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'Lilac Time' Highlights Spring Programs, May 1

D.C.D.C. Will Present Three-Act Play 'Our Town' New King and Queen Will Reign Saturday

Friday evening, April 30, the Dana College Dramatics Club will reenact the days of the gay nineties in their presentation of the three-act play "Our Town". The entire play is staged without curtains or a setting of any kind and with the simplest of furnishings. At the opening of the play the audience is introduced to the pantomime and imaginary props by the stage manager. The entire play takes place in Grovers Corners, New Hampshire.

Jim Youmans, as the stage manager, tells the story of "Our Town", which shows the life and events of this typical New England town. Joan Larsen and John Beck portray the roles about which the action of the play is centered.

Others having speaking roles are: Joan Peterson, Ruth Larson, Verlan Hansen, Bob Bendorf, Esther Jensen, Dick Notzold, Allan Nyegaard, Lyle Jacobsen, Jim Sorensen, Gerhard Nygaard, Jim Olsen, Margaret Eriksen, Ray Weckmuller, Ruth Norstedt, Ema Petersen, Fred Leary, Anna Lisa Andersen, Glenn Neve, and Bill Johansen.

The play is under the direction of Niels Carlsen, Dramatics Club president.

Minnesota Senator Addresses Students

Senator Ed Thye of Minnesota paid an unexpected visit to the Dana campus April 9. Class schedules were rearranged for an eleven o'clock address by the Gopher state senator.

Senator Thye's address was in the interest of Harold Stassen, Republican presidential candidate who recently won the Nebraska GOP presidential primary. Following his address the Senator discussed several current national issues at an informal gathering of college students.

Dana College Chorus Gives Omaha Concert

The Dana College Chorus presented its initial concert Sunday, April 11, at the First Covenant Church in Omaha.

The all-choral festival was opened by the First Covenant Church choir which presented four numbers. Both choirs were under the direction of Mr. Melvin J. Widman of Dana. Solos were sung by Mr. Widman and by Jim Olsen of the Dana Chorus. The two choirs joined to conclude the program with the singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

The Dana Chorus also sang on Tuesday morning during the regular chapel services. Two negro spirituals, "King Jesus Is A Listening" and "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," were presented at the service. Freshman John Lassen sang the solo part of "Poor Wayfaring Stranger".



'Our Town' players Friday night will include, left to right: Joan Larsen, Ruth Larsen, Jim Youmans, Joan Peterson and John Beck.

Dana College Choir Returns to Campus After Successful Tour

Returning to Blair Sunday from a 2500 mile tour through Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Montana, the Dana College Choir, under the direction of Paul Neve, reports a successful concert season, despite difficulties resulting from an unseasonal blizzard in North Dakota and highway restrictions in Minnesota.

Seven hundred attended the first concert at Spencer, Iowa, and the tour continued the day following, only to be halted at Pipestone, Minn., by a restricted highway. The delay and subsequent rerouting made it necessary to cancel the concert scheduled at Moorhead, Minn.

Without warning, a blizzard struck following the Kenmare, N. Dak., concert and the choir was snowbound on April 7 at the northern city. The choir members who were guests in country homes had to be evacuated by sled the following day. West of Minot, N. Dak., the choir was halted by a ten mile stretch of snow blocked highway and returned to Minot, where a concert was arranged the following evening.

The delays made it necessary to cancel the four concerts in western Alberta.

After the first week of disrupted schedules and postponed concerts, the choir was able to

'Veterans Village' Elects New Mayor

Citizens of the Veterans' Village met last Friday and voted Albert Rasmussen as their new mayor. Al is a sophomore from Denver, Colorado, and is pursuing a pre-seminary course. The retiring mayor is Reynold Tange, seminarian of Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Acting in his capacity as mayor, Al will become the official representative of the occupants of the Veterans Housing Units, which houses ten families.

Margarete Neovius Finn. Youth Leader Visits the Campus

Miss Margarete Neovius, foreign secretary of the Student Christian Federation of Finland, will visit the Dana college campus Thursday, April 29. Her day-long stay here will be a part of Miss Neovius's tour of the nation while she is a temporary member of the Student Service Commission staff of the National Lutheran Council.

The Finnish youth leader will speak at a morning chapel convocation to be arranged and will also be available for conferences during the remainder of the day. Her work with the Finnish Student Christian Movement has provided her with the background necessary to interpret European Christian students to Americans. She will be in the U. S. for one year, visiting college campuses and student conferences.

Miss Neovius is one of the main speakers at the regional Ashram being held at Hebron, Neb., this weekend. She will also be leader of the Bible Discussion Leaders and be responsible for the preparation of Bible study materials at the 1948 Ashram at Interlochen, Mich., in September.

Miss Neovius was a member of the General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation which met in Switzerland in the summer of 1946 and was a Bible study leader at the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo in the summer of 1947.

During her country's two recent wars, Miss Neovius spent much time on the front lines with the Finnish Women's Auxiliary. She is a graduate of the University of Helsinki and taught English, Swedish and German for one year in a Helsinki high school.

Next weekend will bring to our campus the social highlight of the Dana spring season when the traditional celebration of Lilac Time will take place.

Highlight of the festival is to be the crowning of the King and Queen of Lilac Time on Saturday evening. The King and Queen have already been chosen by popular ballot and will not be made known before their coronation May 1. They were chosen on their merits of Christian character, scholastic achievement, and participation in extra curricular activities.

Lilac Time is one of the three occasions during the school year at which the co-eds have opportunity to wear their formals.

Final preparations are now being made by the committee for both the program and the decorations. The motif of this year's Lilac Time will not be made known before it is seen on Saturday evening. It is rumored that something quite different is being planned by the committee.

On Friday evening the weekend's festivities will be opened by the presentation of the three-act play "Our Town" by the Dramatics Club. The Saturday evening program is being co-sponsored by the D-Club and the W.A.A.

On Sunday evening the College Chorus will present a concert to close the weekend festivities.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- April 23—Track Meet at Tekamah, Nebr.
- April 23-25—"Big-Little" Ashram at Hebron, Nebr.
- April 27—Track Meet at Fairbury, Nebr.
- April 28—L.S.A.A. in Old Main.
- April 29—Night Baseball at Milford, Nebr.
- April 30—"Our Town" in auditorium.
- May 1—May Festival in auditorium.
- May 2—College Chorus in auditorium.
- May 5—L.S.A.A. in Old Main.

Ah, 'tis Spring

Fred Leary

Ah, 'tis spring...
The first few tiny blades of fresh, green grass begin to show themselves from 'neath the carpet of the previous autumn, dead—colorless...
Ice and snow have been melted away by the shining rays of the sun—and brooks, babbling—cool—clear, take their place and ripple over mossy stones...
Clear, azure skies o'erhead—without a flaw—except, for now and then, a fleecy thunderhead, floating smoothly along the horizon...
Birds return from their winter rests—trill their welcome serenades—build their nests...
The good, sweet smell of newly-turned land—firm—rich—in rows—and prepared for planting by man's own hand...
Housewives shake rugs—sweep—clean, and complete the annual task of making all gleam...

Children play—fish and hike—and long 'til school is out, for spring they like...
Lovers, free—sentimental—youthful and gay—hand in hand, walk into the deep red sunset—end of day...
Yes, this is spring and so it is, not only here at Dana, but the world over—sometime—someone—these are the symbols of spring everywhere—everyone...
The world itself takes on a new feeling—renewed hope—faith—we pray, kneeling—for once again we are reassured that our belief is not in vain...
A cloud bursts forth—the sky grows dark—rain...
It's cooler now—a welcome relief...
Only one could make spring as beautiful as it is—He is our belief...

The Editor's Opinion

Nice Work "Duke"

If we were in the habit of writing a regular "hats off" column, we certainly would have to include the name of "Duke" Vaaler as the personality of this issue. "Duke" has undoubtedly done more in the past few weeks than anyone else on the campus to create interest in political, national and international affairs. It is immaterial that he is the leader of the campus "Young Republicans". The fact is that through his initiative many Dana students have become aware of what is going on in this world outside of our campus.

It was particularly gratifying to see a new personality assume a leadership role on the campus. If more of us would exhibit a little of this same type of initiative we would find ourselves less dependent upon the few campus leaders we have now.

And the Green Grass Grows--

We venture to predict that unless we learn to use the sidewalks our campus will soon begin to look more like someone's vegetable garden or a highway intersection than a college campus. The grass wasn't even given a chance to rise out of the ground this spring before it was killed by energetic baseball flingers, croquet enthusiasts and those students who couldn't stand to lose the five extra seconds required by using the walks.

We suggest that all recreation be limited to the area in and around the gymnasium. A little thoughtful effort on the part of every student is all that is needed in order that our campus will remain beautiful.

The only advantage we can see in this carelessness is that the grounds keepers will not be obliged to mow the grass too frequently this summer. Certainly we don't need to be reminded by signs or fences where we should walk and where we shouldn't.

Let's Be Sports Minded--

Dana has taken a definite step forward as far as athletics are concerned with the addition of track, baseball and tennis to the sports agenda. Our next step will be to make each team a winning one.

Our tendency seems to have been to underestimate the part sports can play in building up Dana as a reputable school. Although this subject ought possibly to belong in a sports column we feel that it is so much a part of any college that we are not amiss in writing on the subject here.

Briefly, our solution must involve this, that we must have athletic fields on or near the campus to facilitate practicing. We must complete the construction of the tennis courts as soon as possible. We need additional help on our coaching staff very definitely. Most important of all and what could be of much help would be the formation of some type of athletic club of students, faculty members and alumni who would work solely for the purpose of promoting interest in sports at Dana and encourage prospective varsity material to matriculate at Dana.

The Christian Outlook

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

A little over a hundred years ago, Henry F. Lyte, an English hymnwriter, put this thought into one of his most famous hymns, "Abide With Me," when he wrote, "Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away: change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me." If we are observant, we too, can see change and decay about us.

Changes are evident in our political world as evidenced by the differing ideologies which appear from time to time. Changes are evident in the physical world caused by erosion, earthquakes, floods, fire, and war. Changes are evident in the physical aspect of humanity; in spite of advances in science and medicine, men still grow old and death is inevitable. Changes are evident in the moral sphere; our standards are changing. Men

James W. Olsen

== would have us believe today that there is no such thing as an absolute moral standard; right and wrong, they say, changes with the eras in which we live.

Then most tragic of all, there is change in the spiritual realm. Modernists tell us that we cannot believe "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Somehow or other we will all be saved if we are just sincere in our convictions. They tell us that Jesus was only a good man whom we would do well to imitate, and not the "Good Shepherd" who lay down His life for His sheep. They want us to believe that sin is not too important, that God won't hold us accountable for our acts and beliefs, that the cross and the resurrection story are only myths, that it is old fashioned to believe that "apart from the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."

Yes, there is change and decay around us. But we can thank God that in this changing world, we have a changeless Christ. He is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." It is marvelous to know that Jesus is the same today as He was when He walked about on earth. He still shows compassion for the sorrowing and suffering. He still shows His love for sinful mankind. He still hates sin and condemns the impenitent. He still says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." It is this eternal Christ who gave His life for you and for me. The substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ for our sins will continue to stand to all eternity as the grounds for our justification.

The child of God need not fear when he sees change and decay about him. He need not fear even though the heavens should pass away and the earth be melted with a fervent heat. His trust is not founded upon the material and temporal but upon the spiritual and eternal, the unchanging Christ, who promises "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Alumni Activities - - -

Newcomers to the families of Alumni are Ellen Marie, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Hansen, and Juliane Louise, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. V. Magnussen of Racine, Wisconsin.

It was marriage bells recently for Elna Jensen ('39) and Edward Stein. They were married February 22 in Audubon, Iowa.

Dana may indirectly have a part in the perfection of television. That is the work of Dr. S. Milton Thompson, one time instructor in Chemistry here. He now works in the R.C.A. laboratory of Princeton, New Jersey, as a chemist. His work is concerned with working out details of exact shading and color combinations.

Luther B. Keay ('39-'42) is now a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He was at Iowa University last year doing graduate work.

Mr. Russel Wilson, who attended Trinity Seminary last year, made a short visit to Dana recently. He has been a student at Luther Seminary.

Stork Visits Dana Campus --

There have been two new members added to Dana campus life. Donald Evan Hanson was born on Wednesday, March 31. His proud parents are Doris Petersen Hanson and William Hanson, who live in the Vets Housing unit. Just a week later on April 7, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Videbeck. He was named Mark Christian. Mrs. Videbeck was formerly Donnabeth Peterson.

Smoldering Embers

The Collaborators

FLASH!

We understand according to very reliable sources (and we always are) that one Norris Michelson is now loaning T-shirts. His extra ones of course.

CHOIR QUIPS...

Paul Johnsen was very happy to be on tour this year because of so many hair raising experiences.

Jack Krogh: "Whoever made the statement that Horse Dakota was a beautiful state should consult an authority on mental disorders."

Janice came into the bus panting one day "I Love You."

Paul Johnsen: "What are you studying for at college?"

Paul Simon: "Oh, I'm studying to be a megaphone."

Paul Johnsen: "I graduated with honors from that course last year."

GOODNIGHT DUMBELLS...

After the choir boys took up all the room in the boxing ring at the Fargo YMCA, there wasn't much room left to spar.

PERTINENT QUESTION...

What's the score on the tennis courts...or aren't they playing ball?

ACTION!

To Miss Tucker and her crew of willing volunteer workers we reserve the first bouquet of spring flowers for taking the initiative and working diligently in cleaning and filling the fish pools. We hope to see continued active support from this quarter in making our campus really beautiful.

HEAT FROM THE HILLTOP...

Republican Jim Hansen is all out for stacks reduction. As a result the Dana co-eds are searching for a new sun bathing spot. The old one got too hot for them.

Kenny Weaver, after hearing six campaign speeches in six days, declares that the main issue decided in most arguments is who can argue the best.

Earl: "Do you object to kissing?"
Ruby: "No, that's something I've never done."
Earl: "Never kissed?"
Ruby: "No, never objected."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I wish to voice an opinion concerning our choirs which I have heard expressed frequently on and off of our campus.

It seems that many of us are of the opinion that the type of songs selected by the "B" squad are much preferred to the "...highly melodic music of Palestrina, the contrapuntal writings of Bach, and the rich harmonic compositions of some of the Russian composers..." which occupy the portfolio of the "A" squad.

We may be wrong but it doesn't seem logical that our small country congregations which were visited by the A Cappella Choir recently can begin to understand or appreciate the heavy musical numbers which they presented. Such numbers are fine for a concert hall which is frequented by "long-hairs" who have the sense and ability to appreciate and interpret that type of music. Our congregations are made up of folks who wish to hear hymns and spirituals which are within their range of comprehension and for which they can express an appreciation.

I'm not trying to criticize destructively but merely asking for more songs by our choir which can be understood and appreciated by the average student and layman in our congregations. I have heard plenty of expression packed into simple hymns and spirituals sung by the "B" string. —Interested.

How Time Flies! - - -

20 years ago this week the students declared a holiday and cleaned up the campus. The lawn has all been sown with grass. The tennis tournaments have been scheduled to be played immediately after the choir tour. The senior class is striving to raise money to pay off the deficit on last year's Danian. Informal vesper services are taking the place of formal vespers while the choir is on tour.

10 years ago this week Gov. R. L. Cochran spoke to a large audience. The governor was introduced by Dr. Swansen and sponsored by the Dana Historical Society. The senior class sponsored a musical and variety show. Plans for an annual field day, at which the top athletes will be chosen, are being completed. The annual Luther League Rally is to be held at Dana on May 15. The Dana College Male Quartette is making an extended tour this summer through many of the states and into Canada. Paul Neve sang first bass.

5 years ago this week Navy Chaplain Clifford Madson spoke at chapel services. Danians journeyed to Fremont for a final Roller Skating Party. Kathleen S. Miller, soprano, and Gladys H. May, pianist, presented a concert in the Dana auditorium.

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And in This Corner

Before you pass over the 23 points Dana scored at Tarkio and make the obvious remark, "Well I guess the Vikings don't have it this year," stop and analyze the accomplishments of some squad members. For example, Jim Coffey ran a 4:59 mile and only placed fourth at this meet, while that same time would have bettered last year's conference time by a full 12 seconds. Don Hundtoft also placed fourth in the two mile, but in so doing cut a good minute off of his last attempt when he placed first at Concordia.

Paul Laursen cleared 10 feet for the first time this season in the pole vault and shows promise of even going higher in the next meet. Russ Eckert, in placing third in the 880, ran a good race and we predict he will be a threat in the conference meet at Fairbury. And when you consider the 880 relay team, composed of Bob Parker, Harry Andreasen, John and Jim Hansen, cut a second off the conference time, it is again evident that Dana is a conference threat.

This issue's 'Hats Off' goes to the mile relay team, assembled on the spur of the moment by Coach Petersen and then placed second with a time of 3:56.9.

This column not being familiar with the game of tennis refer you to Dana's own tennis expert, Ray Johnsen, for any information concerning the Tarkio and Luther tennis matches. Tennis might be a good sport to participate in with all that 'loving' in it. Is that right Ray?

The latest sport to hit the campus is croquet and is indulged in just after lunch and just before the evening meal, with the usual helpful spectators. Wonder how it feels to be beaten by little David Ranheim?

Vikings Inaugurate Baseball Season at Milford April 29

Dana's baseball hopefuls are rounding into shape for their first game April 29 against the Milford Trade School under the lights at Milford. This game will be the first intercollegiate baseball game in the history of Dana.

The Vikings have some very fine prospects and it looks as if there will be a good double-play combination with Kenny Christensen at shortstop and 'Pete' Hansen at second. Both of these men have had considerable experience at their respective positions.

Other strong hopefuls are Wilbur Clements, who will play in the outfield; Bud Robinson, who will play either first base or in the outfield; and Dean Madsen, who undoubtedly will hold down the catching position.

These three have played with the Blair town team and have established themselves as outstanding athletes in this sport.

The Dana pitching staff has a number of candidates and some of the outstanding prospects are: Bob Hansen, who also has pitched for Blair; Calvin Jorgensen and Bob Meyers. Hansen and Meyers pitch from portside.

Time to Earn W.A.A. Letter Getting Short

Time is running short for girls to earn their letters in W.A.A. In the fifteen-game basketball schedule, five games remain to be played. As the standings are now, 'Duck' Vammen's team still leads the league.

Volley-ball games, soon to be scheduled, are another means by which points can be gained. These games will be played in the early part of this spring after the teams are chosen.

In addition to basketball and volley ball, ten games of ping pong, ten games of shuffleboard and a five-mile hike are compulsory activities to win points.

The above mentioned activities account for twenty-five of the thirty credits necessary for a W.A.A. letter. The remaining five units can be made by participation in one of the following: roller-skating, bowling, tennis, or badminton.

Girls are urged to complete these activities as soon as possible in order to be assured of getting their letter for the '47-'48 season.

Vikes Hosts at Triangular Meet

Ten Teams Entered Mixed Intramural Volleyball Games

Something rather novel in the field of intramural sports was inaugurated last week by Betty Madsen, girls' physical education instructor. Volley ball isn't new on the campus, but staging a tournament with teams composed of three boys and three girls is something different.

Ten teams are entered in the tournament and the first round games were completed last week. Further eliminations are being carried out as time permits, which is the one discouraging factor. Some nights the gym has only been available for an hour or less; however, the experiment is proving to be popular and the caliber of volley ball displayed is sometimes amusing, but still interesting to watch.

Tekamah Scene of Dana's First 'Home' Track Meet

The 'cinder burners' of Dana journeyed north to Tekamah this afternoon to meet Norfolk Junior College and Luther College in the first 'home track meet' for this school in over a decade.

The Vikings have already met Luther's track team earlier this season in a triangular meet with Concordia and scored an impressive victory over both schools. Up until this afternoon Norfolk's strength was unknown and largely unproven. This afternoon's meet gave Dana another opportunity to meet one more conference opponent.

Vikings Score Only 23 Points for Third At the Tarkio Meet

The Vikings' track team finished a poor third at the Tarkio-Graceland Junior College Dana Track Meet on last Friday, April 16, at Tarkio, Missouri. The scoring was 85 points for Graceland, 64 for Tarkio and 23 for the Vikings. Dana got 22 of the points in running events, which is partially explained by the fact that both Erwin Christensen and Bud Robinson withdrew from the preliminaries in the field events with sore arms.

This meet also marks the first appearance of Art Sorensen, who should undoubtedly add balance to the squad.

Track is an individual sport and the only ones who get their names in the paper are winners or a near winner in their respective event. To remedy this situation and to better acquaint the student body with the track squad:

THE VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

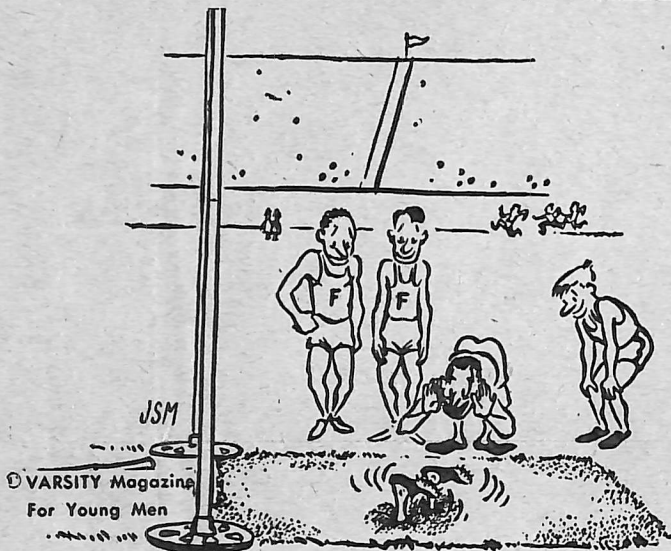
- 100-yard Dash**
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- 220-yard Dash**
Bob Parker, Jim Hansen, John Hansen, Harry Andreasen
- 440-yard Run**
Art Sorensen, Paul Laursen
- 880-yard Run**
Russ Eckert, Bill Johansen
- Mile**
Jim Coffey
- Two Mile**
Don Hundtoft, Allan Nyegaard
- Low Hurdles**
Maynard Andersen and Augie Stricker
- High Hurdles**
Bud Robinson, Augie Stricker
- High Jump**
Bud Robinson, John Hansen, Gene Mengers
- Broad Jump**
Bob Parker
- Pole Vault**
Paul Laursen, Del Neary
- Discus**
Bud Robinson, Erwin Christensen
- Shot Put**
Bud Robinson, Erwin Christensen, Gene Mengers
- Javelin**
Erwin Christensen
- 880 Relay**
Bob Parker, Harry Andreasen, John Hansen, and Jim Hansen
- Sprint Medley**
Maynard Andersen, 440; Paul Laursen, 220; Augie Stricker, 220; Art Sorensen, 880.

Tennis Squad Wins Singles but Loses Doubles for Tie

The 'racket swingers' of Dana took an early 3-1 lead in the single matches over Luther's tennis team, but lost out in the doubles to end in a 3-3 tie at Wahoo, Nebraska, April 19.

Strengthened by the return from the choir tour of two of last year's veterans, Fred Jensen and Paul Johnsen, the team had little trouble in taking three of the four single matches. The two other members of the squad that traveled to Wahoo were Ray Johnsen and John Lassen.

For the double matches the two Johnsen brothers met one team, while Jensen and Lassen faced the other. Luther took both of these matches to tie the score.



"I SAY IT'S A NEW RECORD, DAUGHTERY, A NEW RECORD!"

Track Team to See Action Twice During Coming Week

Dana's Tennis Team Drops Opening Match At Tarkio, Missouri

The Dana College tennis team opened the '48 season with a 6-0 loss from the Tarkio squad, April 16.

The fellows carrying the Dana colors were: Roy Mumm, Howard Petersen, John Lassen, and Ray Johnsen. The afternoon began when Ray Johnsen and John Lassen each took over a court for a single match against two from Tarkio. Roy Mumm and Howard Petersen then tried their luck at singles. With the completion of the single matches, Johnsen and Lassen paired to meet one of Tarkio's doubles teams while Mumm and Petersen took on another.

Tuesday afternoon, April 27, the 'thin clads' of Dana travel to Fairbury for a dual meet and on Friday the varsity journeys to Fremont for a triangular meet with Midland and Concordia of Seward.

With the completion of the Fairbury meet Dana will have met four of the conference contenders. The meet not only enables the Vikings to test Fairbury's strength, but will familiarize the team with the track on which the forthcoming conference will be held.

The strength of Fairbury's team is unknown other than it did defeat Doane 'B' last week by a comparatively small margin.

The meet at Fremont will be the final test before the conference meet on May 7 and a rather strong one as Midland is a member of the more established college conference in Nebraska. It will be interesting to compare the relative improvement of Dana and Concordia as the two schools have previously met at the first of the season.

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Quarter Ratings Released, Peter Thorslev, Top Man

Honor ratings for the third quarter of the current school year were recently released by the college offices and reveals that forty-three students have attained an average grade of 90 or above.

Sophomore Peter Thorslev of Kennard, Nebraska, tops the third quarter honor roll with a 96.06 average attained in 16 hours of study. Robert Hansen of Greenville, Michigan, is close behind with a 95.56 average for 18 hours of work.

Other third quarter honor students include: Ewald Sorensen, Racine, Wis., 93.71; Kenneth Weaver, Batesland, S. D., 93.61; Fred Brengelman, Farwell, Neb., 93.60; Margaret Petersen, Lindsay, Neb., 93.38; Amy Andersen, Brush, Colo., 93; Charles Doidge, Sleepy Eye, Minn., 92.67; Arnold Jensen, Poy Sippi, Wis., 92.67; Dorothy Seybold, Seward, Neb., 92.64; Roger Hansen, Hutchinson, Minn., 92.60; Harold Jersild, Chicago, Ill., 92.33; Archie Madsen, Hampton, Nebr., 92.25.

Paul Johnsen, Fremont, Nebr., 92.24; Lyle Morgensen, McNabb, Ill., 92.06; Joyce Nelson, Fremont, Neb., 92.06; Glennis DeVasure, Tekamah, Neb., 92; Ruth Meyer, Spencer, Ia., 91.93; Holger Christensen, Tilley, Alberta, 91.87; Earl Pace, Herman, Neb., 91.83; Willis Olson, St. Paul Park, Minn., 91.80; Norlan Hansen, Somers, Ia., 91.72; Lyle Jacobsen, Coon Rapids, Ia., 91.71.

Paul Jeppesen, Ord, Neb., 91.71; Eleanor Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minn., 91.50; Lois Andersen, Brush, Colo., 91.47; Eileen Nelson, McCabe, Mont., 91.29; Paul Mengers, Blair, Neb., 91.27; Ried Neve, Sleepy Eye, Minn., 91.14; Glenn Neve, Ringsted, Ia., 90.82; Elaine Neve, Ringsted, Ia., 90.77; Janice Nygaard, Blair, Neb., 90.75.

Fred Jensen, Spencer, Ia., 90.71; Florence Hansen, Council Bluffs, Ia., 90.75; Helen Halstead, Decatur, Neb., 90.50; Jim Sorensen, Chicago, Ill., 90.35; Phillip Iversen, McNabb, Ill., 90.31.

Delos Lind, Coulter, Ia., 90.25; Charles Christensen, Marcus, Ia., 90.11; Joan Petersen, Portland, Me., 90.06; Ray Johnsen, Fremont, Neb., 90; Franklin Highby, Albert Lea, Minn., 90, and Donna Olsen, Kenmare, N. D., 90.

College Is Recipient Of Heather Plants From Rebild Park

Heather plants from Rebild Park in Denmark have recently been received by Norman C. Bansen as a response to a request that they be sent here to be planted on the campus. Approximately 150 plants were received in addition to a quantity of the seed of the plant, known in the botanical world as "Calluna vulgaris".

Rebild Park is a Danish-American National Park located on the Jutland peninsula. America's Independence Day is celebrated there annually with royal family taking part. The hills of the area are covered with the heather. Flowers are a dull violet and bloom in September.

The plants which were gathered by the forester of Buderupholm were shipped by air express out of Sweden and came by way of the Scandinavian Airlines.

Danish newspapers carried an account of the gift to Dana College from Denmark.

Campus Volunteers Clean Fish Pond

Balancing on two rocks in the middle of the water, Dana's teacher of biological sciences, on Saturday, April 17, stood catching the one hundred-nineteen goldfish in the small pond on lower campus. Interested students suggested cleaning the mud-laden water, so scoops, brooms, tubs, and old buckets were employed in the work.

A good cleansing with water and copper sulphate solution, putting down a layer of clean sand, and placing some plant life prepared the pool for filling with water and returning the fish to their home.

Camp Interlochen Site for Ashram

In a scenic wooded area, sixteen miles southwest of Traverse City, Michigan, lies the five hundred acre National Music Camp known as Camp Interlochen. These beautiful surroundings have been chosen as a site for the 1948 Ashram to be held August 30 to September 5.

The inspiring theme for this year's Ashram, "If We Obey Him," will be carried out by various leading theologians and professors from all over the United States. Each day's agenda is completely filled with Bible studies, special interest groups, candlelight services and other services, and of course there has been time reserved for recreation and the opportunity of getting acquainted with people from all parts of the United States, Canada, and many foreign lands.

Students will be housed in cabins holding twelve to fourteen students. Two cabins will join for Bible Study and Discussion each day. The Registration Committee plans to place in each cabin students from various regions, thus making it possible for every student to get to know twenty-four to thirty-six students. This will provide an opportunity for a week of Christian community living, enriched because the same students will study and discuss together.

The recreational facilities are almost inexhaustible; they include five bathing piers, numerous rowboats, canoes, sailboats, motorboats, diving floats, tennis courts, badminton, volley ball, basketball, archery, riflery, and other sport facilities. The total cost of the Ashram registration will be twenty-five dollars. There are buses that will be leaving from Lawrence, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebraska. The price is thirty dollars to ride on one of these buses.

This afternoon marks the opening of the Midwest "Big-Little" Ashram at Hebron, Nebraska. The conference is being attended by a score of Dana students. The meetings extend through Sunday.

Who's YOUR Choice For President?

This newspaper—along with hundreds of other student publications in every part of the country—has decided to poll the presidential preferences of its student readers. Local results will be announced soon—and the countrywide tabulation will be publicized nationally via press and radio by Varsity, The Young Man's Magazine, before the major political parties meet in Philadelphia to choose their candidates. This is a vital election—so cast your ballot now, and help give America's students a stronger voice!

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CIRCLE ONE NAME ONLY

Ellis Arnall	Leverett Saltonstall
Harry F. Byrd	Harold E. Stassen
Thomas E. Dewey	Robert A. Taft
William O. Douglas	Harry S. Truman
Dwight D. Eisenhower	Arthur H. Vandenburg
Gen. Douglas MacArthur	Henry A. Wallace
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	Earl Warren

Or.....(Write in choice)

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CIRCLE YOUR PARTY PREFERENCE

Democratic
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Progressive (Third Party)

Or.....(Write in choice)

NOW . . . send this ballot to:

Students will please place their ballots in the slot by the window of Miss Johnson's office. We request that each student make an honest choice in order that we may get as complete and accurate a tabulation as possible. Please have your ballot in no later than Monday noon.

Republican Harold E. Stassen Favored in Nebraska Primary

The results of last Tuesday's presidential preference primary were rather startling to many people. Nebraska has always been considered a conservative state with the majority of her Republicans being supporters of the "Old Guard".

Realizing this it was supposed by most observers that Taft and Dewey would get the majority of the votes, and few thought that Stassen would do much except run a poor third.

The unofficial results, however, gave Stassen 80,238 votes, Dewey 63,843, and Senator Taft

was the one who ran a poor third with 20,985 votes—quite an upset for the Ohio politician.

Immediately after the Nebraska primary Stassen flew to Ohio where he began his present bid for the 23 delegates of that state. In Ohio he will find the going tough inasmuch as Taft is the Ohio favorite son, conceded to carry a majority of the delegates in that coming primary.

The latest rumor from Republican headquarters is that Taft and Dewey are considering uniting in a "stop Stassen" campaign, either by one throwing his support to the other or both of them supporting a third candidate, possibly Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan.

The results from Washington County also gave Harold Stassen a substantial majority with Dewey and Taft following in that order in this area also.

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