

Radio pumps up the volume

Dana's KDCV radio receives a complete make-over

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Have you listened to the Dana radio station, KDCV 91.1 FM, lately? If you haven't, then you probably should. There have been several changes made to the station this year. One such change is in what type of music the station will air.

"We changed it to an alternative rock genre," said Junior Pete Geldes.

With the change in genre they have added more songs to their playlist. This includes songs from popular artists such as Linkin Park, Primus, and No Doubt.

"We basically play what people want to listen to," Geldes went on to say.

As of October 21, the station is now available to listen to online. So, anyone interested can listen in no matter where they are at the newly created site www.huntel.net/kdcv.

Due to past incidents at this time there are no regular student shows being aired, although there are plans in the works.

"Hopefully, second semester we will have radio shows," said Geldes.

To ensure that things go more smoothly than the previous year, there is a much stricter monitoring system in place to avoid any possible violations.

With the upcoming shows there will be an opportunity for more diversity in the types of music being played and will give students



Senior Dustin Abrahams and faculty advisor Vern Wirka work in the radio station to make it more enjoyable for student listeners. Check it out on your radio by tuning into 91.1 FM or www.huntel.net/kdcv. Photo provided by Communication Department

a voice in what they want to hear. The programs will showcase specific types of music that are different from what it is in the usual rotation at this time.

In addition to this, they are hoping to bring back an on-the-air LARP review. This would be when a student who has read the book will go on air and help out fellow students in understanding the week's assigned reading for LARP. Any one with questions will have the opportunity to call in and get them answered. Students not struggling may find more discussion material.

Right now the radio station is being operated by students of the radio broadcasting class which

includes Junior Pete Geldes, Junior Kyle Walters, Sophomore Rosalyn Wilson, Junior Anthony Perry, Junior Eric Meurer, Senior Tulai Opetiaia, and Junior Sara Bojanski. The current student manager is Senior Dustin Abrahams and the faculty advisor is Vern Wirka. They have plans for making the radio an outlet for all students on campus.

"At the end of this semester we want to start a radio club," said Senior Kyle Walters.

Students interested in learning more about how a radio station operates are also encouraged to enroll in the radio broadcasting class for the chance to get involved and get on the air. With all the changes being

made to the station, there should be something for everyone to enjoy and even participate in.

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Beetle problem creates bug fun for students

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Recently local farmers imported beetles to kill a specific plant or some smaller bug. Unfortunately, those beetles decided they liked Nebraska so much, they overpopulated the entire area. They appear to enjoy dorm rooms especially. However, some might not appreciate these uninvited guests. Here's a few ways to deal.

- Duct tape your entire window shut.
- Use hairspray to freeze them to death.
- Fill a cup up with water. When they land on the ceiling, slide the cup around them until they drop in.
- Find a vacuum with a hose.
- Place a cup half-filled with vinegar, juice or some liquid that has a smell to it.
- Buy a mosquito net and hang it around your bed.



Photo courtesy of Marlin E. Rice

- Buy a fly swatter.

If these tactics don't work, here's some ways to have fun with your asian beetles:

- Gather them in a pile and jump on them.

(Think bubble wrap.)

- Name your beetles.
- Teach them to do tricks.
- Cover appropriate parts with honey and create a beetle bikini.
- Asian beetle pie.

- Sell them as fishing bait.
- Freeze them in ice cubes and put them in people's drinks.
- Invest in a Venus Fly Trap.

- Cover your ceiling with sticky fly traps.
- Chocolate covered beetles. Why should ants have all the fun?
- Each day draw a new spot on your body. When someone asks say, "An asian beetle bit me the other day..."
- Take them for a walk.
- Throw them in the sink and spit your toothpaste on them.
- Have a flicking contest.
- Race your beetles.
- When they're huddled on the ceiling, try to make shapes out of them.
- Turn the light on and off and watch them run into it.
- Build them a maze.
- Take up taxidermy and mount them on the wall.
- Make maracas.
- Use a straw and create a peashooter.
- Teach them to walk the tightrope so they can join the circus.

Now, go to your room and try it out! Good luck!

Advice to Seniors: Pivotal activities for job search

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Guest Writer

Seems like just yesterday you were first arriving on campus, ready to move from high school to college . . . and now you are ready to make the even bigger move from college to the workforce. You've spent three (or more) years getting to this point, so it's time to party and savor your senior

year, right? Enjoy your senior year, but if you want -- or need -- to have a job upon graduation, you need prepare now. Here are the first 3 of 15 activities that are crucial to your success. Watch for the next 3 in another issue of the Hermes.

You don't have to complete each activity before the next. The key is to accomplish all these activities sometime during your senior year.

1. Start Early. Why start your job-search right now? Don't you have seven months until graduation? First, you'll be amazed how fast your senior year goes. Second, who wants to scramble at the very end when there aren't as many jobs? We can almost guarantee, the earlier you start, the more job-search success you'll have.

2. Explore Career Paths. If you haven't fine-tuned a list of the exact types of jobs

you want, it's time. Schedule a meeting with Ann Nelson in Career Services to discuss job titles and career paths. Schedule a few informational interviews with professionals in your field to pick their brains about different jobs and careers (Career Services has contacts). You need a direction if you want to find a job you will enjoy; just having an idea of "something in marketing" will lead to a frustrating job-search.

3. Consider Your Options. A major question is whether you plan to apply to graduate school rather than enter the job market. If you are job-hunting, other questions include where you want to work and live, the type of companies you want to work for (size, culture, ownership type), and specific industries you prefer. *Adapted from Quintcareers.com by Randall S. Hansen, Ph.D. and Katharine Hansen.*

Opinion

Reality TV: Downfall of humanity?

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I absolutely, irrevocably hate reality TV shows. While America has fallen in love with the dark side of humanity, I've turned up my book-reading, philosophy-touting nose and sneered at the mere mention of *The Mole*. I preach against the evils of *Survivor* and don't even get me started on *Paradise Hotel*. Trust me when I say I don't cringe at the concept of reality shows just because I'm a snobbish book worm (although that's certainly part of it). I despise these shows because they make money off of voyeurism and the iniquity of human nature.

So what does that mean? And why should I care? Think about your favorite reality show – do you watch it because you want to see how the contestants triumph over all obstacles and challenges? Or do you just watch it because you like to see how they backstab one another in their



The recent cast of the Fox Network's *Paradise Hotel* strike a pose. Photo courtesy Fox Network

efforts to win? Let's face it, ladies and gentlemen. People watch reality TV because we like to watch the drama, and it's my belief that life is dramatic enough without *Joe Millionaire*.

I am not the poster child for morality. I've skipped class, I've lied, I've cheated. In fact, I'm willing to bet that the contestants you find in *Big Brother 4* are no worse than me. However, I'm not ranting against the contestants on these shows; their personalities have been shaped by the directors

and producers, and they aren't acting any differently than anyone else would off camera. I'm raving against the exploitation of our natural inclination to act like jack-asses.

Let's take a look at one particular reality show, *Temptation Island*. The website advertises, "Four unmarried, but seriously committed, couples at a crossroads in their relationship and 26 singles that are looking for love travel to an exotic location to test the waters of

temptation." At this point, I've got to wonder...why? If you're so confident about your relationship, what's the point of exposing your loved one to cleavage and hip thrusts? I suppose the answer is simple: you have some serious insecurities and need to prove to yourself that the commitment is actually there.

Of course, as the show unfolds, the commitment is rarely there. Who could say no to 26 well-oiled sexy singles? Not only do the contestants get to watch their lover live it up in a hot tub with another person, but their heartbreak gets viewed on a national level. Nice.

As each new reality show tries to outdo the one before it, we become more and more desensitized to the awful side of our souls. Pretty soon, a mad scramble for cash or an illicit roll in the hay won't be enough for the American audience. Much like the Romans and their Gladiators, our reality TV will morph into all-out brawls. We already have wrestling, but we won't rest until we see the first spray of blood. We'll become animals in our obsession with entertainment.

I think I'll keep my books of fiction. Reality sucks.

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and the morning-after-that pill**

If you have unprotected sex for whatever reason, or you were sexually assaulted, you can still reduce your chance of getting pregnant. Emergency Contraception (EC) can help prevent pregnancy if taken within 120 hours (5 days), but the sooner the better. EC is available on a walk-in basis at:

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health centers in Omaha, Lincoln, Council Bluffs

Sports

Viking Cross Makes Strong Showing at Mount Marty Invitational

Men's Cross Country Team Finishes 8th While Women Stand Out Dru Weaver Finishes Top Ten.

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Staff Writer

A week after winning the Dana Invitational, the men's cross-country team raced their way to an 8th place finish at last week's Mount Marty Invite in Yankton, SD. The men, led by freshman standout John Kaup, ran competitively in the 16 team deep field which included 3 nationally ranked teams.

Kaup finished 38th overall with an 8K time of 27:34.

"I think most of us were pleased with our performance," said Kaup. "We'll be starting our peaking



John Kaup and Ian Latella make their best effort at the recent invitational held at Mount Marty. Photo by Matt Bloomingdale

process next week and hope to finish the season strong."

Dana Invitational Champion Ian Latella ran 27:48. Senior Garry

Clark finished 47th overall with the same time. Junior Matt Bloomingdale finished 80th with a time of 29:08 and junior Shane Jackman followed with

a 29:09 giving the team a 5 man pack time of 1:35. Greg Rickenbacher finished 128th with a time of 32:30.

"Our pack time is encouraging," said Latella. "Our goal from the beginning was to finish in the top three in the GPAC (Greater Plains Athletic Conference). I think if we all run well and get some things to go our way we have a good shot at doing it."

The women's team was led by Dana Invite runner-up Dru Weaver. Weaver finished 8th overall running a 5K time of 19:03. Sophomore Lindsey Bliemeister ran 21:50 for an 81st place finish along with Rosalyn Wilson who finished 112th in a talented women's field.

Both the men and women have a week off to prepare for the GPAC Championship meet to be held at Adams Park outside of Sioux City, IA. The following week, the Vikings will race at Pioneer's Park in Lincoln, NE for their Regional meet where the men will attempt to make their 8th trip to nationals in the past ten years.

Up Coming Sporting Events

◆ **Football Oct. 25 Blair, NE**
Vs. Concordia

◆ **Men Soccer Oct. 24 Blair, NE**
Vs. Dordt

◆ **Women Soccer Oct. 24 Blair, NE**
Vs. Dordt

◆ **Volleyball Oct. 25 Blair, NE**
Vs. Dakota Wesleyan

Things to do for Halloween

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Omaha, NE

Go to Mystery Manor
716 N 18th Street
Omaha, NE

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