

## Lutherans Are Predominate In A.L.C. Colleges

### SURVEY SHOWS LUTHERAN PERCENTAGE IS HIGH IN CHURCH COLLEGES

A recent survey of the church affiliations of the students attending the Lutheran colleges of the United States has brought some interesting statistics to light.

The figures below give the total enrollment at the various colleges, as well as the number and percentage of Lutheran students. The total enrollment for the American Lutheran Conference is 5068, of which 3666 or 72.3 per cent are Lutheran. The United Lutheran Church colleges have an enrollment of 4643, of which 1990 or 42.8 per cent are Lutheran.

American Lutheran Conference			
College	Total Enrolment	Lutheran No.	%
Augsburg	252	220	87.2
Augustana	494	301	60.9
Augustana, S.D.	401	303	75.3
Bethany	335	162	48.7
Capital	605	385	63.6
Concordia	466	418	89.7
Dana	178	114	64.
Gustavus Adolphus	390	322	82.5
Luther	416	333	80.
St. Olaf	978	832	85.
Upsala	340	95	27.9
Wartburg	213	181	84.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5068</b>	<b>3666</b>	<b>72.3</b>

United Lutheran Church			
College	Total Enrolment	Lutheran No.	%
Carthage	292	152	52.1
Gettysburg	630	343	54.4
Hartwick	285	35	12.3
Lenoir Rhyne	377	166	44.
Midland	303	128	42.2
Muhlenberg	436	201	46.1
Newberry	308	153	46.6
Roanoke	363	45	12.4
Susquehanna	282	140	50.
Thiel	262	105	40.
Wagner	207	97	42.
Waterloo	70	25	35.7
Wittenberg	828	400	48.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4643</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>42.8</b>

## Teachers Attend College Meeting

Dr. C. X. Hansen and Professors Malmin and Thomsen attended the second annual meeting of Lutheran college faculties, held at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, November 27-28. Professor Malmin appeared on the conference program.

Illness and various duties prevented a number of faculty members from attending.

### Coming Events

- Dec. 3—Globe Trotters, here
- Dec. 5—Nordic Reading Circle
- Dec. 11—Ag class to Omaha
- Dec. 11—History Club Program
- Dec. 15—Nebraska "B", here
- Dec. 16—Next Issue Hermes
- Dec. 19—Christmas Vacation Begins

## What Are We Thankful For?

What are you thankful for?  
A face in the crowd,  
A smile in the rain,  
A hearty handclasp  
When you meet again?

What am I thankful for?  
A song in my soul,  
A friend who is true,  
And gives me a smile  
When she knows I am blue.

What are we thankful for?  
A chance to make good,  
Though rough be the road,  
A chance to be here  
At the place we hold dear.  
—Marjorie Boyer.

## Debate Plans In Uncertain State

The game of hopscotch still goes on—to debate or not to debate seems to be the question for debate at the present time.

It was decided at the beginning of the school year that debate would not be offered this year. However, we were permitted to announce in the Hermes for October 5 that there would be a class should a sufficient number of students signify their desire for it. In the Hermes for October 19 we blazed forth with the information that a debate class was to be formed.

Hearing nothing about the outcome for some time, we sent an inquirer to look into the matter. The outcome of this interview gave birth to an article in our issue of November 16 to the effect that interest had waned, thus no class would be formed.

About a week ago the argumentative flame again burst forth, and we were informed that the impossible was about to take place—a debate class was definitely being formed. However, as we began to prepare this piece of news for the press, word was received that the project had suffered a slight relapse.

In view of the roller coaster progress of this function we have decided to withhold further statements until the crisis has been reached.

## Dannebrog Meets For First Time

The Dannebrog Literary Society held its first meeting of the year in the chapel on the evening of November 23.

The program, conducted in the Danish language, was opened with the singing of "Se de Lyser." Mr. Henning Olsen acted as commentator during the showing of a series of slides depicting life and scenes in Denmark. Mr. Alfred Petersen, a Dana graduate, gave a brief talk on his native land.

The business session, which had been planned, was postponed until a later date because of the small attendance at the initial meeting.

How about news, alumni?

## Nineteen Receive Football Awards

The annual banquet, marking the formal finis of the football season, was enjoyed by students, several of the faculty, and downtown representatives from Blair. An excellent menu, fine speeches, and the awarding of letters constituted the main events of the evening's program.

The festive board was beautifully decorated, which served to make the evening all the more pleasant. Place cards were formed to represent goal posts, a football in the end zone bearing the name of the guest. Beautiful roses, presented by the girls' pep club, adorned the table at intervals.

Coach Olsen excellently filled the post as toastmaster, casting compliments as well as a few bricks at the various members of the student body, and introducing as speakers: Superintendent Montgomery, Ivan Johansen and Stanley Larsen, former and newly elected captains, respectively, Dr. C. X. Hansen, and Dolliver Thogerson. The general idea as presented by the evening's talks was that football victory does not consist solely in wins and losses but also in the success of physique and character building. The squad, taken as a whole, was complimented as one of the few teams who stand for clean speech and actions on the playing field.

Dr. C. X. Hansen, venerable supporter of Dana athletics for years, was pleasantly surprised when the "D" club presented him with a letter making him an honorary member of their organization. Letters were awarded to Johansen, Larsen, Boe, Wildrick, B. De Laurant, Neve, L. De Laurant, Gammel, Dyhrberg, Petersen, Svendsen, Fries, Sorensen, Paulsen, and Vig. Numerals were awarded to other faithful members of the squad: Mickelsen, Meader, Hansen, Qualsett. Ethan Svendsen received the manager's award.

## News Briefs

The Nordic Reading Circle, in view of the splendid attendance at its first meeting of the year, seems destined to be one of the most active of the campus organizations this year.

One of the school buses conveyed a number of students to their homes in the Harlan-Kimballton-Audubon sector for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Don't forget the Annual Men's Dinner at the First Lutheran Church in Blair on December 3.

The choir sang at the Swedish Methodist Church in Oakland, Nebraska, on November 20, and at the Danish Lutheran Church in Kennard on November 22. Both concerts were well attended.

We notice that a no-credit course in spelling and other elementary subjects is being offered. What a boon to many of the freshmen!

## Thankfulness Has Many Objects, Reporter Finds

### Sven Bach Makes Highest Average

Sven Bach, freshman from Kumamoto, Japan, was announced this week as the highest ranking student in scholastic achievement for the first quarter. Bach has an average of 95.1 per cent in his studies.

Miss Eloise Morris, Blair, has the highest scholastic standing among the girls, and second highest in the student body is Elmer Rasmussen of Clifton, Illinois. Miss Helen M. Jacobsen of Racine, Wisconsin, is fourth.

### Winter Semester Gets Under Way

Only five students have enrolled for the winter semester this year, but there will be no curtailment of classes or subjects because of this.

Among the classes offered are agronomy, typing, English, Danish, farm economics, algebra shorthand, and drawing. A no-credit course in arithmetic, spelling and penmanship is also being offered. This class is open to the entire college.

The winter semester teaching staff is drawn from the regular faculty in addition to two upper classmen.

### Educator Speaks On Vocal Defects

Reverend H. Stennfeld of Fremont, head of a school for the correction of speech defects, delivered the chapel talk Monday, November 16. His message was appreciated by the students.

After his chapel talk, Reverend Stennfeld talked to a smaller group, telling of the school which he heads. He said that most speech difficulties can be remedied, and that the institution he represented is one of the few in the middle west.

### Nordics To Meet at Swanson Home

Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales will be the subject for discussion at the second meeting of the Nordic Reading Circle, which is to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Swanson on Saturday evening, December 5.

The primary reason for studying Andersen's works at this time lies in the fact that Jacob Texiere, world's foremost interpreter of his fairy tales, has been invited to appear at our school. Should the invitation be accepted, this advance study would serve to increase the enjoyment of his presentations.

Mr. Texiere is making a tour in  
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### INQUIRY REVEALS VARIETY OF REASONS FOR THANKFULNESS AT DANA

At the Thanksgiving season most of us are inclined to take some sort of mental stock of our blessings. Each of us has many things for which to be thankful, but when we are asked to name that for which we are most thankful, we are quite at a loss as to what to reply.

After interviewing several of the students, I find that most of them are most thankful for their opportunity to attend college. Most of them also expressed their greatest thankfulness for their parents.

Laurice DeLaurant is thankful for his Model T, so that he doesn't need to ride home on a bicycle over the holidays. Leonard "Napoleon" Nelson says that his thankfulness will last as long as his Ford holds together.

Louise Thorslev says that she couldn't think of anything for which she is more thankful than her parents. Leland Hansen expressed his greatest thanks for his home. Marjorie Boyer and Ruth Jensen are thankful for being able to attend Dana.

Gerda is thankful for her roommate; Esther Miller is thankful for her neighbors; and Mary Helen Langley is thankful for a warm room. Richard Petersen very humbly stated that he was thankful for a new pair of shoe strings. Bob Jensen showed no hesitation in voicing his thankfulness for his sweetheart, and Earl Laurson quietly breathed his thanks for a "friend."

Inger Jensen is thankful that she didn't "stay under." (Was she hypnotized, too?) Anita Nielsen is very thankful that she can speak Danish, so that her roommate doesn't get everything she says. Alice Traum very emphatically stated that she was very thankful for permanents, so she doesn't have to put her hair up in curls every night. Marjorie Seltz says that she is most thankful for her dimples, but in a more serious mood she expressed her

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### Question Night Held by League

The Luther League meeting of November 18 was devoted to the discussion of a wide variety of questions pertaining to the spiritual life and conduct of Christian young people. Clarence Jensen conducted the discussion, clearing up many problems in a clear, frank manner. We are unable to publish the questions and answers here for lack of space. Also, over 100 attended the meeting, so the majority of the students are familiar with the material discussed.

Miss Jean Larson sang and Mr. James Olsen led in devotionals.



### Nordics to Meet at Swansen Home

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The United States at the present time, and his appearance on our campus would indeed be one of the outstanding events of the school year. Politiken, Denmark's foremost newspaper, has this to say of him: "There is only one Hans Christian Andersen and Jacob Texiere is his prophet."

All students are welcome to join the Nordic Reading Circle, but inasmuch as it has been decided to limit the membership this year, it would be well for those interested to make immediate application. Professors Fynboe, Malmin and Nyholm are in charge of receiving memberships.

The Reading Circle has for its purpose the development of interest in Scandinavian literature among the members of the student body, most of whom are of Danish stock. The fact that the meetings are conducted in the English language should serve as an incentive to those who are not familiar with the Danish.

#### HAIL! FELLOW, WELL MET!

Hail, fellow well met, be my comrade this day,  
And I'll bid all my grouches a cheerful "Good Day."

Let's go to some corner that's never been found,  
At least by the fogies that live in this town;

We'll leave all our cares and our troubles behind,  
Of pleasure the core, but none of the rind.

Let's hike for the fields, the wood or the glen;  
Let's taste of life's sweetness, and forget to say "when."

And when we return, which I hope we do not,  
At least to regrets which should all be forgot;

You back to your task; I back to mine,  
And giving you thanks for an enjoyable time.

—Richard M. Petersen.

### ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Agnes Petersen sustained painful injuries in an auto crash in Omaha on November 21. We have word that she received a slight skull fracture and a broken, besides minor injuries. She is being cared for at the Clarkson hospital, and reports state that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lincoln Richard Lincoln and James Carlson stopped over at Dana on November 20, on their way to Detroit. Richard stayed over for a visit on the return trip.

Miss Rubena Jorgensen is teaching in a rural school near Poyssippi, Wisconsin, and Miss Lila Jeffers, who has been employed in the County Agent's office at Saxeville, Wisconsin, for some time, is now substituting in the fifth and sixth grades at Hancock, Wisconsin.

Miss Anna Louise Rosenberg, after a visit to Saxeville and Racine, has now moved to Fresno, California, with her mother.

John Gebuhr, now attending Iowa State College, was elected president of the Lutheran Student Association of the American Land O' Lakes regional conference at its final business session on November 14, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Editor's note: Although it is impossible to send a personal letter of thanks to each alumnus who sends us a bit of news, we want you to know that your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. With freshmen constituting such a large part of this year's student body, it becomes the burden of the alumni to keep this department going. Let's have more.

The tragedy of Christianity through the centuries is that it has taken the cross of Christ for its creed but anything else but the Sermon on the Mount for its deed.

—E. Stanley Jones.  
"A war to end war" is the supreme moral absurdity.

—E. Stanley Jones.  
Temper, if ungoverned, governs the whole man.

—Shaftesbury.

### FIRST SNOWFALL

What happened in the night?  
A world all dead and brown  
By autumn lust was made,  
But now we find it decked  
In silver trimmings and  
A gown of feathery white.

First snow fell while we slept;  
This morning it is left  
In sketches on the grass,  
In borders on the path,  
And piles of silver down  
In corners her and there.

The snow—it covers o'er  
The brown of autumn's waste  
With blessings from above  
To melt our woes,  
And once again we know  
The glory of His love.

—Marjorie Boyer.

### FALLING PLASTER

Heard the latest? Amy says she is going on a "Wahling" trip with the "Neve," but she's keeping an eye "Lee"-ward. Careful Christy!.....It's too bad the girls can't find some other term of address than "kid"—even "honey" would be better, but in this case "kid" sticks....Speaking of girls—how many boys would recognize their lovely damsels with their hair done up in things resembling medieval torture devices? They feel just like that, too.....Public Question No. 1: How do they get that ribbon to stay in Boe's hair?....

Public Question No. 2: What is Boe going to do with all the autographs he has received lately? And petitions?.....This Houdini stuff is hard to believe. If you really can hypnotize people, boys, why didn't you get us out of that English test, day before Thanksgiving?.....Joke of the Week: Clara: "All boys are idiots, anyway!" Paul P.: "That's so girls will have a chance to get married.".....By the way, they're calling him "Fan-Mail" Paul, now.....This one sounds like Doctor Hansen: "If the student body has any complaint to make, make it to me, as the teachers are not responsible for what they do."....."Rix" gave this definition for home in the Botany class: "where the heart is."—in that case, then home must be 202, girls' dorm....."Cherry," short for cherubim, should make a nice nickname for Qually.....Girls, you might just as well resign yourselves. Even fate is for Milly, for she is sitting at Bob's table....Whistle, girlie, whistle—there's a real he-man. (Whistle—Melvin Jensen).....Thassall.

### Government Said To Desire A.B.'s

Princeton, N. J.—(ACP)—Developments in both government and business are creating wider opportunities for college and university graduates with a background of broad training. Prof. DeWitt Clinton Poole, director of the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, told the advisory board of the school in his annual report:

"The concrete need which has presented itself insistently at the present juncture is to establish for the government service a reservoir of university graduates, outside of the professional and technical fields, who can be started at a beginner's level in the various civil departments and agencies as openings occur.

"As a first step the Civil Service Commission held in 1934 an examination of general character for persons possessing an A.B. or higher degree. From the register of eligibles established by this examination more than 1,200 permanent appointments have been made at beginning salaries which range from \$1,620 to \$1,800.

"As the situation is now developing, it may be said that these appointees have before them almost unlimited prospects of advancement, commensurate with the capability and character which each evinces.

"A second general examination for university graduates was held last summer and some 26,000 papers await grading at present in the offices of the civil service commission," Prof. Poole said.

The Congressional Library at Washington D. C., contains nearly five million books.

### Thankfulness Among Students

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gratitude that she is living in the United States.

When asked what she was most thankful for, Grace Steinbeck replied: "Men." Helen Margaret Jacobsen says that her thankfulness is too great for words. Clara Petersen is thankful for Peder and B. J. Evelyn Hoffling is grateful for her ability to put herself in other people's shoes. Veta and Caroline Larson say that they are most thankful for health.

#### IN AUTOMOTIVE TERMS

A visit to the Omaha Automobile Show has called the following metaphors to mind:

Dick Boe—Turret Top.  
The Brothers Svendsen—Twin ignition. Lewis Patrick—Knee action.

Henning Olsen—Zephyr.  
"Luella" Bixler—Streamline.  
Aster Neve—Bumper.

Laurice Delaurant—Floating power.  
"Gopher" Mickelsen—Headlight.

Clarence Jensen—Mack.  
"Napoleon"—Leg room.  
Poppe—Spark plug.

The number of stars visible to the naked eye, provided one stays at a single place in the United States for one year, would total 4,000.

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## Negro Stars Are First Viking Foe

Like the average newspaper reader, Dana will open the 1936-37 basketball season with the comics. Bobby Grund's Globe Trotters will mix with Coach Olsen's Vikings at the college gym on December 3, in the season's first game. It promises to be one of the finest evening's entertainment of the current season.

It is not to the discredit of the Danians that the colored boys will lack competition, for they constitute one of the finest ball-handling aggregations of the country. While the game is scheduled chiefly for exhibition purposes, an alert observer can nevertheless form some idea of the style and ability of this year's squad of Dana basketballers.

Last year's game with the Globe Trotters was played by the Terrible Danes, a pickup team from downtown. The record crowd of that engagement is expected to be exceeded this year.

## Girls Active on Basketball Plans

More pep and bigger candy is the slogan of the newly organized pep club for the basketball season. All profits made will be used to buy megaphones and other equipment for the pep club.

The club plans to present a pep rally or ginger snap to the student body before each basketball game.

From the girl's dormitory also comes the bulletin that basketball is now occupying the girl athletes' interest during physical education periods. Four tentative teams have been formed with Maxine Robbins, Helen Margaret Jacobson, Eleanor Poppe and Helen Olsen acting as captains and referees for their respective teams.

The gym has been reserved every Friday evening for the girls to practice basketball, but only a few girls have shown enough enthusiasm to come to every practice. How about more girls showing up at these practice periods? Lets see some real action from the W.A.A.!

## "D" Club Initiates Letter Winners

The newly reorganized "D" Club held its first official initiation of new members on November 20. The new members were assembled in the dining hall after having marched over, second only to the old "D" members. The men were garbed in clothes which were draped on their athletic frames backwards. With pick ribbons in their hair, all seated themselves at the supper table and felt very much contented. Forced to eat with spoons, they again showed signs of being very well pleased.

Each new member was asked to stand on his chair and read the truth about himself, a revelation written on individual slips of paper. Nothing new was learned, but all seemed elated with the opportunity to talk.

The "D" Club at their last meeting voted upon and decided to admit numeral-winners as social members with privileges to attend club meetings and enjoy social events sponsored by the organization. A motion was also passed to give Dr. C. X. Hansen membership by presenting him with an honorary "D" at the football banquet.

## Grid Guessers Collect Rewards

Seemingly endowed with the lives of Dana's cats, the football season, in its last convulsive death throes, spasmodically revives in this issue. Coach Olsen has put on his super-final "Pick the Winner" contests.

Doliver Thogerson, in the near future, will surround two chicken dinners as his reward for winning first place in the last two contests of the season. Ethan Svendsen and Bob Jensen placed second in the two contests;

Edwin Svendsen and Mickelsen, third; Leslie Petersen and B. DeLaurant, fourth. Prizes range from pie and ice to oyster stew, including football tickets and coffee.

Coach Olsen has been pleased with the number of entries in his contests and feels that the financial outlay for awards is well worthwhile in resulting interest in this national sport.

## Sport Chips

Due to plagiarism and to the forced co-authorship of this column by the chief scribe, I, the former columnist, leave this column open for unrestricted editorial insert.

(Chief scribe's note: Et Tu, Brute?)

## Squibs

According to statistics from the federal bureau of investigation in Washington, D. C. the total crime cost to the United States in 1935 was approximately \$15,000,000,000, or a per capita cost of \$125.

The reason why so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages.

—Jonathan Swift.

Mottoes for students: "I want what I want when I want it..."

## Varsity Team to Have Many Frosh

With the first call for basketball practice still ringing in their ears, about 15 hoopsters turned from football to the hardwood sport. The first practice revealed a variety of new talent. The team this coming season will undoubtedly be much faster than previous Viking quintets, offsetting the lack of height.

No standouts have been uncovered as yet, due to the pre-season form always prevalent. Freshmen who will bear watching appear to be: Ed Mann, Adolph Vammen, Tom Ninegar, Bob Jensen Edwin Svendsen and Paul Petersen. All lack experience, but a few good, tough games should bring out the best in them.

The season opens with the Harlem Globe Trotters, a game which will be nothing more than an evening of laughter for the audience and a good hard practice for the Vikings.

The Italian Government has already dismissed twenty-two missionaries from Abyssinia. The Hermannsburg Mission seems to have been affected by this order although definite information is not available. The Swedish Government has lodged a protest through the British Ambassador in Addis Ababa. It seems that the Italian Government is really about to carry out the avowed purpose to retain none but Italian missionaries in Abyssinia.

There are said to be more than 1,600 languages and dialects spoken in the Americas.

Ability to lead must be preceded by ability to follow.

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road leading to Blair bridge over the Missouri river. The keeper of the toll gate will sometimes permit you to walk over into Iowa where you may wander about for a while. A third route takes you south of Blair on highway 73 as far as a billboard advertising Hotel Rome. Near this sign you will find a country road going west. Follow it, it will lead you into the only beauty spots in this part of the known world. This writer will not describe the beauty of this route for two reasons, he does not wish to spoil the surprise you have in store and he cannot describe it.

But, seriously, hiking is a healthful sport and an incomparable substitute for loafing on Sunday afternoon or for extra credit studying. Try it.

## THE COLLEGIATE SPORTS WORLD

The fact that Alexander Franklin Wojciechowicz, Fordham's brilliant center, was such an insignificant high school freshman that his coach refused him a uniform is only one odd item about him.

Five feet, eleven, and 192 pounds, he plays a bruising game and is hailed by some critics as the greatest center in Fordham grid history. One of Wojciechowicz' hobbies is crocheting. When at home, he often helps his mother make rag rugs. He likes to cook, too.

But if you think his crocheting and cooking make him soft, just talk to a few of the centers he has faced.

Hastings College, this year's grid champion of the N.C.C.A., will lose only two lettermen before next year's campaign.

When Louisiana State University's new mascot, "Mike," a \$750 tiger cub, came to town, he was met at the station by a 200 piece band. The parade through the campus included scores of cars and even a garbage wagon to add color to the procession.

Some years ago at the University of Notre Dame, quarterbacks used to whip their Irish elevens into formation by yelling signals in Italian and Polish. Now football teams, almost universally, use the old fashioned English numbers. But Tom Conley, coach at John Carroll University, has a new system whereby the names of foods—pastries, especially, are

substituted. Signals are no longer complicated, because the quarterback yells, "Banana cream" or "Pine-apple pie," and the men hop into their various formations.

Folks have been talking about "Little Duquesne," the school which has made both Pittsburgh and Marquette say "Uncle" this season. However, Duquesne University is not so small. The records reveal that they have 2,349 students.

The home-coming attendance record at the University of Minnesota was shattered by 5,000 this year when 64,000 saw the Gophers smother the Hawkeyes.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That: A fast baseball player can reach first base in 3.8 or 3.9 seconds?

Handball originated in Ireland over a thousand years ago?

Harvard was the first school to introduce collegiate football?

Bill Edwards, All-American guard, once lost 30 pounds in a Yale-Princeton game?

The world record basketball throw is 97 feet, eight inches?

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Candies and Cigars