

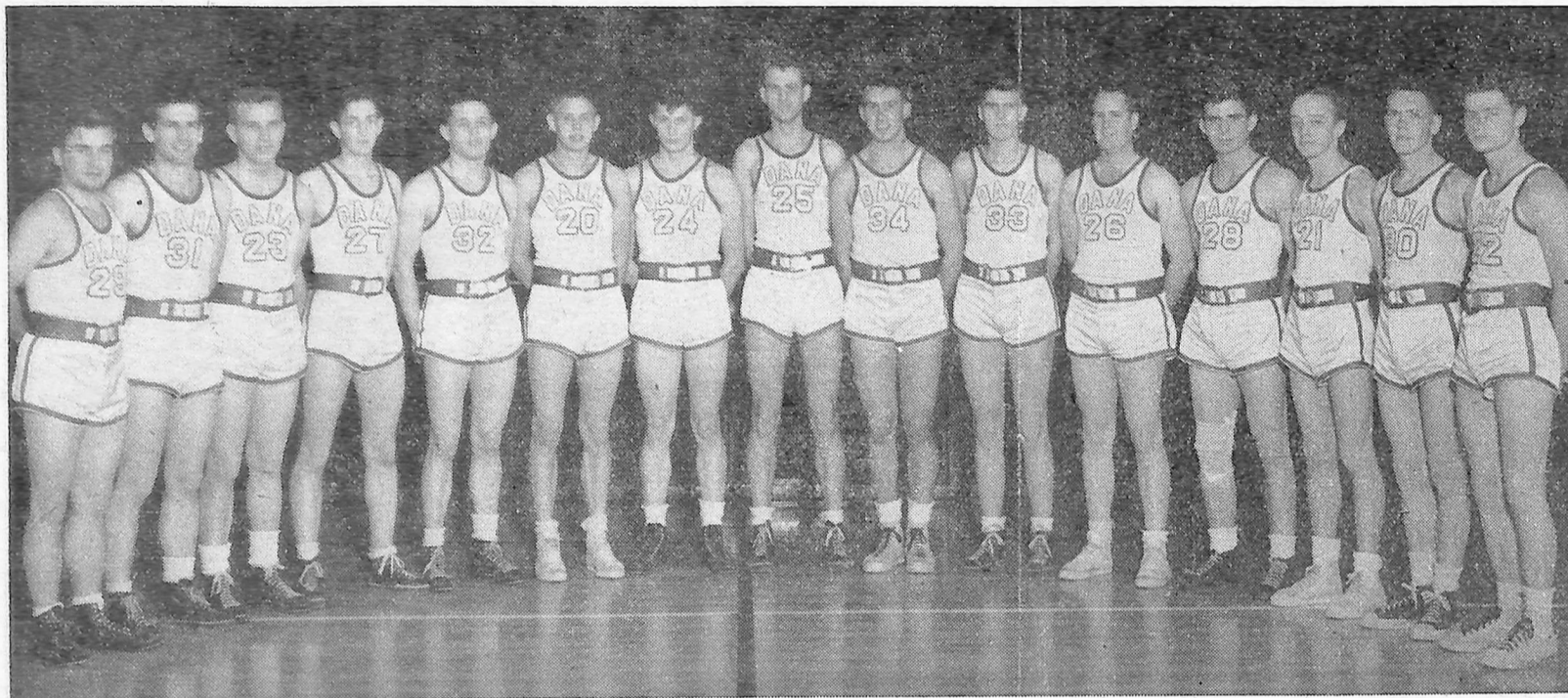
Dana Captures 1949 NIAA Crown



Basketball Season Proves Most Successful in Viking History

Coach Paul Peterson's cagers have completed the most successful season ever experienced by a Dana basketball team. In addition to finishing the season with a 15-3 record, the Vikings won the first N.I.A.A. basketball crown in the school's history.

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Pictured above are the Viking cagers who won for Dana the N.I.A.A. crown, completing the most successful season in the history of the college. Pictured from left to right are Kenny Christensen, Dean Madsen, Russ Eckert, Wilbur Clements, Bud Robinson, Paul Laursen, Harold McKercher, Jim Youmans, Bob Nelson, Eugene Mortensen, Harry Conklin, Neal Connealy, Leonard Christensen, Eugene Wolsmann, John Young.

To bring home the N.I.A.A. conference trophy the Vikings won eleven out of the twelve contests. The only loss was handed to them by the Concordia Teachers of Seward, in an overtime battle. In conference play, the Vikings averaged 58.1 points per game, and held the opposition to 44.8 points per game.

In establishing the overall season record of 15-3, the Dana hoopsters began the season with a twelve game winning streak. This included double victories over McCook, Norfolk, and Fairbury, and single conquests of Midland, Tarkio, Milford, Concordia, Nebraska Central, and Luther. Then came a three game losing streak, with losses to Tarkio, Concordia, and Midland. Coming out of the slump, the Red and White resumed their pace taking the last three games of the season, with victories over Milford, Nebraska Central and Luther.

The Viking offensive average for the season is 56.6 points per game, while holding the opponents to a 45.7 average.

Additional information given on the sports page.

—Photo Courtesy Review Herald.

New Lights Installed N.A.C.C. Lay Plans Above Entrances to For General Session A-L Building At Doane College

Last week the new lights were installed above each entrance of the Administration-Library Building. These fixtures provide light for the two approaches to the building, and add a new look to the building at night.

It has been noted that these lights are in keeping with the architecture of the building. The light above the library entrance is the same style as the tower above it. The other light was also especially designed to be in harmony with the long flat lines of that section occupied by the administration. Each of the lights is equipped with spotlights directed upwards illuminating the tower and the five translucent levels of windows over the entrance to the Administration building.

Dana College was represented recently at the planning session of the Nebraska Association of Church Colleges by Delos Lind and Ray Weckmuller.

Eighteen delegates from nine colleges met at Midland College in Fremont to plan a general session to be held April 9 at Doane College.

Six delegates from each member church college will be named to attend the general conference. Topics slated for discussion at the conference are: Is the church college on the way out? What are advantages and responsibilities of those attending church colleges? How does Christianity fit into life work? Can a Christian lead in our modern world? Does Christianity have a place in every subject?

California Organist Will Appear in Lyceum Series

Leslie P. Spelman, professional musician and scholar of the arts, will present an organ recital at Dana College on Monday, March 21, at eight P.M. The California professor will spend two days on the campus demonstrating organ technique and conferring with music students.

Dr. Spelman received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oberlin College, taught music at William Woods College, then studied organ and composition in Paris from 1930-1932. At present he is head of the organ department at the University of Redlands, California. He specializes in a study of integrating the arts within a college program. His appearance at Dana is a part of the Arts Program of the Association of American Colleges.



Leslie P. Spelman

SOWER Editor Issues Deadline Warning

The closing date for acceptance of manuscripts for the SOWER, Dana's literary anthology, will be Friday, April 15, according to an announcement by the editor, Herb Hjortsvang.

Students who wish to submit material should do so before that date, if possible, in order that the work of examining may be expedited. All students are invited and urged to submit specimens of their creative writings to the staff. Short stories, plays, criticisms, essays, verse, character sketches, etc., are desired. Contributions may be placed in the campus mail box, addressed to the SOWER Editor, Box 111.

If publishing plans are on schedule, the SOWER will be ready for distribution about May 15. Because of a reduction in printing costs, the price of the 1949 SOWER will be \$0.50, a reduction in price of approximately 25% from last year's edition.

D.P. Student Issue Aired at Student Body Meeting

(Late Bulletin: The proposal to raise money for a D. P. Student was passed by a small margin at the special student body meeting.)

"Should we as a student body attempt to raise enough money to bring D.P. students to our campus?" This was the topic which, at last Thursday's student body meeting, set the stage for heated debates which have been reminiscent of last year's discussions on a Negro scholarship. These discussions proved rather conclusively that we as a student body are capable of rising above our sometimes all too evident cloak of indifference to world problems.

An unfortunate combination of too little time for discussion and an error in parliamentary procedure cut the discussions short and made the final vote void. Lyle Morgenson presided over the meeting, and before the actual debate began Harley Andersen attempted to present the basic reasons behind the movement.

Most of the opposition was not openly opposed to the plan, but they differed on who should be the recipient of the scholarship. Their plan centered around aiding needy persons within our own country to attend our school. The final analysis shows that we are interested in helping someone and it looks as if at long last something is going to happen.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- March 19—Swimming in Omaha Y.M.C.A.
- March 21—Lyceum Dr. Spelman 8:00 P.M.
- March 26—Sadie Hawkins Day (Freshmen)

Dull Lull?

— Phyllis Hanson

Rip Van Winkle would feel quite at home at Dana these days. He would probably curl up in a corner and sleep for another twenty years without being disturbed except by the broom of ambitious Dora Nielsen. An unusual quiet has settled over the campus, a sort of unshakable lethargy that makes everyone wonder about with the vague feeling that something is missing.

That something is one of the best known and most often heard organizations of Dana College, the choir. It isn't just the blended voices at rehearsal that we miss, it's all the singing in the halls and the unplanned rehearsals that result whenever two or three choir members happen to be the same place at the same time. Chapel hymns and dining hall ditties miss the voices of the trained singers. We all do our best, but sometimes that best leaves something to be desired.

In addition to the absence of the choir, many students are taking advantage of this lull to do their student teaching. They are gone most of the day, and thus add to the stillness and the empty seats.

Of course, we can't honestly say that we can find nothing to do or people to do it with. We have roller skating parties, swimming parties and Huron College choir, besides a Lyceum number to keep us well entertained. And there are always the ever present classes, assignments and studies. Still it is a somewhat active inactivity that will be gladly terminated at 3 A.M. March 25, when the "stay at homes" welcome back the singing students.

Preparations Made For Observance of Sadie Hawkins Day

Preparations are being made for the annual Sadie Hawkins Day, March 26, which is being sponsored by the Freshman class.

The various committees formed some time ago have been busily engaged in formulating plans to make this the most outstanding event since its inception some years ago. This event makes it possible for the male element on campus to enjoy one evening "with the girls," oblivious to financial worries.

The driving force behind these plans is LeRoy Andersen, Freshman class president, working in close cooperation with the various committees to make this a most successful event.

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Keeping a Promise --

With the approach of spring, much of the talk on the campus is of anticipated participation in the sports which attract many students during this season—such as tennis, golf, track, and baseball. These sports play a major part in the spring activities at most institutions, but here on the campus we have no facilities for them, although as a college we do participate in an inter-collegiate program.

Last season proved successful for both the track and baseball team. In the conference track meet we placed third; in baseball competition, we won four out of five games. Though we have no baseball field or track of our own these winnings make for a commendable record. More commendable is the fact that we won the conference tennis trophy, although there were no accessible courts either on the campus or in Blair for practice purposes. There is a great need for these facilities. We once had clay courts, but they were covered by additional dirt in expectation of building concrete courts.

Last spring when the Board of Trustees met, the location allotted these tennis courts was in the process of being leveled, in preparation for the laying of the concrete slabs. Upon inspection of the physical plant, this Board who themselves would not claim to be experts in matters pertaining to the laying of concrete decided that the ground was to be given time to settle to avoid cracking of the slabs. The contractor informed that cracking could only be prevented if the slabs were laid on concrete pilings. To wait until the earth is settled sufficiently so that we can be absolutely certain the courts will not crack may be fifteen or twenty years.

In the Annual Report given at the 52nd Annual Convention of the U.E.L.C., held in Fresno, California, June 15-20, 1948, the report of the Board of Trustees states on page 105: "Two cement courts will be built next spring . . ."

At the present time we understand through reliable sources that this project has been abandoned—we will not have any new tennis courts (in fact, no courts at all) on the campus. This is the decision of the board that informed the President of the College last spring that the courts WOULD be finished this year.

Another question arises: What is being done or has been done with the contributions from alumni and friends in the synod? Some sizeable contributions have been made toward these courts over a period of many years. Undoubtedly some of that money was used for upkeep of the clay courts which were covered over. Has the remainder of this fund been appropriated for usage elsewhere, or is it lying dormant?

With all this dilly-dallying in keeping these promises, while alumni cast aspersions and ask: "Haven't they been built yet?" and students question: "Aren't they going to build them?" action becomes mandatory. Must we await a fifteen year settling process rather than take the advice of the contractor and sink concrete pilings? If this is not feasible, then construct the courts at another location.

We appeal to alumni who have shown that they can take swift action in other endeavors, to join the demand of the students that these promises be kept—now!

An Apology --

In the last issue of HERMES, there appeared a news story on Mr. Widman, head of the Department of Voice, who obtained his Master of Music degree from DePaul University, Chicago, on February 13. An unfortunate error was made by the editorial staff of HERMES, who wish to clarify that Mr. Widman is the Professor of Voice here at the college, and not an Assistant Instructor as stated in the article.



Prof. Hengeveld

Mr. Hengeveld was born in Kansas City, Missouri, where his father worked as a salesman. Because of his father's occupation his early school training was divided among several schools, including locations in Minneapolis and Chicago. He finished grade school near Racine, Wisconsin, and graduated from a Racine high school. After high school he attended the University of Wisconsin Extension Division during the '36-'37 school year, after which he worked for two years. In 1938 he matriculated at Dana College, graduating in 1941 with majors in Chemistry and Mathematics and at present Mr. Hengeveld is doing graduate work at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Hengeveld and Miss Helen Mickelson of Racine were married in June, 1941. They have two daughters, Sue and Pam, who are familiar and frequent visitors on the campus.

For five years Mr. Hengeveld was employed by the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company of Racine. Discontented with the policies of the firm, he felt that a change was necessary and still having interest in scientific research and investigation, he ventured to find satisfaction in teaching.

During the three years that Prof. Hengeveld has been at Dana, he has endeavored to make Dana more service minded, becoming increasingly aware of Dana's potentialities as a service organization. "Dana College students and faculty should seek opportunity to serve our synod and the surrounding community. Dana should be a service agency for the church and surrounding area." The chemistry department has shown initiative in hoping to establish a soil testing service which will aid the farmers of surrounding areas.

News of the Other Day

-- Peter Thorslev

It appears that the consciences of some Republican Senators got the better of them, and aid to help break the filibuster is coming from rather unexpected quarters. It is significant, however, that although the Republicans have had a Civil Rights plank in their platform for over 16 years, still in a party caucus they refused to support actively the anti-filibuster move. They would sooner have a few dollars less in taxes than stop poll taxes, other unfair discrimination, and Negroes from being lynched. Because of the Republicans on the Senate Government Committee for Washington, D.C., our nation's capital still discriminates against Negroes under the legal sanction of the "Jim Crow" laws. (I hope you're blushing, Mort and Simon.)

There does seem to be a discrepancy in the fact that it takes only a simple majority in the Senate to send Americans over-seas to fight a war, but it takes a two-thirds majority to give the Negroes their constitutional rights.

It seems that President Truman must appoint political or personal enemies to all official posts in order to escape criticism. The other week he appointed Mon C. Wallgren to a \$14,000 a year post on the Securities Board. One Senator (Cain, Rep.) spent more than six hours on the floor (giving a much-needed rest to anti-civil rights Southerners) trying to show how unfit Wallgren was for the post. It might be well to note, however, that Wallgren was a former senator and governor of the State of Washington, and that state seems to have done quite well.

Well, it seems that little V. M. Molotov has finally fallen out of favour, and Vishinsky, who was rumored to be recovering slowly from a mental illness in Czechoslovakia, has returned to man the verbal guns for the East. There has been some speculation as to whether this new move might not mean a renewal of the peace offensive, but considering the nasty things that both Vishinsky and Gromyko have called every official in the U. S. except Wallace (and on the whole, we have not been too reticent in returning the honors, blow for blow) it doesn't seem too likely that there will be any radical change in foreign policy. Probably Molotov called Stalin an S. O. B., or something like that.

Well, I could write something about the floods in the Missouri valley, but you know far more about that than I do. Out here in Portland it is very peaceful.

--- Augie Stricker

Under the direction of Professor Frank Hengeveld, the chemistry department at Dana has taken progressive steps in expansion and modernization. The most recent improvement is the facilitating of the organic chemistry laboratory which is now in operation. Mr. Hengeveld joined the faculty in 1946 following a period of employment as a Manufactured Gas Production supervisor in Racine, Wisconsin.

Excerpts of NCA Report

Last November Dr. M. G. Neale of the University of Minnesota made a thorough study of Dana's educational program. The immediate purpose of the study was to evaluate our program and to indicate our points of weakness and strength. The ultimate objective was of course North Central recognition.

Dr. Neale, an experienced examiner for North Central, has submitted his report to President Morton. In this 65-page document, Dr. Neale carefully and critically analyzes the college program. The examiner's seven page summary of the report will shortly be released to the synod through the college bulletin at the end of March.

With the permission of President Morton, brief extracts from the summary are given. Insofar as accreditation with the North Central Association are concerned, the following are points of strength.

"The entire educational program is given in a Christian atmosphere with religious influence surrounding all the educational activities and extra-curricular activities . . ."

"the excellent attitude of the faculty toward their work and toward the student body."

"a student body which ranks decidedly above the average of all colleges of the nation on the type of ability required to do effective college work."

"The newly constructed administration and library building is an element of strength because it represents a very high type of educational planning for the activities which are housed in this building."

"the decision of the denomination, which apparently has become stronger from year to year, to give to Dana College the support and backing which will enable it to become a first-rank institution for higher education."

"The increasing financial contribution for current operating costs which have been made from year to year by the Annual Conventions of the Church . . ."

"The substantial qualities of the clientele which support this institution . . ."

"The fact that this college is the only one maintained and supported by the U.E.L.C. . . . the entire membership can concentrate in making it accomplish the objectives which they believe should be accomplished through a denominational institution for higher education."

In regard to the weaknesses of the college, the report listed the following actions as desirable and necessary for improvement: Providing the proper instructional personnel for improving both general and advanced education, bringing the library up to a proper standard and maintaining it from year to year, the institution and maintenance of a proper student health service. Also suggested were the rehabilitation of Old Main, or provision of equivalent instructional space, and the provision of a girl's dormitory in the near future. The desirability of certain changes in administrative procedure by the board of control were also noted. . .

The elimination of elements of weakness will, according to the report, depend especially upon two main factors. These are:

(1) The field of finance: "It does not seem possible to remedy the weakness which exists unless the stable income of the institution for the support of the educational and general program is increased far beyond what it is at the present time."

(2) Agreement of college and synod on a definite program: ". . . A definite agreement on the part of the faculty and administrative officers of the College and the membership of the U.E.L.C. and its duly elected officials on the purposes of the institution is a prime requisite for a sound program of development for Dana College. . . . This decision involves a definite program for what the college should be in the future, and the extent to which it will be financially supported. Unless this decision is made it is difficult to see how the development . . . can be properly planned."

CAMPUS PERSONALITIES

-- Ardis Gramps



Alberta Madsen

On tour with this year's choir is Alberta Madsen from West Branch, Iowa. After graduating from high school in West Liberty, Alberta came to Dana last year. She was a choir member then, too, and also participated in L.S.A. work.

This year she is the choir's secretary, and serves on the Women's Dormitory Council as Vice President. She is also on the nominations committee for the election of student body officers.

Alberta will receive her Parish Worker's Certificate in June after the completion of two year's work. She would like to do parish work somewhere on the west coast, but plans to attend L.B.I. in Minneapolis for a year before going into this work.

She loves to sing and to play the piano. She is a member of the Women's Trio which we have heard sing on the campus this year and which has been sent out on deputation teams by the LSA. When she isn't studying, Alberta likes to read, sew, or cook. She likes the Christian fellowship she finds at Dana—says it is "the best place a person can go for the furtherance of his Christian education."

Sideline Slants

By Jens and Johnny

A Rough Team to Beat . . .
The following all opponent basketball team was picked by Coach Paul Peterson and team members. This team was picked on their showing while playing against Dana during the past season. Only two of the players were unanimously chosen, they were: Paul Fenske of Norfolk, and George Gribble of Midland. The all opponent team:

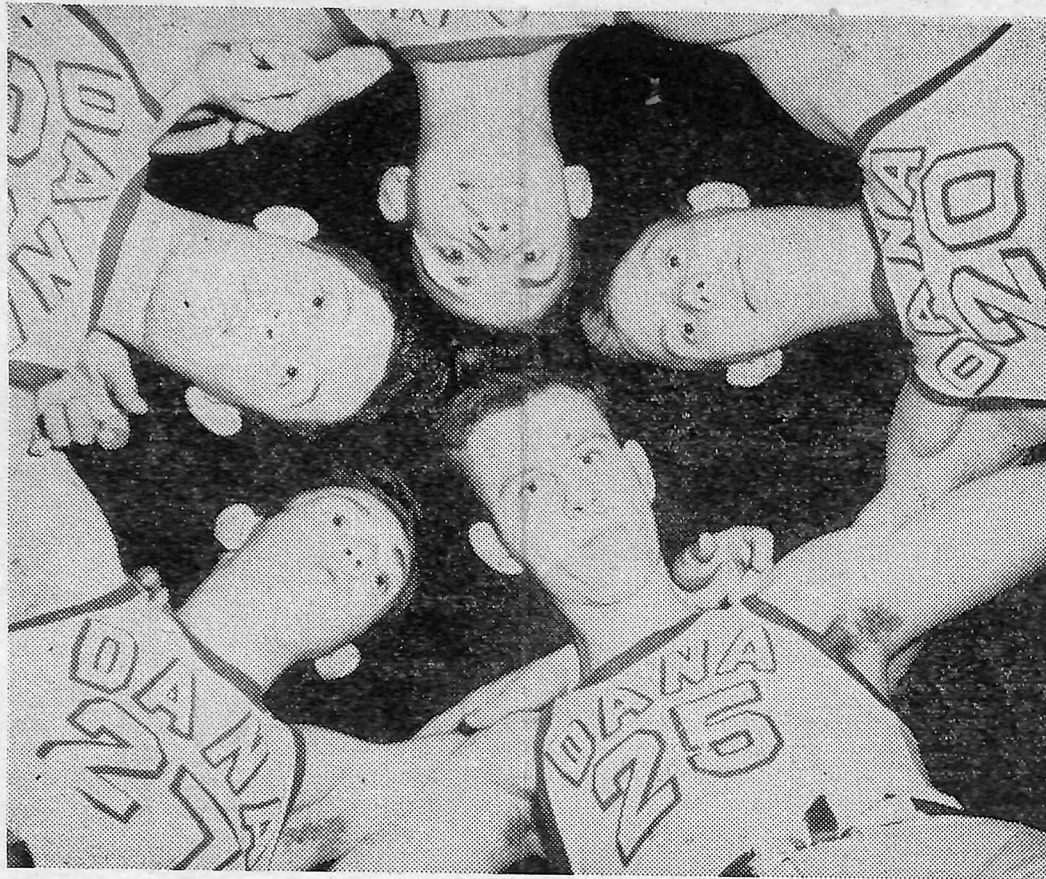
- Forwards:**
George Gribble, Midland
Ted Shiesler, McCook
- Center:**
Paul Fenske, Norfolk
- Guards:**
Chris Stauch, Tarkio
Vern Hadden, Fairbury
- Honorable mention:**
Andersen, Luther; Doehrmann, Concordia; Andersen, Central; Hendrick, Milford; Baker, Norfolk.

Spring Sports . . .
Now that the winter is over and spring is here (or is it?), it should mean that we will see more outdoor sports. The track squad has been practicing for a week now. Baseball, golf and tennis enthusiasts are waiting for the day when coach will call their first practices. By the looks of some of the activity around the campus though—we would say that some of the fellows can't wait. How was the golf course, Les? Heard there was a little mud in a few places. Not only are the golfers getting anxious, but so are the baseball players. Each day we see some of the men limbering up their arms. Gotta be in shape they say. The only ones that we don't see in action are the tennis enthusiasts. Could this be because there are no tennis courts?

Thanx, Boys . . .
Congratulations to Coach Peterson and his '48-'49 Viking cagers for turning in one of the best seasons on the Dana record books. This season's count of 15 victories against 3 defeats might even make the members of the Dana quintet that turned in a tally of 19 victories against 4 defeats in 1934 sit up and take notice. Even if many of you "old-timers" who read this firmly believe that the grand old game of basketball has gone to rot, it still isn't a bad finish. The percentage for this season was .833, while the '34 percentage was .826.

"Seegars" and Stuff . . .
We don't have it as absolutely straight dope—but the rumor goes that the first thing that Jim "Shorty" Youmans did after the basketball finale was to dig deeply into his pockets, and purchase a big, beautiful "seegar." The whole team then said in unison, "Hi-de-hi, hi-de-ho; no training rules, so here we go!!" Well, that's what we heard!!

Track Season Opens at Dana



Pictured above are the five Vikings that sparked the Dana cagers to the NIAA basketball championship this year. From left to right counter-clockwise are: Wilbur Clements of Blair, a junior; Jim Youmans, Falmouth, Me., junior; Paul Laursen, Ord, Nebr., sophomore; Bob Nelson, Racine, Wis., freshman; and Bud Robinson of Blair, a senior. All five are expected to return to the Viking fold again next year. Robinson, a senior, will lack several hours when graduation time comes this spring and will be eligible for another year's competition.

—Hermes photo by Cal Hansen.

Twenty-Nine Vikes Report for Training

Coach Paul "Pete" Peterson, Viking mentor, has announced that this year the Dana track team will probably participate in six meets in addition to the final NIAA Conference meet. Two of these will probably be home encounters, which will be held at Tekamah.

When the first call was sent out for prospective track and field candidates, twenty-nine men reported to begin training for the spring sport.

These men were: John Hansen, Dud Allen, Bud Robinson, Jim Hansen, Craig Nielsen, Augie Stricker, Maynard Andersen, Ray Christensen, Leonard Christensen, Kenny Andersen, Le Moyne Nelson, Walt Kirkegaard, Norris Mickelson, Dick Jacobsen, J. B. Bradley, Phil Petersen, Jack Christensen, Marty Christensen, Dean Madsen, John Esberg, Bill Meyer, Phil Christensen, Russ Eckert, Paul Laursen, Bob Nelson, Jim Coffey, Andrew Hansen, and Knud Warschauer.

The returning lettermen in this group are: John Hansen, Bud Robinson, Jim Hansen, Augie Stricker, Maynard Andersen, Russ Eckert, Paul Laursen, and Jim Coffey.

Although the Vikes will have a better balanced group this year, Coach Peterson reports that the team is still weak in the broad jump, the weights, and the javelin. Anyone else interested is urged to report to the coach.

Vikings Stop Luther 67-37!! In Finale

Dana's Vikings finished the 1948-49 basketball season in grand style as they ran over Luther 67-37 in the final game of the season.

The Vikings jumped off to an early lead, only to have Luther tie the game up at 6-6 in the middle of the first quarter. Then the Vikings, led by Bud Robinson built a halftime advantage of 33-19.

Robinson continued to lead the Danes in the second half, and they built up a 59-30 lead toward the end of the fourth quarter. At this point Coach Paul Peterson sent in the reserves, who continued the mastery of the game. Harold McKercher dumped in two quick buckets and Gene Mortensen sank one just as the final buzzer sounded.

Bud Robinson was high point man for the Vikings with 13 field goals for a total of 26 points. Paul Laursen was next with 13 points. Johnson was high point man for the Luther quintet with 14 points.

THE BOX SCORE:

DANA				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Clements	3	2-2	3	8
Laursen	6	0-2	2	12
Mortensen	1	0-0	0	2
Youmans	4	1-2	1	9
McKercher	2	0-0	0	4
Robinson	13	0-2	1	26
Nelson	2	2-8	3	6
Total	31	5-16	10	67
LUTHER				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Benson	2	0-1	2	4
Johnson	7	0-0	1	14
Andersen	1	0-1	1	2
Lundeen	2	0-2	3	4
Boquist	1	0-2	2	2
Andersen, J.	2	3-3	5	7
Nelson	1	2-3	0	4
Kindschuh	0	0-0	0	0
Total	16	5-12	14	37

Coach Peterson Releases Statistics For '49 Cage Season

Bud Robinson led the Vikings in scoring, for the second consecutive year, with 228 points. Jim "Shorty" Youmans was second high man with a total of 220 points. The scoring for the other first stringers is as follows: Bob Nelson 190, Paul Laursen 185, and Wilbur Clements 107.

THE SEASON'S TOTALS

	G	FG	FT	PF	Total
Robinson	18	87	54-105	46	228
Youmans	18	89	42-75	45	220
Nelson	17	73	44-101	49	190
Laursen	18	71	39-78	46	185
Clements	18	34	39-61	57	107
McKercher	9	13	5-14	11	31
Madsen	11	6	4-9	14	16
Christensen, K.	4	4	3-4	3	11
Conklin	5	3	3-5	4	9
Eckert	6	1	5-10	7	7
Mortensen	4	2	1-1	4	5
Young	4	2	0-2	4	4
Christensen, L.	3	1	0-0	2	2
Wolsmann	3	1	0-1	5	2
Parker	1	1	0-0	2	2
Total	388	239-456	287	1019	

The same order is followed when it comes to figuring up the conference scoring of the starting five. Robinson is high with 166 points, Youmans had 147, Nelson 141, Laursen 110, and Clements 75.

Other official statistics, released by the coach show that the Vikings averaged 56.6 points per game, while holding the opposition to 45.1 points per game. The team shooting average was 31.8%, in other words the Vikings sank 388 out of an attempted 1220 shots. From the free-throw line the Vikings out shot the opponents 52.4% to 50.7%. The team sank 239 out of a possible 456, while the opponents made 174 out of 343. The opponents committed 400 fouls for an average of 22 per game, while the Vikings fouled only 287 times, for an average of 16 per game.

1948-49 BASKETBALL SCORES

Dana	53	Midland	40
*Dana	74	Central	48
*Dana	54	Concordia	42
Dana	55	Tarkio	50
*Dana	47	Norfolk	39
Dana	52	Milford	28
*Dana	68	McCook	61
*Dana	69	McCook	49
*Dana	44	Norfolk	38
*Dana	69	Fairbury	47
*Dana	53	Luther	52
*Dana	59	Fairbury	41
Dana	60	Tarkio	74
*Dana	40	Concordia	42
Dana	47	Midland	51
Dana	53	Milford	41
*Dana	53	Central	31
*Dana	67	Luther	37
Total	1019		823
* Conference games			

Women's Phys. Ed. Classes Use New Mats in Gym

The girls in Phys Ed Class were recently surprised when it was pointed out to them that the newly purchased mats were not rugs for the gym, but were rather to be used for tumbling. Experimenting on the mat proved to be almost entertaining to those on the sidelines. Casualties were few. As the girls emerged from the gym, we noticed one co-ed suffering from an acutely sprained spinal cord; another had developed water on the brain, while a third party seemed to have acquired an extremely stiff gluteus maximus. Seriously, tumbling is a great sport and needs to be encouraged; let's see more students take an active part in it.

Intramural Basketball

By John Bradley

With the crowning of the Chintzes as the regular season champions, the Dana intramural basketball season will come to an end.

The 1948-1949 intramural league owes due thanks to Forrest (Red) Leighton for his untiring efforts to schedule games, get officials and other incidentals, and for keeping the league together. "Red," who plays for the Jokers, has done an admirable job. Only one protest was registered and "Red" readily fixed that up. He has announced that the tournament will begin as soon as the choir returns, when there will be a meeting of the team captains to determine the elimination of the various teams.

Good sportsmanship and keen rivalry has been characteristic of the league. Some of the players have complained of rough playing but this was not done intentionally. Lack of the "know how" could more likely be contributed to this fact.

The intramural league was originally organized to give the students some good clean fun but only one team stuck to this idea. The Farcity was the only team

that was not out for blood. (Or were there others, Dingle?)

My contribution for the most valuable player of the year is Bob Meyer. Without him, J.B.'s Boys would not have had much of a team. The best team man was Jim (Chintz) Hansen. Jim always put teamwork before personal glory. The most dependable player was "Butch" Hansen. "Butch" could always be relied upon to come through in the clutch. The most improved player was Ray (Garbon) Christensen. Through practice, Ray became one of the better defensive players of the league. The nomination for the player who was always in there trying is Edwin Hansen. Edwin was short in the point department but his bulldog tactics made him a feared cager. These five players are my selection for the all-intramural team.

My nomination for the most all around, well balanced team is, of course, the Chintzes. The most improved team was the Scrounges. The team that surprised everyone was the Plow Jockeys. The scrappiest team was the Termites. And last but not least the Jokers who, in living up to their name, were the most unpredictable team.

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Looking at Others - -

- - Paul Johnson

It was Monday noon when our Greyhound bus arrived in Salt Lake City. The choir members dashed into the great Mormon Tabernacle to hear the noonday recital. We seated ourselves directly in front of the mammoth organ and listened in awe to the music.

After the organ recital we took a tour of Temple Square. The guide told how the settlers of the early years came to that uncivilized country and how this "handful" of people would drive their oxen miles just to bring back a single stone for their temple. As we sat in the huge tabernacle, a building capable of holding 8,000 people, and thought of this great project the question came to our minds: Why? "Why would these few settlers undertake such an enormous task?" The answer is that they had foresight of a great city and people to fill this tabernacle. They looked into the future!

The story is picturesque—like a novel—but it can put us to shame, we who are content to build a place of worship "just large enough to get along with." Is not a lot of our foresight shallow compared to these early Mormons? Stop and talk with a Mormon. So many are glad to tell you of their faith, of Joseph Smith and the angel Moroni, and the history of their Salt Lake Temple.

Yes, we marvel at their zeal, their foresight springing from their ancestors, their eagerness to launch out into the world with help in many ways surpassing the Lutheran bodies. But what message do they bring? It is a message used in addition to the Bible which God has given us.

Why do we have this interest in the Mormons? Noticing the many statues and tributes placed about the Mormon Temple Square, and the many crosses and Biblical figures, you can see where their emphasis lies. We as Lutherans have the gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We cannot add or subtract from this. It is not the labors of our hands or the intellect of our minds that is the essential thing. We have Jesus Christ alone, and Him do we proclaim.

Let us as outsiders look at what the Mormons have done the past years. Should it not spur us on to greater things? Surely, one who has seen this work of the Mormons as they proclaim their Joseph Smith in addition to Christ feels an ever stronger urge to proclaim the gospel of Christ—and Him alone.

Student Body Rolls At Roller Rink—Return Revelling

On the evening of March 11, the student body journeyed to Harker's Roller Rink in Fremont, Nebraska, by various means of transportation. After an evening of rolling to good skating music like Clyde McCoy's "Sugar Blues" the majority of students raided Petrow's, and replenished some of their expended energy with malts and hamburgers.

There were approximately 100 students at the "whing-ding" who spent a goodly portion of their time getting acquainted with the rink floor.

The fellows returned to the "stony silence" of the Men's Dorm. The ladies entered their "convent" sharply at midnight.

Relativity

- - Carol Mengers

I don't know why it is, but people seem overjoyed when they find out that they are related to someone. Especially on this choir tour I have noticed people finding unknown relations with great rejoicing.

Usually the conversation goes something like this.

"Did you say you were from Racine? You know I have relatives in Chatanooga."

"You do. I have relatives in Chatanooga, too."

"Do you know the Smiths?"

"Why, yes. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Smith's brother-in-law's cousin married my husband's niece."

"Well, my step-sister's aunt is related to Mrs. Smith too. We're related!"

And they shake hands and mutter, "Yes, indeed, it's a small world."

When you think about it, it isn't so surprising that one meets relatives. A lot of the people we meet in our churches are from Denmark, or their ancestors were, so that narrows it down somewhat. Still, it is fun.

Some people expect to find relatives everywhere. I heard Ann Thomsen cut a few corners and get right to the point by asking someone, "Who are you related to in Nebraska?" I suppose she expected them to start naming them off so she could pick out her relatives.

There are some students on the campus who are rather distantly related to each other, perhaps some who do not even know about it. I am proud to claim relationship with Ruth Larsen, in an off-hand sort of way. Ruth's mother's father's brother's wife's sister's son's daughter is me.

Of course, if you want to carry this thing far enough we are all related. If it weren't for Adam, none of us would be here. It's a small world, isn't it?

Old Mainliners

Knud Warschauer

For this issue of Old Mainliners it is my pleasure to present a sketch of one of Dana College's old standbys—Mr. H. Skov Nielsen. All the new students here last September wished that he could have spoken about Dana College when that orientation was held for the freshmen. This grand old scholar, professor, and friend to all whom he meets has had many experiences at Dana lasting many more years than the usual four.

Born in 1876 in that portion of Denmark that for so long has stood for Danish vigor and strength—Jutland, Mr. Nielsen came to America with his parents when 10 years old. He attended Trinity Seminary from 1893-94 and again from 1897-98. He graduated from Fremont College in 1899 and taught the next two years in Nebraska public schools, then two years in the Danish-American Folk High School at Elk Horn, Iowa, and after this he taught one year at Luther College, Racine, Wisconsin. From 1904-1908 he was in business in Chicago. He then managed the Danish Lutheran Publishing House (now the Lutheran Publishing House) here at Blair from 1908-1920. Mr. Nielsen edited the "Luthersk Ugeblad" from 1930-33, and from 1932-1936 "The Ansgar Lutheran."

Married in 1902 to Anine K. Jensen, a native of the Blair community, he is the father of four children, three of whom have attended Dana College. A thorough churchman he served as secretary of the synodical Board of Education—with brief interruptions—from 1910 to 1938. Coming to America in the brief rugged years before the big Scandinavian immigration to America's midwest farmlands, starting in the 1880's, he has witnessed the contributions of the sons of Denmark to the American way of life. He has seen sons and daughters of Danish descent—many educated by him—go from their rural environment to the teeming city office, laboratory, factory, and University seeking a higher level of livelihood. Enok Mortensen's well known "Danish-American Life and Letters" lists two of Mr. Nielsen's contributions to Danish American life as follows: "Fifty Years of Service"—a history of the Danish Lutheran Blair Publishing House—1943; and "Dana College and Trinity Seminary"—a history of those institutions—1936. With such an enviable record, Professor H. Skov Nielsen deserves the heartfelt good wishes of all Danians as he nears the completion of another college year of eventful service on "The Hill."

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