

Game show scandal has happy ending

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During a student activity last Thursday, Dana College was taken advantage of by con artists. The activity was a game show sponsored by the TjohnE agency, an organization that funds and manages campus activities. "ThinkFast," a trivia game that the whole audience participates in, is widely known through the college circuit to be a fun, popular game.

TjohnE is proud of their ThinkFast game show. The show doesn't just appeal to one sort of student. As encompassing as the participation is, the trivia questions range from pop culture to politics, to music to history. It is certainly an effective way of bringing students together.

Last week, however, the game became less of a fun way to bring students together and more of a scam, much to the dismay of the student life office as well as TjohnE.

When students filed into the theatre for the game, Student Activities Coordinator Lisha Palm greeted every one. She came across a suspicious character – a man, a bit beyond the traditional age bracket, introduced himself as "Kevin." At the time, Palm couldn't believe ill of the agency that had never let her down before. TjohnE is her favorite agency, and she's friends with one agent.

"Some agencies will be really fake, give you some lines," she said. "TjohnE has a lot of integrity. They're very reputable." Still, despite her faith in the agency, Palm questioned Kevin. He made the claim that he was a "non-traditional, part-time transfer student." Palm, wanting



Freshman Michael Morris, Senior Marcie Smidt, Junior Sarah Buck, and mystery man caught in action. Photo courtesy Lisha Palm

to be nice, introduced herself to Kevin, and the game began.

ThinkFast uses a concept much like the show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" The audience members get a remote, and, either in teams or alone, punch what they think are the right answers. The top four who answered the most questions right are brought on stage for a more typical "hands on buzzers" game. Two finalists are selected by default, by who has the funniest picture from earlier in the game (when a person took pictures of the participants, as is TjohnE's custom), and by who answers a tricky question. No one was certain what the answer to the difficult question of "What nation is the biggest tobacco provider?" The answer was China, and only that mysterious student Kevin knew.

No one was truly suspicious of Kevin until the buzzer portion of the game began. Right at the start of this final round, Kevin began staking

up points rapidly. He knew every answer. After awhile, he stopped answering the questions, as if he knew he was winning too fast. One question away from winning, Kevin answered correctly, and won 200 dollars.

Palm was, once again, suspicious. "I told him he had to prove he was a Dana student," Palm said. "I asked what classes he had, what professors, what street he lived on." She questioned him for five minutes, and he evaded her questions. The host, Michael, berated and harshly criticized Palm during her interrogation. "I hate to treat people like they're thieves," Palm admitted. She let Kevin go.

Later, students suggested to Palm that Kevin was in cahoots with the host. When she approached Michael with this suggestion, he instantly became angry and defensive, claiming she "spit in my face by suggesting it."

Palm talked to the police. They wanted a picture of the winner. She looked for Michael, who was nowhere to be seen, and contacted the hotel the ThinkFast group was staying at. They weren't in their room, but they left a disc with the photos from the game. The hotel had a description on an additional guest that matched Kevin. When Palm looked through the photos supplied by the group, there was none of the elusive winner.

Distressed, Palm called the TjohnE agency and gave them the grim news. The agency was highly disappointed, as Michael had established himself as a "clean guy" in the group. When confronted by TjohnE, he began to deny his part in the scam, but soon came clean and turned himself in.

To recompense for this grievous rip-off, TjohnE didn't charge the campus for the show. The real finalists of the game, Sara Buck, Mike Morris and Bret LaForest, were given 25 dollars. In January, ThinkFast will come to Dana again, this time with the enticing cash prize of 500 dollars instead of the original 200, proving that crime sometimes pays – for the victims.

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TV game show makes fun BAHM night

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This Thursday night in the Dragons Head, 2nd floor Blair had their annual B.A.H.M. night. Their event was a Dana rendition of the improv TV show "Whose Line is it Anyways?" The show was hosted by Drew Carey, I mean, Gary Clark, and money man Matt Hodgson. The main contestants included Mark Lander, Jesse Valdez, Jamie Snyder, and Dajaun Draper.

The show started off with a serenade by Mark Lander with his self-written Care Bears theme song. After Mark's introduction, they played "Name that Superhero." Three of the contestants used props like funoodles (large foam "noodles"), plastic swords, shields, armor, a leopard print shawl, water guns and straw hats. Even with their un-superheroish costumes, they were correctly identified

as the Power Rangers.

Another one of the games played was the ABC Game. Each person starts their statement with a letter of the alphabet. Here's an example from the show:

Contestant 1 (with a smile): "Ignorance."

Contestant 2: "Jealousy is a terrible thing."

Contestant 3 (staring blankly): "What starts with K???"

There were other segments that involved a conversation between R. Kelly, Mike Tyson, and Jesus. As you might guess, they discussed fencing, rowing, golf clubs and as children and the canes. The other team came up with wheels for a wheelchair, big hoop earrings, mickey mouse ears, and lassoes.

way to live.

But they weren't the only celebrities to be brought up. In one of the guessing games,

one of the contestants was moon walking just like Michael Jackson. He was accompanied by a fish and someone stuck in a pinball machine.

There was also a "Props Game." One team had a pair of funoodles, the other had two hula hoops. Their job was to use the props to come up with different scenes. The funoodle team

used their noodles for fencing, rowing, golf clubs and as canes. The other team came up with wheels for a wheelchair, big hoop earrings, mickey mouse ears, and lassoes.

The Question Game was also very comical. In this game, the contestants can only speak in questions, no statements. For this

game, audience members were also invited onstage to participate for money prizes.

Contestant

1: "Is thata

Bob Ross shirt?"

Contestant 2: "Who's your daddy?"

Contestant 1: "Bob Ross..."

The rest of the audience then got to choose how much money the participants were awarded.

The audience was also involved in other parts of the show. There were volunteers for the "Guess the Guests at a Party" game. The "guests" included a schizophrenic, a flopping fish, and a stripper. There was also an audience "dating show." One contestant had to guess

who, and what her potential were. She was lucky to find out before she went on a date that one was slowly turning into a pig, one received an electrical shock every time he had an impure thought, and the other was an opera singer.

Later a brave audience member was paid \$10 to give a lap dance to Britney Spears song. And if that wasn't risqué enough for you, they were also actors in a Baywatch scene. There were two drowning victims, and two lifeguards. Luckily one of the lifeguards had industrial strength inflation devices...under their top.

Overall, 2nd floor's B.A.H.M. night was a hit. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved, and quite a few of the audience members went back to their rooms with money in their pockets. It was nice break in the week, a good chance for students to put off their homework and laugh it up.

Additional advice for college seniors

3 More Activities that are Pivotal to Your Job-Search Success

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Here are #4, 5, and 6 of those 15 activities that are crucial to your success. Watch for the next 3 in another issue of the Hermes. (If you missed the first three, look in the 10/24 issue of the Hermes.)

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

4. Gain Experience. You absolutely need some type of work experience before you graduate, and your senior year is a good time to get that final bit of job experience. It's especially vital if you've neglected to obtain any before your

senior year. Consider getting an internship, working part-time, or volunteering to get the experience you need. Don't fret if you can't get experience in the exact field or job you want. Get the experience -- and then articulate the key transferable skills you acquired (Career Services can help you with this).

5. Take a Leadership Position. Employers like to see that college grads have

held at least one leadership position. Being a leader adds a whole other dimension of key skills and abilities that are vital to the workforce, such as delegating, motivating, inspiring, problem-solving, conflict-managing, and others. You don't have to be a leader of multiple organizations, but if you haven't stepped up, your senior year is the time to do it.

6. Register with Career

Services Office. If you haven't yet, now is the time to meet with the career services folks (next to the bookstore), register for their resume and on-campus recruiting programs, and take advantage of their career development knowledge to empower your job-search.

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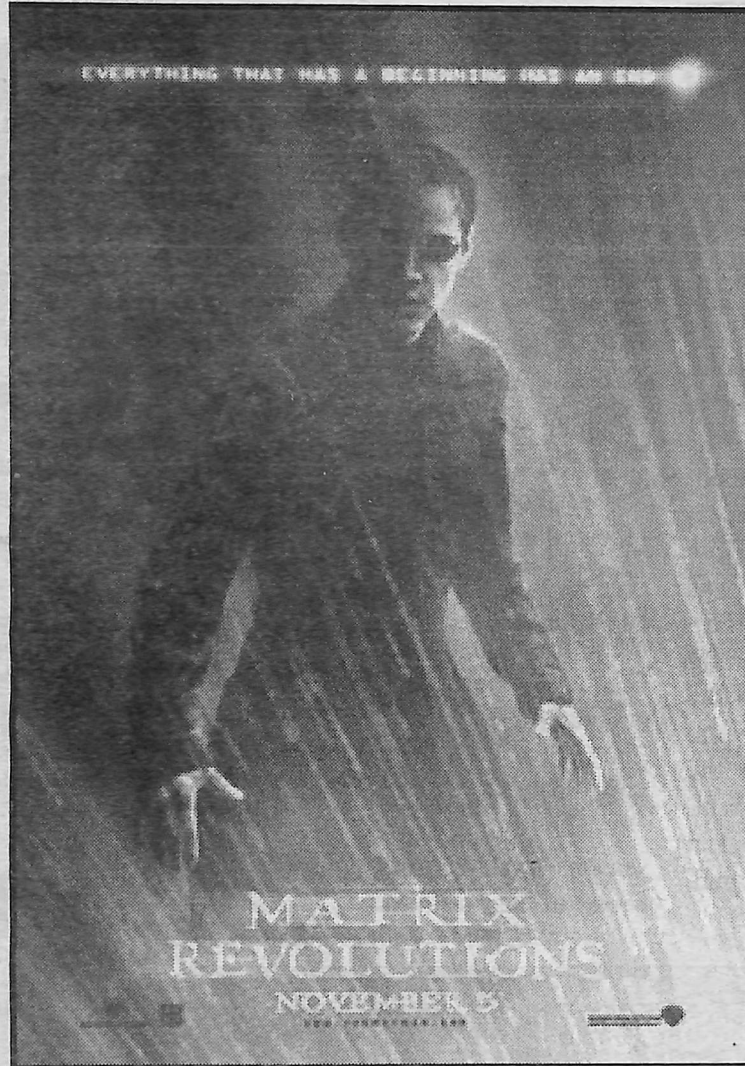
Revolutions: All flash, no substance

Chris Johnson
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The Wachowski brothers have finally come out with the end of their intense psychological/action trilogy known as "The Matrix." For those of you who live under a rock, and don't know what "The Matrix" story is about, here is the lowdown: Artificial intelligence has created a computer construct, known as the Matrix, of our present day world through a hardwire fed directly into the brains of human beings, who were in all actuality sitting in incubators where the machines fed off their energy output as a power source for the machines. To put it quite simply, our "reality" is a mere illusion created within the confines of our brains. A small band of freed humans live in the real world and rebel against the machines to free the minds of their brethren from the machines and their artificial world. Their ultimate goal is to destroy the Matrix and end

the reign of the machines. In order to accomplish this task they find a man within the Matrix who develops the ability to defeat the AI from within the Matrix and begin the process of restoring man to his rightful place as the dominant species on the planet. This man, known as Neo, continues discovering more about himself and the world around him as the movies progress, and eventually he reaches the point where he is more or less a god within the Matrix who doesn't have to adhere to the rules programmed into the world.

This brings us up to The Matrix: Revolutions, the concluding chapter to the world of the Matrix. I'll try to stay away from writing any spoilers for those of you who have not yet seen the movie. This movie focuses on the epic war between the humans and the machines that began in Reloaded, and follows Neo into a place between the Machine World and the Matrix, and the ultimate confrontation between Neo and the machines. Now the



question that remains is, was the movie any good? In my opinion, the movie illustrated that the Wachowski brothers just really didn't have that much more to add to the

story after the first movie. If you are looking for the deep philosophical and religious conversations that were seen in the first and second movies you had better look

elsewhere. This movie is a straight up sci-fi action flick. It is a very slick looking movie, but seems to lack the storytelling power of the first two. It was almost as if they dumbed the movie down so kids wouldn't get confused. Not only that, but many of the questions brought up in the first two have been either completely ignored, or they just came up with some quick fix, not to mention the fact that some scenes, the subway scene comes to mind, just really don't work if you think it through.

This being said I'm not going to tell you not to go out and watch it. By all means, do so. It has enough going for it to make it an enjoyable movie-going experience. I'll give it two stars out of four because the actors did quite well with the script that was given to them, and the battle between Neo and Smith was pretty cool. Don't expect a rollercoaster ride, but if you saw the first two movies, why not see the last chapter?

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Sports

Soccer teams receive honors

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It's the end of yet another soccer season for our Lady Vikings. Once again they have had a great season. The ladies ended with a 12-7-1 record. This put them in second place in the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

At the GPAC tournament they finished second after a defeat against the Hastings College Broncos. Their first game was played against Dordt at home Nov. 5. The game ended with a 1-0 Viking victory. They then advanced to the finals at Hastings Nov. 8. Despite their effort the Vikings fell to the Broncos for the championship with a 4-1 score. The Vikings one goal in this game came from junior Amanda Reddish.

The team has been given several honors from the conference for their hard work. Head Coach Kristen Gay shares Co-coach of the Year honors with Nebraska Wesleyan coach Taylor Haynes. This is Gay's second year as head coach for the Lady Vikings. First-team GPAC honorees are senior Julie Miller, junior Amanda Reddish, and senior Natalie Sifers. Second-team honoree is junior Melissa Respellers. Senior Michelle Glanz, senior Tanya Dugan, and sophomore Nancy Steward all received honorable mentions.

On the men's side there were also several honorable mentions. This includes junior Ryan Grudle, sophomore Brent Lorkovic, sophomore Jerad Hollendieck, junior Eric Johnson, and junior Jake Gradoville.

Both teams have had seasons to be proud of and worked for all of their honors.

Up Coming Sporting Events

◆Football Nov. 15 Peru, NE
Vs. Peru

Men's Basketball Nov. 14-15 Blair, NE
Nebraska/Kansas Classic

Women's Basketball Nov. 14-15 Olathe, KS
Mid-America Nazarene Tourney

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Wrestling Nov. 15 Mitchell, SD
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