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My trip across the pond

An Interview between Charity Kear and Andrew Bakken



(Photo submitted by Charity Kear)

coming back. Just normal every-day things. I feel comfortable. I really have nothing to complain about, but sometimes not knowing the language fluently is an issue. Even though many people here in Leiden speak English it does get kind of frustrating once in a while. I would say most of the time I feel quite at home. But there are of course a few things that aren't the best about being in a place where you can't speak the language perfectly.

Kear: Well, what are some of the higher points of being there? Some of the positives?

Bakken: Oh, definitely some of the positives are I've been learning a lot about things that have to do with my major like graphic design and being completely immersed in a another culture and a another language. It's not always easy to be in that culture. If you make it through you know if you had to you could work in an environment like this, and I've always wanted to work in Europe somewhere. I think it's a plus to just get that experience and be able to tell an employer that I did

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Kear: Alright, Andrew Bakken, why did you want to study abroad?

Bakken: Well, I wanted to study abroad, especially with my major because Europeans have a much different way of doing graphic design and doing art and all the creative things. So I wanted to see firsthand how they would do it. I'm taking a lot of classes here that deal with graphic design and

the arts so I'm really getting a look at how they see graphic design and the art in Europe. I also wanted to experience another culture and try to learn another language and something about another country.

Kear: Alright. Do you feel at home there, in Leiden?

Bakken: Sometimes. I'm pretty into my routine at the moment, which is just going to school,



(Photo by Analisa Morel)

March of Peace

Analisa Morel

The Memory March was a time to remember how far we have come, and to remember all of those who didn't have a voice because of the color of their skin until they fought to be heard and won.

With this event, DWU students, faculty, and staff, were able to march together with the local community and featured speaker Betti VanEpps-Taylor, in memory of those who have gone above and beyond to become someone. The walk was to remember those who are a great example for everyone to follow.

It is hard for some of us to believe that not too long ago people didn't all have the same rights. We often take our history for granted, but we must never forget what we have gone through. Not only does it prevent us from repeating our same mistakes over and over, but it

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Editorial: Love = Work

By Brandy Bambas

What is love? So many people have no clue what love could even begin to be. Some people think they know, but I am not so sure.

It gets harder and harder to believe that there can be the fairy tale kind of "happily ever after" we read about in books or see in movies. It just does not seem realistic. I definitely do not expect a knight in shining armor to sweep me off my feet and carry me off into the sunset. I think they call that abduction.

There is, however, a real kind of love, but it can be hard to find. I have seen it up close. Ernie and Ruby have a unique kind of love. Their love story starts at a Valentine's Day dance many years ago. Although they didn't start dating that very night, I believe something sparked there. One of

their children, Linda, said, "Mom thought dad was cute that night, but he was too young for her then."

Ruby had a promising medical career as a nurse anesthetist, but chose instead to marry Ernie and settle into a family life on the farm. They wed on January 16, 1955, and had six children in just over six years after that. Sadly, their oldest child died, but together they made it through that hardship proving just how strong their love can be.

They have been married for 54 years now, and their love has grown stronger for each of those years. Their family has grown, too. They have 9 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild with two more on the way.

Ernie and Ruby have gone through their lives together, and

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come out a shining example of great love to their children and grandchildren and other people whose lives they've touched.

It is possible to find that same kind of love, and everyone should strive for it. Unfortunately, not many people do. Love is work. It can be tempting to just settle, but I definitely do not advise it. If you are not happy there is a reason.

Being in a relationship is a hard thing to deal with. Both people need to be involved in the work part. Too often, I see my friends putting all their efforts into relationships and getting nothing in return. Although giving up on a relationship is not always the answer, it is important to see when enough is enough.

Do not sell yourself short or lower your expectations in a relationship. You should probably

raise your standards for how you think you should be treated.

Treat your partner the way you want to be treated. Do not cheat unless you want to be cheated on. If you are cheated on, then for Heaven's sake dump the cheater.

On a final note, if your partner is suddenly not interested in you anymore, it is probably not your fault. Do not dwell on it. Just get rid of that loser. Love could be waiting for you around the corner. You just don't know it yet.



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Wanted: A few good writers

The Phreno is currently looking to enlarge its staff. If you would be interested in writing for the student newspaper, contact Dr. Driedger at dedriedg@dwu.edu.

Staff writers receive a salary and commission on advertising revenue they acquire. Writers can also receive a free dinner and a free movie ticket.

Student Association Senate Minutes

MINUTES

Student Senate

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

11:00 AM

McGovern Library Room 126

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation by Jason Lan-ning
3. Minutes were approved by Jerry Hinkle. Second Katy Clayton.
4. Officer's Reports
 - a. President—Food drive Feb 2-13 and
 - b. Vice President—Absent due to student teaching, reminder to get fundraisers approved
 - c. Treasurer--\$11400 in conference funds and \$3371 in discretionary.
 - d. Secretary—nothing to report
 - e. Parliamentarian—nothing to report
5. Class Reports
 - a. Freshmen—Food service committee meeting on Thursday
 - b. Sophomore— service committee meeting on Thursday
 - c. Junior—Is beginning to

- work on Scotchman/Miss Wesleyan
- d. Senior—Nothing to report
 6. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Intramural Sports—Wii Sports tourney and 3 on 3 coming soon
 - b. Multicultural Committee— Silent auction/raffle/50-50 at basketball games/Memory march for Black History Month
 - c. Phreno Cosmian—Is looking at possible cutbacks
 - d. Student Activities Board—excused
 - e. Student Ministries Council—Freezing for a reason/Worship went well/Kiononia/FCA/retreat/Bible study
 7. Organization Reports
 - a. Athletic Training Club—absent
 - b. Biology Club—50-50 raffle/toy drive/judging science fair/\$250 scholarship/Valentine's day flowers
 - c. College Democrats— meeting next week
 - d. College Republicans—

Meeting January 28

- e. DWU FTO—absent
- f. Human Services—cell phone drive
- g. Math Club—meeting January 29 at noon
- h. Oyate Ho Waste—working on a service project and fundraiser
- i. PBL—meeting last week (possible service projects)
- j. Psychology Club/Psi Chi— Nothing to report
- k. Residential Hall Council— Superbowl Party in the Sherman Center
- l. SIFE—Dress for success/resume writing February 10/Job Fair/Launch 09
- m. STREAK— Won the video competition
- n. Student Nurses Association—nothing to report
- o. APO/Theatre Crew—reported on their conference/auditions next week/fundraising ideas
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
 - a. Karissa Miller presented an outline of the new recognition awards including leadership and

- service recognition, leaders of distinction, Who's Who, and a certificate of recognition.
- b. Because of the problems with the senate banquet in previous years, this year's banquet will be catered on campus during the last regular meeting time and will be considered a regular meeting.
 - c. Nursing made a funds request. Katie Clayton made a motion to give SNA the requested amount of \$600 with the stipulation that they present what they learned. Second Wade Schoenfelder.
 - d. MCC had a funds request. Katie Clayton made a motion to give MCC the requested amount of \$1578.91. Second Melissa Tafoya.
 10. The Good and the Welfare—Superbowl weekend
 11. Announcements
 12. Adjourn—Motion Malik Stewart, second Layne Scheveck.

Past Phreno - September 30, 1975

By Phreno Staff

On the front page, "Phones=\$\$!" focuses on DWU's challenges in providing private phone lines for students and staff. This front page story reveals that while students anxiously awaited separate lines, the additional cost of \$10,000 a year on top of installation costs was too expensive. So students would continue to rely on a

phone operator to send their calls through the switchboard. Two developments were planned for the phone system, however. One, "an attractive partition" to be built around the operator's desk to boost performance, and two, the hours for calling campus were extended to midnight on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday. The article ends by reminding students "to request that parents and off-campus

friends call within these hours unless an emergency exists." The theme for the 1975 homecoming events was "Prairie Progress." Scheduled events included a bed race, the Grub Dance, the coronation ceremonies, a bonfire and pep rally, the homecoming football game, and the homecoming dance. "RB's Corner" warns women who measure college success by finding a husband before they

graduate. The anonymous editorial suggests "God created women to be men's partners, men's equals. So why, with all the things that God gave women must we continue to go to college and round about our junior year feel [unfulfilled because] we are not married or going with some man? Each of us has many years, many moments to see as individuals." The columnist is pro-marriage, but worries

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live here for a half a year and also there's lots of pluses... you see lots of things that you don't see in the states. There's a lot of beautiful buildings and history. Kear: Being here now, what do miss about home?

Bakken: I miss some things more than others. I miss my friends, that's for sure. And I miss my car. I miss some of my freedom. At home, I know everything about how to get around, where to go. But here, it's like every time you want to do something new, it's a new experience and sometimes even the simple things can be hard to get done when you don't know how it works in a different country. But, I miss my friends and family, and my freedom...

other than that, I'm quite happy. Kear: Do you think that studying abroad with this program has helped your education along more so than it would have if you were just at DWU for the semester?

Bakken: Yeah, I think so... well, for one thing, the Dutch have a very strict grading scale, so you do have to work a lot harder to get the grades you would normally get in the states. You have to work a lot harder to get a B, or even a C is pretty good here, and hardly anyone gets an A, they say. So the classes are quite demanding compared to the United States and compared to Dakota Wesleyan. But I have learned a lot because you have to learn a lot or else you fail the class. I have gained a lot of knowledge just from being here.

Kear: Do you think that this experience will lead you back to Europe for your career? Or will it just enhance your intelligence

Three third-place finishes at GPAC wrestling championship

By Phreno staff

Does an athlete feel better losing his way to silver or winning his way to bronze? With high expectations going into the GPAC championship at Dana College on February 14, three resilient DWU wrestlers won their last match of the day.

DWU placed fifth in the team standings at Gardner-Hawks Center in Blair, Nebraska, but Jordan Harer, Danny Hutchenson, and Tanner LaValliere all battled back from a loss to win third-place. Dana College took first place with Morningside in second and Northwestern in third. Briar Cliff also placed ahead of DWU.

Wrestling at 141 pounds, Jordan Harer took third place by defeating Drew Smith of Morningside College 7-5.

In the 149 pound class, Danny Hutchenson pinned Andrew Carrillo of Dana College at 3:37 to

finish in third place. To reach the third-place match he defeated teammate Rick Rickenbach.

Perhaps the busiest wrestler of the day, Tanner LaValliere lost his first round match to David Carter of Northwestern 6-4. LaValliere then proceeded to win four more matches on his way to a third-place finish. In the match for third place he pinned Jared Wildeboer of Morningside College at 3:45.

In the 125 division, Brandon Goodwin nearly added a fourth third-place finish, losing 21-9 in the third-place match to Chris Strand of USF. In his match to reach the third-place final, Goodwin defeated teammate Jeff Holmes by a score of 14-10.

With the GPAC championship decided, the wrestling season continues with the NAIA North Regional in Hastings, Nebraska on February 21.

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about women who consider themselves "spinsters because we're 20 and not married" and go directly from their parents' home to their husband's home. She believes a rising divorce rate in South Dakota stems from few women living on their own before they enter marriage. She concludes by explaining how many women "wish we had waited to get to know ourselves before we took on the [responsibility] for another's soul. I've been there. I know."

As part of local efforts to cele-

brate the nation's bicentennial, archaeologists and DWU students worked to excavate what would later become the arche-dome area on the shore of Lake Mitchell. DWU's efforts in the digging and preserving of artifacts were led by Lesta Turchen and James McLaird. They worked alongside DWU students Sue Boothe, Carol Davis, Susan Manning, Steve Hairgrave, and John Grinanger.

DWU welcomed freshman Kris Rasmussen from Manila, Iowa in the fall of 1975. Her great-great grandfather, Rev. Dr. William Brush, was the first university president and her great-

great uncle, O.E. Murray, the first graduate of DWU in 1888.

During the 1975-76 school year, DWU and the Mitchell public library partnered to deliver monthly seminars under the title of The American Issue Forum. Dr. Dave Mitchell was scheduled to present "Working in America" on January 11.

In a library column it was announced that the library holdings included "about 62,000 books and bound periodicals and over 5,000 total AV materials." Like today, the librarians made sure students were aware of how many additional books could be found through interlibrary loan.

and ability with a career back in the states?

Bakken: Well I think it would enhance it; I'm sure it will. Like I said, I've always wanted to work in Europe, I'm not sure that the Netherlands is exactly the right place for me in Europe, but if a job came up here, I would definitely consider taking it, because

I've always thought Europe was a very interesting place. Even if I don't get a job here, I would still like to try it sometime in my life, so it is very possible that it could lead me back here. But if not, it will definitely enhance my ability back in the states.

Kear: Of your four months there, what has been the greatest part?

Bakken: Oh, Boy. The greatest part. Well, I mean, there's lots of nice things. I think the greatest part is having the opportunity is just to be here. To see all of the things that I've seen and get to do all of the things I have gotten to do here and even learn all of these new skills that I didn't know.

Restaurant Review

Analisa Morel

Hardee's

When its dark at night and you are in a hurry to get home, and haven't eaten yet, the only thing on your mind is food. Where would be a good place to go?

A friend and I were in this position a couple of weeks ago when we had finished a ticket raffle during one of our basketball games and were simply starving. We were both stacked with homework piles, as are most college students around this time, and wanted to get it done as soon as possible. And so we were looking for a good drive-thru restaurant along our way.

We heard that Hardee's had just opened up. So we figured we might as well experiment it tonight. We had no idea what to order as we looked at the big menu board, surprisingly everything looked pretty good. We both chose a big cheeseburger, large fries and a soda. They offered to give us sort of an apple strudel for a better price. We took it.

We waited to get to our rooms to open the bag and dig in, so we had what seemed like a very long car ride as the smell invaded me. I was ready to go for the food the same way I should have dove into my homework.

I opened my books to get them

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also helps us to just understand ourselves better and to see how we have gotten to where we are. It is important to know our past, and what our ancestors have done for us. If they had not

ready since I was already very late and was wondering whether I would be able to finish my work on time. I reached for the pen pretty much at the same time I grabbed the burger and took a bite. Instead of just putting the tomatoes, pickles, mayonnaise, cheese and lettuce on top of the burger, it seems as if they made a mix of all of it together, joining all the special elements and creating a sort of special ingredient. I think it made the burger more of a whole.

The fries weren't the typical out of a bag fries, they looked and tasted real, weren't extremely salty or greasy (at all). The streudel was my favorite. I was suddenly very glad that we had agreed to take it and even though I felt stuffed, I couldn't resist to the smell of cooked apples and sweetness. It was very hot, but I still managed to eat it in a matter of minutes. It was simply delicious.

So this goes to prove that experimenting new restaurants can lead to a very good ending. Or it might prove that you should experiment when you are starving and in a hurry. That way the food will taste as good as you want or expect it to.

Overall rating: Three forks

fought for what they believe in, we would not be living the way we are now.

Having the opportunity to participate in a march remembering all the good things that have been achieved with the power of a voice made me feel part of something special, something real.



Movie Review

"Taken"

Reviewed by Ada Guevera

Starring: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Holly Valance, Famke Janssen, Leland Orser, and Jon Gries
Director: Pierre Morrell

Valentine's Day is about showing our loved ones how much we love them and care for them. This is not always an easy task. "Taken" is not a love story or anything close to that, but it does show how people can sometimes go to great lengths for a loved one. It reminds us to appreciate those who love and care for us.

We begin with two friends happily traveling together.

The story turns from white to black when Bryan Mills' (Liam Neeson) seventeen-year-old daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) goes with a friend to Paris to follow U2's Euro trip. Kim and her friend meet a stranger after landing in Paris. He befriends them and drops them off at their destination.

The friendly stranger quickly reminds us not to trust strangers as he turns out to be part of a group of Albanian goons who sell young women into sex slavery. The unsuspecting girls are sure to be their next victims.

A group of men break into the apartment where the two girls are staying and abduct them both.

Bryan is a CIA veteran and uses his knowledge and expe-

rience to find his daughter. He goes through a series of obstacles to find her, only to discover she has been sold to a Saudi for \$500,000. Bryan's quest to find his daughter continues.

Overall, the action and the suspense keeps us on the edge of our seats and wondering if Bryan will ever find his daughter.

Rating: 4.5 stars.

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Words from a future nurse: Part 1

By Dylan Moro

Teddy in the beddy

Nursing students at Dakota Wesleyan University are as diverse as the tasks they ultimately will accomplish during their service as registered nurses.

The program here is constructed to allow for students to take one year of prerequisites and then apply, or, come back later in life as a non-traditional student (luckily, here at D-dub we have both.) An average of 7-11 credits per semester are spent on nursing courses once in the program.

Included in these credits are weekly clinical hours spent at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital and elderly care facilities in the area. It is this clinical time that I would like to focus on.

The clients, after all, are the reason that there is healthcare, and time spent at Queen is a nursing student's main experience dealing directly with patients.

Students are moved from facility to facility and from floor to floor during their two years of clinical. The fall semester of a first year student nurse places them in the wide world of bingo, group eating sessions; price is right and great "remember when" stories.

Here each student is assigned one specific nursing home resident to write a tailored care plan highlighting their specific needs.

I was able to help a woman from Chamberlain who held the record for most dinner napkins folded at one time (a volunteer service she did for other residents), and was rolling a weekly bank of 40 cents per week from Bingo. She had a roommate who swore someone was coming into her room and sleeping in her bed.

These two late-life friends de-

To give you closure, it worked and no one was harmed. The wandering two-doors-down neighbor was educated about personal space.

My apologies for the overindulging story, this is my first article.

Back to the students, this type of facility with personal face to face contact over a 12 week period truly gives students the objective chance to help make small differences in these people's lives.

Here students can help to eliminate fall risks by reminding the importance of rubber soled socks or moving loose chords in the room. A fall for elderly can be an injury that one cannot recover from.

Students are also familiarized with nursing care plans geared to assess, plan, intervene, and evaluate

specific short and long term goals for each patient, along with passing medication using the rule of five rights (to eliminate med errors through five different checks).

Most importantly though, students learn more about the human spirit and start to grow the small ball of energy called gratification of service that continues to multiply, harvest, and drive a nurse throughout their career...



Photo by Phreno Staff

cided something needed to be done, and just as you or I would do if someone or something was inhabiting our bed, they placed a stuffed animal under the covers.

The stuffed animal served two purposes: to puppyguard the vital place of rest and sanctuary, and if one was brave enough to still cross the border of trust, then that bold soul was going to get a good scare when it pulled open the sheets and an animal was staring back.

Jerry Lockett Interview



(University Relations photo)

By Dennis McDaniel

Jerry Lockett is the assistant professor of business administration and economics. She has been a member of the Dakota Wesleyan University faculty for 19 years. She has four children who are all alumni of Dakota Wesleyan University. She is involved with the Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo committee in Mitchell and has also served as a 4-H leader in the community.

McDaniel: Why do you work at Dakota Wesleyan University and how did you get into your department?

Lockett: When I graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1989 with degrees in business and secondary education I wanted to start out at the high school level, but a position came open at the university. Teaching at a university was a goal that I

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CTH interview: Pat Belling

By Frank Thompson

Thompson: Why DWU?

Belling: I wanted to be a track and field coach. I had multiple interviews and this is the place that I chose and best suits me.

Thompson: Can you tell me something about yourself that would surprise someone?

Belling: That I have a huge stuttering problem and if I get too excited or get ahead of myself I start to stutter really badly.

Thompson: What do you consider your best trait?

Belling: That I'm loyal.

Thompson: What keeps you coming back to work every day?

Belling: The students and the athletes that I coach are the reason I come to work every day.



(Inert Sports Media photo)

Thompson: What is your favorite moment?

Belling: Last year at the Outdoor Conference Championships everyone did very well and I was most proud of that. Seeing you indoors having a hard time in high jump and then outdoors you were relaxed and having fun. You did a lot better outdoors than you did indoors.

Thompson: If you weren't coaching what do you see yourself doing?

Belling: Something in education, whether it be teaching or an administrator.

With age comes... neglect?

By Teagan Aguinaga

With the invitation from his close colleague Dr. Don Simmons, Dakota Wesleyan was privileged to have the well-known head of the criminal justice sector at Georgia State University, Brian K. Payne speak February 3, 2009. He spoke about family life conferences to the Sherman Center audience of DWU students, professors, and members of the surrounding Mitchell community.

Payne has written five books and hundreds of articles in scholarly journals with the dominant fields geared toward crime against family violence, the elderly and home health care. Over his career, Payne has received several awards for his work in these fields. Payne was a first generation college student and continued on to receive his masters and Ph. D at graduate school

Lockett

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hoped to achieve, but I did not have my master's degree. The university offered to pay for me to get my master's degree if I would guarantee to teach here for three years. I have been teaching here ever since and that is how I ended up in the business department. I like teaching at Dakota Wesleyan University because I can get to know the faculty, staff and students individually, and it has a family atmosphere.

McDaniel: Can you tell the Phreno readers one thing about yourself that you think will surprise them?

Lockett: My four children have all graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University. My daughter Tricia works for Dakota Wesleyan University and my two grandsons attend the daycare here at Dakota Wesleyan.

McDaniel: What do you consider your best trait or asset?

Lockett: My best asset would have to be my sincerity and genuine caring about the students at Dakota Wesleyan University. I am always there for my students whether it is in class or a late night phone call. I hope that is something people consider as my best trait.

where he advocated the reoccurring theme that perception is everything.

Professor Payne's lecture titled "Grey's Anatomy Meets Law and Order," took place at 10 a.m. with an 11 o'clock panel discussion followed by a book signing at noon. His second lecture at 1:30 p.m. focused on elderly victimization. In his opening statements, Payne defines crime as the "be-

havior that hurts someone, is illegal by state (or) just plain morally wrong because society says so."

Lockett: One thing that students tell me that is unique about myself is that I hand out my business card with my cell phone number on it which makes me available to my students 24/7 unless I am out of town.

McDaniel: What do you see yourself doing besides working at Dakota Wesleyan University if you had another career choice?

Lockett: If I had another career choice instead of working at Dakota Wesleyan University I would be a professional rodeo timer, which is something I do part time already. I would also like to work in business consulting if had another career choice.

McDaniel: What do you hope to accomplish in the next five years?

Lockett: Something I would like to accomplish in the next five years is to go more in depth and expand my classes. I want to continue to bring in new and up-to-date examples from textbooks and real world examples to benefit my students.

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and Medicaid Fraud. Other major contributors to the unnoticed crime of high fraud rates have been observed to be doctors, pharmacists and nursing homes staff.

According to Payne, these abuse claims have not been widely exposed is "proof of the crime, funding in tracking and record chasing, complexity or only minor losses, and problems with witnesses of ageism and time." In



Dr. Payne speaks in the Sherman Center (University Relations photo)

dealing with witnesses, common issues arise such as memory of the occurrence, cognitive and relational issues, conspiracy, and hidden nature.

This idea of the immorality of fraud is in no way a new problem of 2009; however, how to react and what should be done about it is an issue just coming to the surface. More research, awareness and funding are all desperately in need for any exponential breakthroughs to advocate reform to try to lower the number of crimes geared toward these topics.

Hopefully, along with these conferences and informative seminars, we can decrease the gap between the number of instances of maltreatment and the number of times fraudulent perpetrators are brought to justice.

Senator Hinkle's Filibuster

By Jerry Hinkle

Pay Your Fair Share!



In nearly every election cycle since Tom Daschle was the Democratic Party's top man in the Senate, there has been speculation that he would run for President of the United States. Not since DWU's own George McGovern ran in 1972 has South Dakota had a high profile candidate for so high an office. The possibility was always hotly debated at the kitchen table of the Ponderosa, where the Democratic Hinkles and their Republican in-laws routinely cuss and discuss politics. My Granddad always claimed Daschle would make it if he did run. I claimed that win or lose; he would never carry South Dakota. With the recent news, one wonders if it is all a moot point.

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think Tom would be a Health and Human Services Secretary. He is a lawyer! That's why I was shocked when I heard on the radio that Stephanie Herseth Sandlin was lamenting that Tom's expertise in this field would have been an asset to the nation. What expertise is that? Turns out Tom did write a book about the need for healthcare reform or some such thing. The book is called "Critical" and you can buy the book for \$1 if you join the "Progressive Book Club." Apparently, all one has to do to qualify for a cabinet position in the Obama administration is to write a book that nobody read. I know I didn't read it and I'll bet you didn't either. For sure Oprah

didn't read it, or I would have heard about it before now.

"Critical" may have done better than I think, because Tom made \$5 million in income and did not pay taxes on it, something in the neighborhood of \$120,000. This is really what all the trouble seems to be about. Some are speculating that there may be more to the story, but I'll not do that. What I will speculate on is that if Jerry Hinkle did not pay \$120,000 in taxes, he'd be in Fort Leavenworth getting ready to meet Bruno, his serial killer cellmate.

On the other hand, Tom still has a future in Washington as a lobbyist with Bob Dole's firm, if I remember correctly. And the public memory for this kind of thing is mercifully short. If there is an area that Tom Daschle can serve his country, he will find it.

My Granddad speaks to me from time to time even though he's been tending to his mansion in glory for almost 3 years now. The evening before I sat down to make this report; he reminded me that, indeed, we have all sinned. It may not have been a six figure tax evasion, but we've all made mistakes. Ours seldom make Keloland news, mind you, but none of us can, as Jesus said, "Cast the first stone." Granddad told me that none of us know what we'd have done in his place, because we've never been faced with that kind of situation.

Ever since I saw John Thune's

commercial with Tom declaring "I'm a D.C. Resident [Thumbs up sign]," I've been wondering about what has been referred to as "South Dakota Values." Thirty years ago, a young congressman was interviewed to get his reaction to the Abscam scandal. He said, in part, "You have to keep your nose clean." That congressman was Tom Daschle! He had "South Dakota Values" back then! Did he lose them? Did he forget what he learned from Abscam? He may just be serving as a reminder of what can happen if you do not pay attention to what is important.

That brings to mind John McCain. He was a member of "The Keating Five," but he came back and helped produce the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Bill. Tom can make a comeback too. What will he do? Only God knows, and he won't tell. I wish Tom well, and I'm praying for him! I hope you are too!

And so that concludes my first Filibuster for the "Phreno Cosmian." Until next time, as my Granddad used to say, "God be with you and do the best you can!"

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