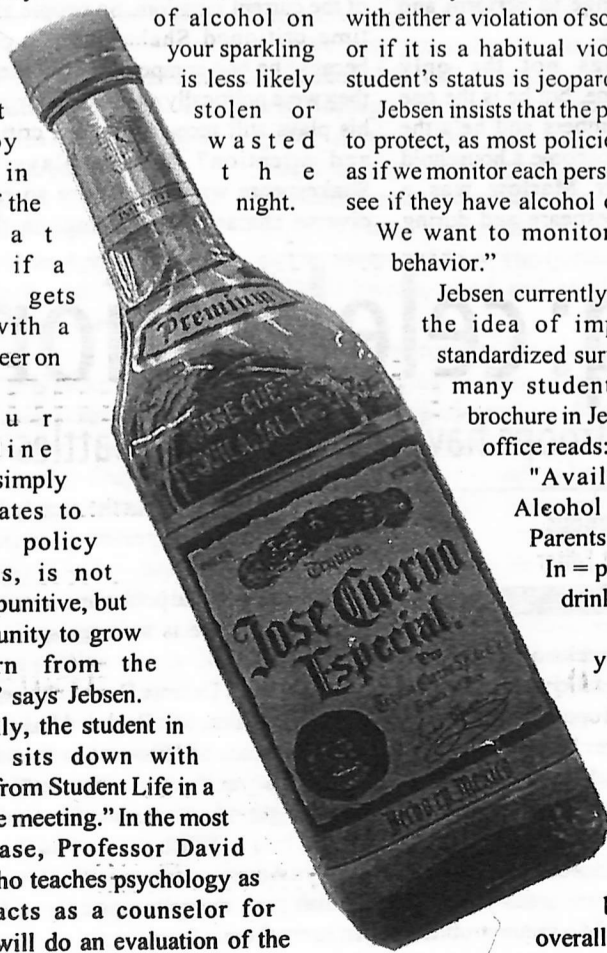
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success. "The intimate setting helped me relate to the acts," Marcie Smidt noted.

If you missed Andy Miller's hilarious performance of a drunken porter, or Mara Bartlett and Emily Neve getting all heated up and ready to fight each other over a couple of guys, you could always go to the library and check out one of the many videotapes of Shakespeare's plays; but it just won't be the same.

The actors and actresses did an outstanding job.

Cliff Ellis and Todd Maxwell will probably never again fight for Emily Neve's hand, but Tuesday evening the audience was pampered with some fine performances.

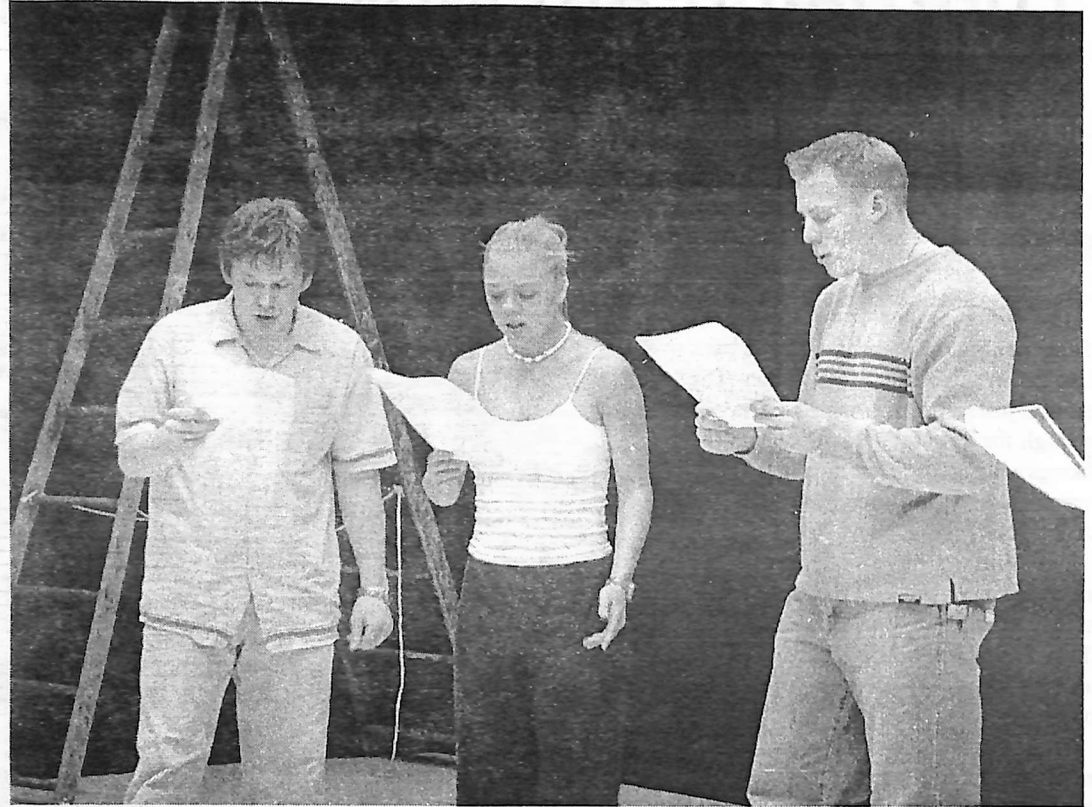
"Mistress of Ceremonies" Ginger Kruger had the tedious and grueling task of summarizing each play and bringing the audience up to speed with what was currently taking place. Others were involved painted sets (Kjaer Kirkegaard), critically analyzing the plays (Chris Headley, Jeff Mangus, Rene Nicolay, Jenn Gochenour, Katie Robinson, Owen Day, and Jessica Holz), making professional-looking programs (Jess Holz and Jenn Gochenour), or publicizing and

videotaping the performances (Lynsie Cetto).

The project seemed to take off on its own and their professor, John Mark Nielsen, watched and enjoyed all of the performances from the audience with his wife.

The audience present received a polished and sometimes hilarious mix of performances, all the while gaining extensive peeks into the world and construction of Shakespeare.

Even as the flyers said "Got Culture?" the audience Tuesday evening definitely "got some."



**Practicing:** From left: Todd Maxwell, Emily Neve and Cliff Ellis practice their lines in the days before the Shakespearean Night. The event was held in the Black Box, was free to students and was performed before a substantial audience Tuesday night. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

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The latest attack consisted of four American bunker-busting bombs dropped on an expensive, upper-class neighborhood in Baghdad.

There is also little evidence suggesting the presence of chemical or biological weapons in Iraq. American forces have found only a few mysterious canisters and tests do not indicate precisely what may be inside.

Post-Hussein Iraq is finding itself in the midst of joy, but also chaos. Looting, murder and violence are prevalent in Baghdad and Basra after members of the regime simply disappeared and coalition troops moved inside the city. American officials say they are attempting to ship food and water to conquered cities as quickly as possible, and will attempt to induce stability in the cities without actually occupying them.

There is speculation also that civilians in outlying parts of Iraq may not realize what is happening in Baghdad. Many families do not have landline telephones, and many lack food and water. Bush administration officials admit that more troops may be needed in the major cities to restore civil order, which has broken down entirely in the sudden vacuum of power.

Officials are trying to send the message to the Iraqi people that the American Army is not an conquering force. They have forbidden the display of American flags on any vehicles, statues, command posts or buildings.

American officials also say that they are convening potential Iraqi leaders to attempt to bring order to the country. These leaders may be drawn from groups both inside and outside Iraq.

## Iraqi citizens welcome Marines



**Free at last:** Iraqi citizens from Aziz, Iraq, welcome Marines from Regimental Combat Team 1. The Marines gave medical attention to Iraqi civilians who led the team to a weapons cache on April 5, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photo courtesy of the Department of Defense.

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April 14-16

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The Hermes Staff

# Football team looks forward to next season

As baseball and softball canceled their games because of weather, the football team began preparing for 2003

**Marshall Marquardt**  
Sports Editor

The Viking football team brings loads of experience and talented returners back this year in hope of a great season. The team has just started spring ball, but hopes are high for the 2003 season, where the Vikings will play 11 games for the first time ever, including 10 conference games and one non-conference game.

The Vikings have many returning upperclassmen that look to lead them to victory next year. Senior quarterback Chuck Wright will be at the offensive helm next year, after sharing time with sophomore Dan Irwin last year.

The Vikings offensive strategy is known as the Air Strike Offense, which averaged over 400 yards per game the last three games of the season.

"Wright is a senior that has a strong arm," head coach Bill Danenhauer said, "and Irwin got a lot of experience last year that you never know when it will come in handy."

Other offensive returners for the Vikings are senior running back Chevas Lamoya, offensive linemen Steve Costello, Ross Jensen and Sione Maka, and receivers Doug Bargman and Kio Coffie.

"Jensen is a lot stronger than last year which will help out tremendously and Costello, Lamoya, Maka, Bargman and Coffie are all two year starters who bring



**Improving:** The football team, shown here playing last season, is excited about incoming players. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

valuable experience into their positions," Danenhauer said. "Alex Ash should be a great receiver for us next year as well, after making some huge catches last year."

On defense, junior middle linebacker TJ Weiss might have the toughest job, stepping into former All-American Luke Smith's position.

Weiss played last year, but will see a lot more action at the middle linebacker position.

"Weiss will have a tough job but we

have a lot of confidence in him getting the job done at that position and making a lot of tackles for us next year," Danenhauer said.

Other key performers on the defensive side will be two returning All-Conference defensive ends. Cliff Ellis (Second Team All-Conference) and Jerrod Phillip (Honorable Mention All-Conference) will both be seniors next year who will be looked to for leadership.

Senior Adam Peterson will be returning to his outside linebacker position, while converted defensive back Willie Shelton will be counted on more next year after the graduation of three year starter and Second Team All-Conference selection Mitch Deering.

The Vikings will also look for help from some key underclassmen and some players who were injured last year.

Senior Clint Winey, who tore his biceps muscle and had it replaced with an Achilles tendon, will be back and looking for playing time at the linebacker position.

Junior Chris Finke will also be back after back surgery.

Sophomores Travis Hines (defensive back), Clay Salberg (outside linebacker) and Mitch Chappellear (defensive tackle), and senior John Stuehm (defensive tackle) should also get valuable playing time after gaining considerable size in the off-season.

"Some of these guys have done a tremendous job in the off-season," Danenhauer said. "They have been training and lifting hard and are looking good."

The Vikings open next year with perhaps their biggest rival—

Midland Lutheran. Last year's game came down to a thrilling loss, 37-31, on their turf, but the game is at home this year and many of the players are already looking forward to it.

"It is going to be one of the biggest and best games of the year," Wright said. "Everyone gets so fired up and it is one of the best feelings in the world to beat your rival."

Danenhauer also thought it would be a big game, saying, "It is always a wild game, Midland and us, and it should be a big start for the year. If we win the game, it can set the tone for the whole season."

According to Danenhauer, the Vikings will have to make a few key changes to their game plan to try and establish themselves as a top GPAC team.

"We have got to find the key so that both sides of the ball, offense and defense, are playing well and consistent every game. At times last year, our defense would be good and our offense not as productive and vice versa," Danenhauer said. "We need to alleviate interceptions and turnovers and there's no question that we will have a good and productive offense."

The Viking coaches are also at work every day, trying to bring in some top individuals to try and make a difference. According to Danenhauer, the Vikings' top recruit is Shaun O'Connell, a linebacker from Millard North High School in Omaha. Another top recruit for the Vikings is offensive guard Greg Hill from Omaha Gross High School.

Both of these players have verbally committed and will sign their letters of intent next week. Another player who could contribute right away is kicker/punter Jake Lebeda from Omaha Northwest High School, who has also verbally committed.

"We have a lot of really great kids from both Nebraska and Iowa, and with a little prayer and luck, we will win games," Danenhauer said.

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