

Religious Activities

The girls held their regular Thursday evening devotion December sixteenth. Miss Ida Johnson led the meeting. Two interesting Christmas stories were read.

The Mission Class held its meeting Monday evening, December 13. Harry Thompson and M. Bolleson continued the talks on the Islam World. They stated that Islam can teach us a lesson, namely the unity that is found among them.

The Students Christian Association held its meeting Wednesday evening the 16th. Elmer Anderson spoke in Danish about the peace we should all have, especially peace with God. The boys' and girls' octette sang, after which Edwin Petrusen spoke from the second chapter of Luke.

Christmas at Dana 1926

The Christmas festivities at Dana began with the student body party held in the dining room, December twenty-first. Though some had misgivings about unprepared lessons for the following day (since vacation was not to begin till Wednesday noon,) everyone entered into the party with zest and good-will. A short program was given before the games were begun. Dr. Vig welcomed everybody with a few well-chosen words. The boys' and the girls' octette sang very appropriately the old and well known Christmas carols, "Silent Night"; "Joy to the World"; and "Beautiful Savior". Aaron Christenson read a selection from Henry Van Dyke.

The party was then divided into five groups. Clemens Vig, Julia Nelson, Lois Hanson, Winston Hanson, and Eli Vig, each directed a group in playing games. Miss Falk then directed everyone's attention to an immense snowball by the Christmas tree which contained gifts for all. The names were called out and each one received some little Christmas present. Those who received horns, whistles, and balloons were soon celebrating so loudly that Ansgar Christensen could not make himself heard. He towered on a chair and finally succeeded in getting it quiet enough in order to read a Christmas greeting from President Hanson. He read, "A Merry Christmas to all, faculty and students. . . . Vacation begins this evening."

The enthusiasm that followed can better be imagined, than described. Dainty sandwiches and hot chocolate were served while discussions were carried on about making earlier connections for home. Several discovered that if they could get to Omaha that night they could get an early train for home. All the available taxi drivers were summoned and in less than an hour two car loads of young Danaites had "packed" and were on their way home for Christmas. By Wednesday noon all those who had planned to leave for Christmas had gone.

The preparations followed for those who were to remain at Dana. Mrs. Beck called for extra help in the kitchen to the delightful task of making candy and "pebberrødder".

The dining room had previously been decorated with crepe paper and bells and now all the extra tables were pushed aside and the tables were formed into a large cross. The Christmas tree was decorated and brought over to the one side parlor. Here the one corner of the room was made into an inviting living room in connection with the side room.

At five o'clock Christmas eve the students enjoyed a bountiful chicken supper. The tables were prettily decorated with poinsettias, carnations, and roses, a gift from Dan. During the course of the meal Irving Peterson presented Dan Greeno, Mrs. Beck, and Mrs. Nelson, each with a gift from the student body. The dishes were then cleared away and everyone gathered in the improvised living room. Edwin Petrusen read the Christmas gospel which was followed by several Christmas songs. Chris Berthelsen read a beautiful Christmas poem; Peter Hauge expressed a few Christmas thoughts in connection with the second chapter of Luke; and Lillie Peterson read a Christmas story. Though this one particular evening was not like a Christmas at home yet the Christmas message about Christ our Savior was just as significant and perhaps meant more to us than ever before. Songs were sung around the Christmas tree and then apples and candy were enjoyed.

Christmas day dawned bright and clear. The world had been transformed by a beautiful snowfall the night before. Christmas services were held at the church in the morning. At noon everybody partook of a most delicious goose dinner.

One person especially well liked during the holidays was our faithful mailman, Peter Peterson. Packages and letters full of Christmas cheer from rela-



tives and friends were very welcome. The faculty was very kind in extending invitations to the students during the holidays. Many pleasant afternoons and evenings were spent in the various homes. Professors Bundgaard and Nielson divided the number of students and entertained them in their homes one evening. Interesting games were played and a delicious lunch served afterwards.

Every evening at eight-thirty lunch was served in the dining room followed by games and singing.

New Year's Eve the young people of our local church had prepared a watch night service, to which Dana students were cordially invited. A generous lunch was served at tables in the basement from eight till nine o'clock. From then on till eleven o'clock games were played when everyone proceeded upstairs to a program. Many interesting numbers were given in the glow of the lights from the Christmas tree. At twelve the program concluded with the ringing of the bell and New Year greetings were extended to all.

With the ushering in of the New Year vacation comes to an end. The students who spent their Christmas at Dana 1926 wish to thank all those who had a part in making our stay pleasant and enjoyable. Especially do we wish to thank Mrs. Beck and her sister Mrs. Nelson for their kindly interest in us all.

THE NORDIC READING CIRCLE MEETS AT PROF. BUNDEGAARD'S HOME

On Saturday evening, Dec. 22, the reading circle known as "Nordisk Læsekreds" met at the home of Prof. Bundgaard. Due to the rush of work incidental to the impending vacation, the attendance was unusually small. We would like to impress upon members the importance of regular attendance at our meetings. If they all prove as spirited and thought-provoking as was the one of Dec. 18th it will be time well spent.

The book under discussion at this session was Ingemann's "Landsbybørnene". Many questions were asked, and the lively discussion which ensued increased our interest in and understanding of the characters portrayed by the author, as well as his purpose in writing the book.

Nothing less than the delicious "Æblekage", cake, and coffee served by our hostess, Mrs. Bundgaard, could check the flow of animated conversation on the topics under discussion.

The books to be read this month are "Arne" and "Synnøve Solbakken", two of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnsons charming portrayals of Norwegian rural life. We hope all members will be able to read these books and attend the next meeting.

VOLLEY BALL

It had been hoped that the first round of the volley ball tournament would have been completed before vacation, but on account of the busy holiday season, several of the games had to be postponed.

The percentage score of the various teams is being made out by Prof. Bundgaard and will be issued before the next round commences.

The results of the games played before Christmas is as follows: Iowa—lost 1, won 2, I. M. M.—lost 3, won 0, Neb.—lost 2, won 1, Calif.—lost 1, won 2, Wis.—lost 1, won 2, Union.—lost 3, won 0, Scandinavians—lost 0, won 3.

MINDER

Jeg gemmer paa skønne Minder
Fra Barndommens gyldne Aar
En Taare i Øjet mig rinder,
Ved Tanken om Livets Vaar.

Jeg gemmer paa andre Minder
Fra Ungdommens første Aar.
Og Taarer mit Øje blinder,
Naar levende for mig de staar.

Jeg ejer en Kran af Minder,
Fra Livets Dage som svandt.
I Kraensen du Roser finder,
Men Torne er der iblandt.

The Season's First Basket Ball Game

Dana College met its first defeat of the season when the Grand View College five defeated the Dana quintet in a game staged in the Dana gym on Friday, December 17. The final score was 26-15 in favor of the opponents. The game was fast from beginning to end and gave the large crowd of spectators who witnessed the game a real contest to watch.

Dana began the tilt with the following line-up: Center—Shorty Vig, forwards—"Red" Hanson and Benny Bentson, guards—Mehrens and Pete Sorenson, Red scored for Dana within the first three minutes of play, but Grand View soon got into the lead by means of a free throw followed by a basket. From this time on, Grand View scored steadily, easily breaking through Dana's defense.

Several of Dana's men were substituted during the first half. Lloyd Christensen was the first of these and went in, replacing Benny. Soon afterwards, Pete Sorenson scored, raising Dana's score to 4. Grand View's line of defense held like a stone wall and it was impossible for Dana to break through it. Due to a free throw, Dana's score was raised to 5 and for a while the future looked a little more promising for the locals, but Grand View still continued to score.

Shortly before the end of the first half Pete Peterson went in for Mehrens and Loyd made a basket, making the score at the end of the first half 13-7 in favor of Grand View.

Grand View scored successively during the first part of the second, running the score up to 21-7. Mehrens was again put in as standing guard, but Dana failed to add to her score.

Pete Peterson then replaced Mehrens and Benny went in for Red, but Dana failed to penetrate the strong defense of Grand View. Shorty made a free throw, but the opponents immediately scored, bringing the score up to 24-9.

Coach Lundberg then sent Red in as center in place of Shorty. Soon after this Pete Sorenson scored, followed immediately by a basket made by Red. Dana's men fought with all that was in them and seemed to be holding their own for a time, but Grand View immediately added to their score and the game ended in a 26-15 victory for Grand View.

THE NORTH SIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 14.

The Christmas program was given by the pupils of the North Side Sunday

School on the afternoon of December 19th. The program consisted of recitations and song by the various classes, a vocal solo by Immanuel Petersen, and a short talk by Ansgar Christenson. At the close each pupil was presented with an appropriate book as a gift from the Sunday School; candy, and apples were also distributed.

It is, indeed, gratifying to the workers of this Sunday School to see the interest which is shown by the parents of this district, in sending their children to us. At the present there are fifty enrolled and it is our hope that the attendance will increase. It is also hoped that permission will be granted to conduct Sunday School in the new building which has just been completed.

The Sunday School teachers wish to thank all those who so willingly contributed to the fund so that a bit of Christmas cheer could be brought into the homes of these children. Let us remember the scripture passage which is recorded in St. Matthew 25:40: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

FORENSIC NOTES

For the past three months Coach Erland Nielsen has been working hard with the Dana forensic try-outs. And with the coming of New Year and the approach of the debating season, the Danian Debaters are working harder than ever under Coach Nielsen's efficient leadership. This year we will be represented by both an affirmative and negative team. The Captain of the affirmative team is Arthur Mehrens, while Clemens Vig holds the reins of the negative team.

It is with a good deal of pleasure that the school looks forward to the opening of the season which is only a few weeks off, and the hearty support of the student body is invoked, for this is the first year that we are represented, as a college, on the platform.

Such colleges as Kearney State, Midland, Peru, and Nebraska Central are listed on our schedule, so we are not lacking in strong adversaries. But with hard work and the support of the student body, our team can be expected to truly represent Dana and then we will be safe in predicting a successful season.

DANNEBROG

The Dannebrog Society held its Christmas program Saturday, December 18, at 7 o'clock. Besides three Christmas songs sung by the audience a special musical number was given by the girls' octette. The other numbers on the program consisted of two short stories read by Axel Larsen and Eleanora Nelson, a talk by Paul Rasmussen and an original reading by Prof. W. B. Nielsen.

CAMPUS NOTES

Miss Ida Hansen left December 17 for her home in Colorado.

Misses Falk and Jørgensen, and Mr. Lundberg, are spending the holidays at their respective homes.

The students appreciated the Christmas present from the faculty immensely. Immediately after the party Tuesday evening, some began packing and were off the campus shortly after midnight, bound for home.

A Valuable Collection of Antique Books

It is probably not generally known that Dana College has a collection of antique books which any city library or museum would be proud to possess. For better protection against the ravages of time, the books have been placed in a glass cabinet in the reading room. Visitors to Dana, interested in antiques are invited to step in and examine the collection.

The oldest Danish book is an immense Bible, formerly the property of "Brorson Højskole," Kønsmare, North Dakota. When this institution closed its doors a number of books were donated to Dana, among them this valuable Bible. On its fly-leaf we read: "Prentet i Kiøbenhavn aff Matz Vingaardt A. D. 1589." It is interesting to note the ancient form of type, the obsolete orthography, and peculiar binding of the book.

Rivalling this work in interest is the so-called "Christian den Fjerdes Bibel", printed in Copenhagen in 1633. This is a veritable work of art as shown in the beautiful frontispiece and other embellishments as well as in the handsome binding with its metal reinforcements and brass clasps. Books were made to last in those days. This Bible was donated to Trinity Seminary in 1899 by the late Rev. and Mrs. Dahlstrøm of Racine.

The largest single volume in the collection is a German Bible printed in 1665. This is a gift from Rev. Berthelsen of Philadelphia.

An interesting Latin Book dates from 1578. Another work of four large leather-bound volumes printed in 1731 bears this inscription in old style English on the title page: "The Books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon paraphrased with Arguments to each Chapter and Annotations thereupon, by the Right Reverend Father in God, Symon, late Lord Bishop of Ely." In a most interesting dedicatory note the author sets forth his reasons for paraphrasing these parts of the Holy Scriptures.

Possibly the most valuable set in the collection is the complete work of Dr. Martin Luther comprising eight large volumes. The first of these was printed in 1589, the last in 1562. These volumes have a very decorative binding with brass clasps. A card attached informs us this work is a gift from the Board of Trustees of Luther College.

The library has several smaller books dating from the 18th century and also the earlier part of the 19th. In short, the collection is one of which Dana College may well be proud.

Tidens Brug

Af M. P. Bollesen

Tiden er vel nok noget af det mest uforklarlige, som er stillet til vor Raadighed; noget, der kan gøres Brug af, men ligesom mange andre Fænomener, ikke kan forklares. Vi kan dog vist ganske roligt sige, at det tillige er noget af det værdifuldeste af alt og derfor ogsaa af tilstrækkelig Interesse til at tage under nøjere Betragtning.

Dersom vi henvender os til et Leksikon for at faa en Forstaelse af "Tid", finder vi, at det er et Begreb, der er knyttet til Begivenhedernes Rækkefølge, afset fra deres Sted og Aarsagsforbindelser. Det er kun ved forudsætte, at Jordens Omdrejninger sker fuldstændig jævnt, at vi kan maale Tiden nøjagtigt, men i hvert Fald, Tiden er ens for alle Mennesker under alle Forhold. Tiden er et Fænomen der var, der er, og der vil vedvare saa længe, Jorden staar. Det er dette forunderlige, der til Tider synes at svinde i Hast, men saa igen til andre Tider synes at gaa langsomt, og dog gaar den jævnt; det uforstaaelige, der svinder bort for aldrig mere at vende tilbage; det mærkelige, som Mennesket baade velsigner og forbander, endskønt den deler ud i lige Maa! til alle. Endvidere kan vi sige, at den er det, vi beskylder andre for at stjæle fra os og dog er den vor. Endnu mere besynderlig synes samme Fænomen, Tiden, at være, idet den møder os ved Vuggen og næsten uden vor Viden bærer os paa sine usynlige Arme til vor Grav; hvor forunderligt! Hvor ofte har vi ikke ogsaa ønsket, at Tiden vilde indrette sig efter vort Behag, saa at vi kunde forandre paa den, naar det vilde være fordelagtigt. Men den gaar sin jævne stotte Gang og vi maa da smukt fjerne os efter den, hvor meget det end maatte mislige os.

Da vi nu har set, at "Tiden" er et Fænomen, som vi er nødsaget til at indrette os efter, og tillige, at den Tid, som svandt ikke kommer igen og at den kun giver en Lejlighed til at lade sig bruge, vil det nok være klogest for os, ikke alene at rette os efter den, men tillige efter bedste Evne og Efterstræbelser at benytte den ret i Stedet for, som vi desværre saa ofte gør, at

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On Resolutions and Habits

With the advent of each new year our papers, magazines and periodicals devote a large amount of space to that peculiarly intangible thing which we so loosely designate as "New Year's resolutions". Orators mount their soap-boxes and discourse at great length and in stentorian tones on the virtues and advantages of making new resolutions, while our weary editorial writers scribble off sheaves of advice relative to "beginning the new year right" or else they write sly innuendoes deploring the feebleness and shallowness of the human race in that it builds elaborate structures of resolves only to shatter and destroy them. But despite the ponderous exhortations of the orators, and the "jeu de mots" of the editorial writers, we are concerned, in no small degree, over this perennial repentance of the past and resolve of betterment in the future. As such, the much discussed "New Year's Resolutions" is highly commendable, but in everyday practice there are flaws that are altogether too apparent.

Let us point out just one of these flaws before we hasten on to the other phase of our subject. Usually, by that we mean the broad generality, the resolutions made are concerned with things of a shallow or small significance. In saying this, we realize fully that it is through the small things that the beginnings must be made, and it is not that which we are criticizing, but we are criticizing the tendency to let the renunciation of a small thing supplant the renunciation of the vital and more dangerous habits. In illustration of this let us point to a certain green-grocer of our acquaintance. He has several bad habits, among them that of short weighting his customers. He was also a smoker. The new year rolls around and what does he do but make the highly virtuous resolve to cease smoking, but he overlooked entirely his habit of cheating his patrons, and several other habits, equally as bad if not worse. And so it is down the line; from the cobbler to the green-grocer, the blacksmith to the tin-peddler. We center our resolutions about relatively insignificant things and then lean back complacently and think we have finished, but we have only begun. The slate is not yet clean, for there are other and deeper marks to wipe away.

We are constantly being warned against bad habits, and not least, in connection with "New Year's Resolutions". Bearing in mind what has been said of resolutions let us proceed to a brief consideration of habit.

Since, according to James, habit is a new pathway of discharge by which in-

coming currents tend to escape, and, also according to James, the brain structure is of a plastic nature, which fact makes it possible for habits, good or bad, to be formed, a man, or for that matter any human being, can fashion his life quite as much as the potter molds his clay; providing of course he has the vision, perseverance, and will. However, just as it requires a long practised and skilled artisan in clay to mold fine and beautiful objects, thus it even more so, requires long practise, infinite patience, and ceaseless perseverance for one to mold his character — his physical and mental facilities into a beautiful and ideal form. And sadly enough, man rarely succeeds in training his habits beyond the extent of perhaps a polished social exterior; or perhaps, in the case of workmen, to perform his task smoothly and with greater perfection. With these few exceptions, man rarely succeeds in fulfilling his resolves. Although the success is rarely very marked, there can always be a progression, slight as it may seem, and for this reason is it commendable to be constantly forming good habits, and constantly casting off bad habits.

Due to the very nature of his mental being man must be acquiring habits; it is as Carlyle has written of habit, "— there is nothing more perennial in us than this. It is the source of all practise, all working and all learning." With this quotation from perhaps one of the greatest essayists and thinkers we should perhaps close this paper, but just a word concerning the part habit plays in our moral and spiritual existence.

Permit us to refer back to the statement, that beauty and perfection are far too rarely achieved. Just as this is true in reference to mental and physical actions, so is it even more true con-

cerning the moral and spiritual phases of life. There is possibly no feature of our present day existence where there is so much laxity and outright negligence as there is towards the moral life and the things pertaining to it. And in this respect habit also plays an important role. It is not, we fully realize, our privilege to discourse on this subject from the religious viewpoint, but I know that if more of us were earnestly faithfully, and prayerfully striving to mold our lives as Christ taught, to acquire habits of brotherly love, and humility and all the many virtues and ideals which He taught, and which He lived during His stay here on earth, then the world would be less corrupt, and the inhabitants thereof would be infinitely more happy, and more peaceful.

Let this then be our resolve for the coming year: That we give up ourselves to Christ without reserve; and let Him use us in His service as best He can.
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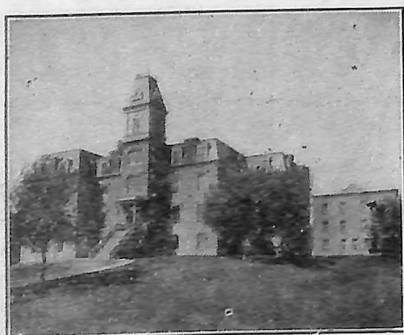
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THE POPULAR COLLEGE GIRL

What do we mean when we say that a girl is popular? The word is often used in a derogatory sense as synonymous with notorious. It shall not be my purpose to define the popular college girl in this sense, but in the best sense of the word. Using the word in the best sense, we say that a popular college girl is one who is esteemed and respected by a majority of the students. It is a difficult matter to give reasons as to why a particular girl is popular, because she impresses us in such a manner that we are not aware of the specific qualities which attract us to that girl. There are, however, certain qualities which we admire and esteem, and which are possessed by the truly popular college girl.

The first quality is a good personal appearance. Appearance is many times deceiving, but it is nevertheless true that we receive our first impression of a girl from her outward appearance and this impression is likely to be lasting. The popular college girl is not necessarily beautiful, but she must be attractive. She is not a slave to fashion, but dressed neatly and simply. She dresses in such a way that we are pleased without being conscious of any particular feature of her attire.

A good personal appearance alone, however, does not make a girl popular. She must be intelligent. The "beautiful but dumb" creature has no claim to popularity among college students. The popular girl is able to carry on a good conversation. It is not necessary that she be brilliant, but she must be able to express herself clearly and intelligently.

In addition to a good personal appearance and intelligence, the popular college girl has a pleasing personality. She must be cheerful. A smile wins more friends than a frown. She must be natural and must have the ability to make other people feel at ease. The popular girl has a broad human interest. She is generous and sympathetic. She is willing to help others at all times. She does not consider herself too good to listen to what the other person has to say. She is never too busy to be courteous.

The most important quality of the popular college girl is goodness of character. Beauty, intelligence, and a pleasing personality may attract us for a time, but unless there is something of lasting worth behind these qualities, we soon lose interest in the person. The popular girl is honest. She takes part in the social activities of the school, but knows when to say "No". She has a high sense of honor and never violates the rules of decency. She never indulges in any questionable conduct. I do not mean to say that she is without faults, but she does not intentionally violate the rules of decency.

Should popularity, then, be the conscious aim of a college girl? To this question we must answer in the negative. The college girl should strive to improve herself physically, mentally and morally, not as a means to popularity, but as an end in itself. Popularity is not always a true judge of the worth of a person, and it is a momentary possession.

Among the contributors to this issue are: Miss Jensen, Ellen Bondo, Paul Rasmussen, and Prof. Nielsen.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. Spener Petersen, '23, who has recently accepted a call from Portland, Oregon, is leaving for his new charge on the seventeenth of this month.

Anna K. Jensen is not teaching in Ord as mentioned in the last issue but in Genoa, Nebraska, and Rev. Nommesen informs us that she is very active in the church and Sunday school work there.

Marie Andersen, '23, is living with her parents in Webster Groves, Missouri, and is actively engaged in the church being Sunday school teacher, choir leader and organist.

Rev. E. Nommesen, '23, Staplehurst, Nebraska, has accepted a call from Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada.

Rev. Samuel J. Hansen and family, formerly of the Ebenezer Church, Chicago, arrived in Eugene, Oregon, to take up the work there on November twenty-sixth.

Elenora Simonsen, '26, is here in Blair, her home town, employed in the Farmers' State Bank.

M. P. Bollesen has accepted the call from Plainview and Winnetoon, Nebraska.



Dana, Jan. 4, 1927.

Dear Folks:

Arrived safe and sound at the school this morning. As classes don't commence before one o'clock P. M., I take the opportunity to write you a few lines. Most likely this will be the last you hear from me till after the semester's exams.

My room-mate has not yet arrived. I imagine she will come a couple of days late. That would be just like her. She takes life rather easy and gets by

with it too. All it takes is nerve to get along in this world of ours, and she has it.

I sure was angry when I came to Blair this morning. I called to the college for the taxi, but Pete was in bed and did not favor the idea of getting up at seven on such a cold morning. All there was left for me to do was to walk to the college. Such is life. One has to be satisfied with his lot, however. It is no use "kicking".

Yes, our vacation has come to an end. I see an endless amount of work loom up ahead of me. I shudder when I think about it. But others has to go through the same grind. That is one consolation. If others can stand it, I ought to could too. I am going to get a good start. That means a lot. The mind will be a little rusty at first, but it won't take long to get back to normal.

In a way, it was nice to come back to Dana again and meet the acquainted faces. You know, we are all like brothers and sisters here at school. We even have our small fights as real sisters and brothers have. That is a thing which is necessary, in order to create the desirable domestic spirit.

Hoping that you may experience a happy New Year, I remain your loving daughter,

Karen Jørgensdatter.

NOTE WELL, GIRLS!

A popular college girl, from the masculine viewpoint, must have certain attributes. The essential requirements, as I see them, are:

She must be fairly intelligent.
She must be vigorous and sportsman-like.

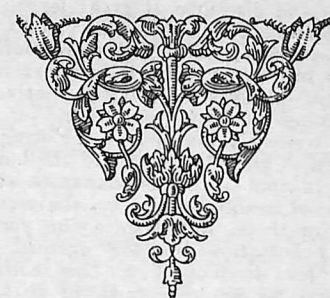
She must be passably good looking.
She must not be "snobbish" or "catty."
She must not be overly sentimental, or "mushy."

She must be capable of assuming responsibilities.

She must be of refined character.
She must possess a reputation for fidelity and fraternity.

I have known only one person with these attributes, therefore in the light of past experience I add:

The popular college girl must have glossy dark red hair and beautiful grey-blue eyes.



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