

## Culture Fair: New campus tradition

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This week has been a time for discovery for many students and members of the faculty. They have been given an opportunity to explore cultures outside their own. This has been made possible by the week-long Second Annual Cultural Fair. This culture fair is the product of many months of planning and preparation beginning in October. It has also been a collaborative effort of several clubs on campus such as the Student Awareness Organization, Cultural Awareness Organization, Gay-Straight Alliance, members of the Small Group Communication class, and several other departments and offices. Members of the Blair community have also made contributions to help make this event happen. The week's activities included several speakers, panels, opportunities to try new food and enjoy music from other cultures.

To kick-off the week, there was a potluck held. Students from several of the foreign language classes prepared authentic dishes. Dr. Steve Lazoritz offered another food experience by conducting a traditional Passover Seder meal. The cafeteria has also joined in the festivities with holding several theme nights including African, Asian, and Northern/Eastern European Food Nights. There was also a BBQ picnic on Tuesday for the less adventurous taste buds.

The week's speakers have had quite diverse backgrounds which include State Sen. Ernie Chambers, Prof. Kate Joeckel, and many more. The topics of which the speakers covered have also been quite diverse. In addition to Prof. Joeckel's presentation of her research on white supremacy and hate groups in Nebraska, there was



*Above: Dr. Lorina Sorensen takes a pulse while conducting her class on traditional Chinese medicine. Top right: Kathryn Wolford speaks on Thursday night in Trinity Chapel. Bottom right: Student artwork on display in the Forum. Photos by Chris Johnson*

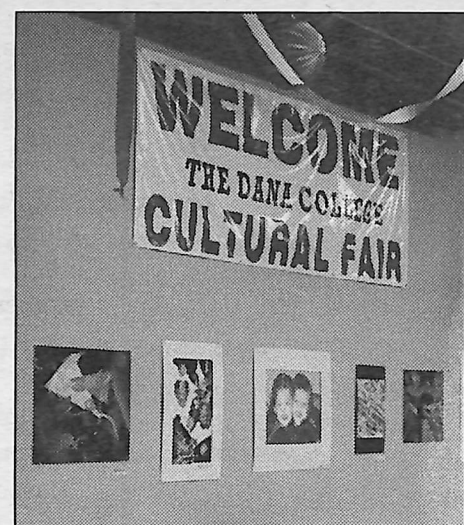
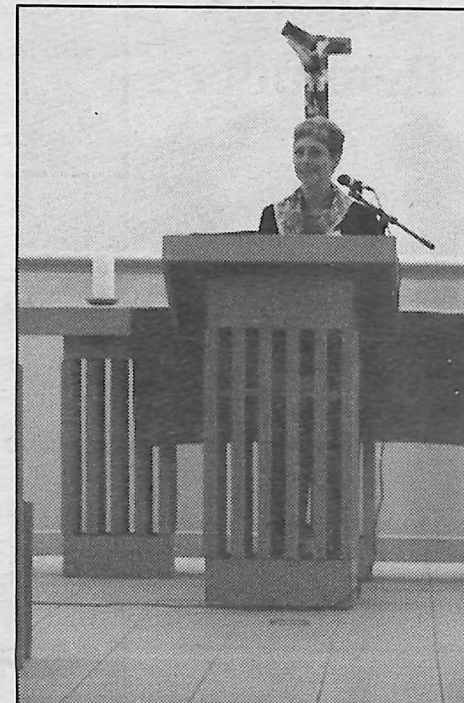
a class on basic Ayurvedic medicine, multicultural techniques to be used in the workplace and classrooms, and even Buddhism. Included with the talk given about Ayurvedic medicine was a yoga class. Staley Lecture series speaker Kathryn Wolford, President of the Lutheran World Relief, spoke on both Wednesday and Thursday. Her first speech was about her organization and the second was entitled "From Global World to a Global Community: Doing Justice in a Smaller World."

There were also informational panels. Prof.'s Jan Potter, David Hoppe, and Lisa Schreiber did a panel giving advice on diversity after graduation and GLISTEN/PFLAG also held a panel entitled, "Creating a Safe Space regardless of Sexual Orientation." There was also a panel of several church leaders of differing religious denominations on the role of women in the church.

In addition to all the

speakers, there was also music and art. On Thursday night in the chapel, Dana's One Voice Singers gave a performance followed by the Fort Street Gospel Choir. The Forum was the site of an on-going art exhibit of student's work.

Friday, marks the end of the Cultural Fair. Members of one group from the Small Group Communication class will be providing island music and outdoor games from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the oval. David Smith will be telling Winnebago myths and legends from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Forum. Then there will be a pig roast from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Everyone's last chance to take advantage of the culture fair and hear music will be a performance by New Flavor Reggae to be held in Borup Coliseum starting at 7:00 p.m. The Culture Fair is an annual event and will be held again next year, those interested in helping should contact Lisa Schreiber.



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## To go Greek, or not to go Greek

*Could Dana get a formal greek system? That is the question on some minds*

**Katrina Woldseth**  
Staff Writer.

Dig out your toga and grab the nearest piece of ivy—the Danes are going Greek! Or are they? After over forty years of a frat-free campus, could Dana College finally be taking the plunge into the wonderful world of the Greek system? Before you go out and tattoo “alpha chi omega” across your chest, take into account that this rumor has been floating around the college for quite some time now, giving many a student the false hope that their dreams of pranks, kegs, initiations, and all other forms of “genuine brotherhood” might actually come true right here in Blair.

So is there a possibility of fraternities and sororities in Dana's future? “Based on what I've heard there has been talk of the possibility of Greek life,” says senior, Kyle Walter, “but I haven't heard any specifics as to what it would entail.” Perhaps there is still hope for all you prospective brothers and sisters out there. Yet senior, Anthony Metcalf seems to disagree. “At Dana rumors fly. I wouldn't believe anything unless it came from the person in charge.” So who is an aspiring sorority girl to believe, and just where can she find the person in charge? In search of the truth, or at least the slightest



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hint of clarity, the Dean of Students, Chris Jebson, was a good source of information.

“There have been no formal discussions on an administrative level,” says Jebson, “but I have had conversations with students about the possibility of a house or two that may be Greek oriented. They would be based on a certain theme, perhaps a Christian fraternity, but so far, nothing too serious.” Disappointed? Don't be—Jebson admits that he is “certainly open to conversation. We would have to discuss the advantages and disadvantages. Our size isn't something that would necessarily lend itself to a Greek system, but I wouldn't rule it out.”

So does size really matter? One of Jebson's concerns is that a Greek system may heighten the exclusivity issues of an already “cliquey” campus. “It may work at UNL, but does it work at Dana? We're about as small as they come.” With enrollment at about 560

students, Jebson makes an excellent point—but what about those 560 students? Would a Greek system be something they are even interested in pursuing?

Freshman, Erin Youngblood says yes. “These groups really bond people

together. My friend is in a sorority and it's so much fun for her! She can do girl stuff, be involved on campus, she's apart of something.”

Kyle Walter agrees. “I think a Greek system could break down some of the barriers that exist and add a lot of positive experiences to life at Dana.” Junior, Fer Ruckman adds, “It would give students more of an opportunity to be involved in things. Yeah, there's clubs and organizations right now, but if we had an actual Greek system with ties to other chapters, more people would want to be involved.” The interest is there—but is Greek life something we will be seeing soon on campus? “It's like anything else at Dana,” believes Metcalf, “if the student's want it bad enough, it will happen.”

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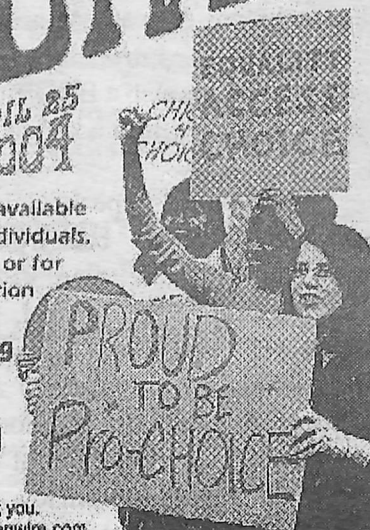
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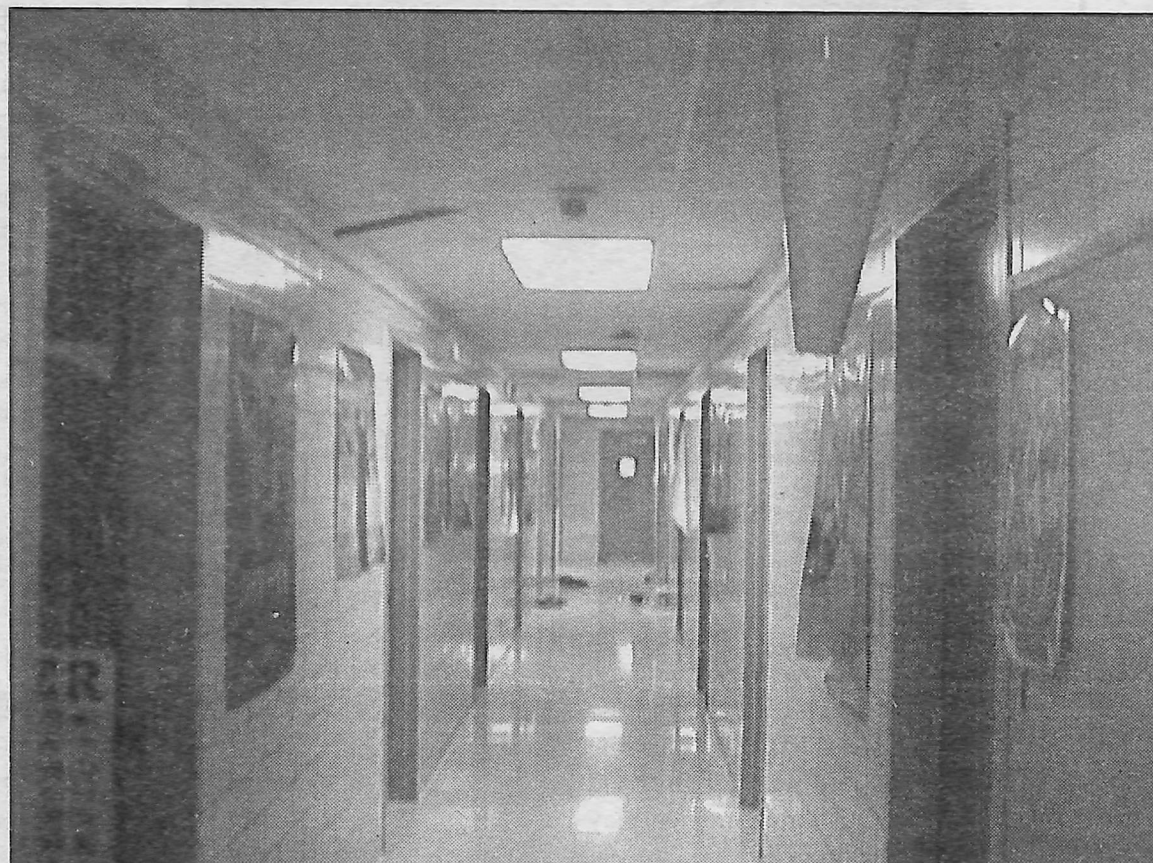
*The horrors that accompany the life of one student living on campus.*

**B-Train**  
Staff Writer

As I go to take a shower and put my soap in its appropriate place, I find two hairs already stuck to it; another reminder that I am not in the privileged part of the building.

In the beginning of the year, my floor, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Holling (left side when facing the building's face), put a ton of boxes near the trash can that were supposed to be walked down to the first floor. The janitor refused to dump our trash for a week, and I have a conspiracy theory that, even though they changed our janitor, they still slightly neglect our side.

But nobody blames them if it is true. We have a bad habit of having hangovers and missing the toilet seat when we throw up. I remember once specific incident where the shower that became my favorite was once the target of a hangover episode. There were red



*It appears to have a peaceful facade but don't let that fool you. Living on fourth floor holling has its downside. Photo by B-Train*

chunks for three days on the shower floor.

This section disregards all rules, including the holy "quiet time" rule of not making noise past 11pm. Every time a small group gets back from a party, it becomes "time to wake everyone up."

Our fearless R.A., Braxton, is not at fault. He tried to lighten the mood by painting our ghetto with cool

movie posters. But that did not last long, somehow half the posters got sliced at the same place. This led me to conclude that a cannon got hauled up here and a man with two swords got shot out, cutting everything in his path. I face facts, we are just bad kids.

This morning, I woke up late for school and the janitors were cleaning

the bathroom so I crossed the eight yard path (or roughly) to the right side—and I have to say, the grass is greener. The bathroom has a stereo playing easy-going music. It is very quiet, someone could actually try to go to sleep early. Our floor got hit with so many thefts that if we had a stereo, it would probably be stolen for parts. Even though the doors in the stalls are not

made to close, the toilets are cleaner, and the floor is actually taken care of. Nick is a great R.A. -- he actually put signs to not pee on the toilet seats. We need those signs. It was someone's evil trick to turn my side of the floor from a girl's floor into a guy's floor and not add a urinal.

While I was in the shower, I looked at my soap and it was clean -- no hairs. Everything was clean. It is only when I reflect on it that I realize how unfair life is sometimes. When I was in the shower someone flushed the toilet and politely yelled "heads up!" so I would not get scalded by the change in water temperature. This courteous manner was new to me; I did not know how to react to such polite people.

The other day I got back from my floor's BAHM night just in time to see two fights breakout. I wonder if any other floor has to deal with this. To defend the floor a little, this has been a very exciting floor. Between all the guitar players and Halo players, there is always some form of entertainment.

Next year, when I hopefully move into Blair hall, I will miss being woken up with people's bodies hitting the wall or footballs landing against my door. I might be able to get some homework done.

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# Sports

## Baseball swings into new season with high hopes

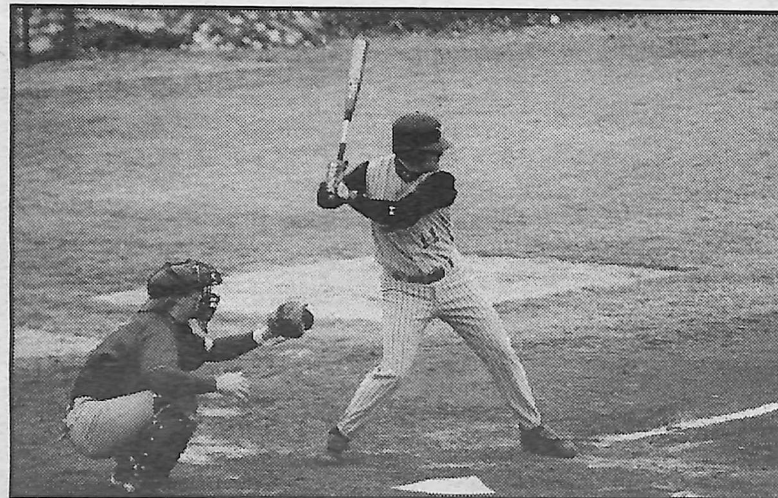
**Rich Eber**  
Staff Writer

Last year, the baseball team won the first GPAC championship. They finished with a conference record of 21-5. They lost a total of four starters including first baseman Jon Moench, out fielder Craig Martin, and pitchers Phil Wail and Nate Landa. Landa is now the assistant and pitching coach for the Vikings. As well as losing four players, the baseball team also lost their manager Damon Day due to his departure to the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"The loss of Coach Day shouldn't hurt us. We are led by a great core of seniors and the head coaching position was taken over by someone within the program by former assistant coach Chad Gorman," said sophomore T.J. Wilson. Chad Gorman had been the assistant coach and hitting coach at Dana for the past four years. He was brought to here by Day from Wisconsin where Day coached him in a semi-professional league. When Day left Dana, Gorman was then hired as the manager for the defending GPAC champions.

The Vikings started off slow with their usual tough schedule. They started off losing two to the number one team in NAIA, Oklahoma City. Then they got off the skid by beating Benedictine University in Kansas. Led by senior Kenny Nicoll, who threw a gem and with the combination of a home run by junior Dan Hagen and a balk by the Ravens gave the Vikings their first win of the year.

After their eight hour drive in small vans to Oklahoma City was over they came back to Blair and began to play ball like the way they played to win a conference championship. They took four wins



*Chad Cooke gets another chance at the plate to help the Vikings have another winning season. Photo courtesy Chad Cooke*

from Waldorf College and were on a roll heading to Port Charlotte, FL for spring break. The past spring breaks for the Vikings were tough – they never played well and were off to a real bad start. Now imagine a 30 hour bus ride with 29 guys and nothing to do but watch movies, play spades, and euchre.

"I must have played about 28 hours of cards, no kidding I slept for two and then when we think we are there the bus breaks down and we have to sit outside of a Burger King in Florida. I did not care for Florida much then," said junior Adam Greer.

Once the Viking finally made it to their destination it was all serious. Unfortunately, it started out like every other spring break the Vikings have been on poorly. Then after a loss to Greenville College a team the Vikings felt they should have beat, and their new coach thought this as well. "He ripped us bad, but we deserved it and it was what we need to get back on track," said senior Chris Zachgo.

After the stern lecture from Gorman and well placed days off the Vikings started playing ball, they won four of their last five and finished the trip 4-6 and were back in Blair after another 30 hour trip of cards.

Once back the Vikings were ready to defend the conference championship. They started off hot

against Morningside College led by Zachgo who had five hits in two games, four of them doubles. As well as last year's conference player of

the year and NAIA All-conference American Mark Listenberger who added some fireworks of his own with a homerun. They swept Morningside, the first game was 5-4 and the second, 12-8. Their next games were against Dordt, they won the first game 11-0, and won a close one in the second game 6-5 with homeruns by Nicoll and sophomore Rich Eber.

The Vikings are off to a great start and hope to continue their success as the season goes on. "Our goal is to get back to where we were last year [Conference champions and a Regional birth] and go beyond that," junior Zach Braun.

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