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"Faculty Follies" presented "The Rippling Rhythm Duo." They are, left to right, Professors Ranheim, Rasmussen, Swansen and Snowbeck.

Shrapnel

-- Art Simon

I'm writing this article under the inspiration of just having roared through two of the finest hours at Dana this year. I mean the "Faculty Follies," of course.

Other colleges could well take note. Something like this keeps education away from the dangerous trend of being "up in the clouds." And as a result, I'm quite sure the students never had more respect for the faculty.

The Board of Trustees saw fit to turn down our request for help on the Negro scholarship. That means we won't get two students. But we will get one for sure. \$400 was donated . . . not bad at all.

The Council is currently working on—among other things—some sort of legislation which will require all clubs and classes to have faculty advisors. The presidents and advisors will be asked to meet with the Council each spring and fall, present an active long-range program for their organizations and they will be held accountable for carrying out such a program. All in an effort to secure quality performance.

At least one talented composer—maybe two—has accepted our challenge to compose an original pep song for Dana. You'll probably be hearing it played around campus soon to see how you like it. I offer no predictions, since I haven't heard it yet either.

The biggest job left yet for our old Council is to pass on recommendations for next year's Council. One recommendation I will personally make for future years is this: As soon as practicably possible, Dana should join the NSA (National Student's Association).

Plans for Mayfest Take Shape; King and Queen Elected

Cold and stormy weather conveys one to the thoughts and appearance of an invisible Spring, but the golden rays of sunlight are revealing as they blend into the preparations for the annual May Festival.

The committee under the leadership of co-chairmen Elva Jensen and Bob Berthelsen have been working for the past two months, and its anticipations are to bring to the student body this year an unusual variety of entertainment, decorations, and nutritive substances.

Spring is the season for gaiety and romance which carries us into our colorful theme "Paris au Printemps." The main attraction during this festive evening will be the crowning of the King and Queen who will reign over this event in royalty.

Voting for the King and Queen candidates took place on April 20. The final votes have not yet been counted but the counting will be done soon and the results will be posted. The King and Queen of the Royal Party will not be designated until the crowning ceremonies which will begin the May Fest program.

May Fest is an annual tradition at Dana, and as in previous years, the event will continue to be semi-formal. Although the theme of this festival is foreign, imagination will enable one to remain there through the realistic decorations and program. The DATE, both for the girl and the festival, will be May 5, 1951.

By this time two amendments to the constitution should be posted.

One prevents writing in candidates. The other sets up a "Supreme Court" on campus.

Dr. Oscar Hansen to be Main L. L. Convention Speaker

Douglas for President Club Organized

"Paul Douglas for President" was the central motive of a meeting which was held on April 6th on the Dana campus. Inspired by Paul Simon, editor of the Troy (Ill.) Tribune, a large group of students gathered to hear the inside life story of the Senator from Illinois and then agreed to organize a club to further his cause in the state of Nebraska.

John Nielsen was elected president of the club and Bob Hemmingson, secretary. According to the new leaders, it is the hope of the club to place the name of Senator Douglas on the primary ballot in Nebraska next spring. It takes one hundred signatures of electors in each of the four Congressional districts to place a name on the ballot. The club intends to form teams to accomplish this.

John Nielsen stated, "In all fairness we would like to make it clear that this club is organized by a group of students and does not necessarily reflect the views of the administration or faculty."

(Editor's Note: A feature article on the Douglas Club appeared recently in the Omaha World-Herald.)

Fine Arts Club to Present Programs

As part of a new plan to present regularly scheduled programs which will be of interest to all students, the Fine Arts Club on Tuesday evening, April 17, presented the first in this new series. The program was given in the lounge of the women's dormitory, and a fine and varied program was enthusiastically received by the members and guests present. The recently organized Dana String Trio was heard for the first time; others participating in the program included Marilyn Jorgensen, Elmer Petersen, Juri Taht, and Lloyd Bansen.

The Fine Arts Club has made plans to have four such programs as this during the next school year presented to the Club members and all other students who wish to come. This action was taken with the view toward better Clubs and better programs which will interest more students.

From all parts of the United States and Canada young people will be congregating on our campus the week end of April 26-29 for the Luther League Convention of the U.E.L.C. The theme of the Convention is "CHRIST FOR TODAY—AND FOR EVER."

Registration will begin on Thursday afternoon, April 26, with the opening service at 8 P.M. conducted by Pastor Edward A. Hansen, the Youth Director. A new feature will be the "Bible Moments," conducted in the mornings by Dr. Oscar Hansen, President of the Lutheran Bible Institute. There will be an Inspiration Address Friday afternoon given by Pastor Allan D. Hansen of Lynwood, Calif. A Hymnspiration and Group Discussion Sessions are also planned for Friday afternoon. "Sissies Or Soldiers?" will be the theme of the message delivered by Dr. Oscar Hansen at the Evangelistic Service in the evening. Preceding this will be a sacred concert by the Dana Music Department.

The business session will be held Saturday morning and concluded in the afternoon. One of the highlights of the convention is the banquet to be held Saturday evening at 6:30 with Margaret Nissen, missionary to Sudan, as the guest speaker. At 9:30 a program will be put on by the students of Dana.

There will be a Communion Service in First Lutheran Church at 9:30 on Sunday morning. Pastor Homer Larsen of Atlantic, Iowa, will deliver the message at the closing meeting Sunday afternoon. Installation of officers and Closing Consecration will take place at this time.

Campus Calendar

April 20—American Scandinavian Foundation Meeting

April 21—Grand View Exchange Program

April 22—Music Recital

April 24—Lyceum Program, Choraliers

April 26-29—National Luther League Convention

May 1—Lyceum Program, Wal-fisch Duo

May 5-6—May Festival

Values -- What are Yours? Love Needed Among Men

-- Prof. E. Rasmussen

-- Virgil Andersen

A sense of values is the most important aspect of one's life. It is values that determine one's course of action; therefore students should search early and deeply for the significances of life.

Students should learn early that some values that people consider significant are really termite values that undermine the lives of those who live by them. The satisfactions of a fool are not equal in value to those derived from worth-while achievement or responsibilities shouldered. Termite values that are too commonly accepted today include such as these:

the right people than to work hard and honestly; one should always be relative, and tolerant above all things; the immediate is more important than the remote, the practical than the ideal; and religion is unimportant in life, to be smiled upon condescendingly.

On the other hand there are values upon which a sound life can be built. Several important ones can be stated: One must respect the truth, seek it at all costs, and having found it, live and act upon it; one must expect and demand of himself and of others a faithfulness to assigned tasks, a sense of duty; one must maintain his integrity with a wholeness of being that has no respect for mediocrity but faces each day openly and squarely; and one must live a life of service, for life is a gift to be shared and not an orange to be sucked dry.

All of these values would be meaningless if not based upon one fact: the existence of an intelligent, living, working, loving, forgiving God. One must LIVE on this basis to live soundly, and one's childhood religion is not sufficient for an adult. As one grows in this life one needs at least an elementary understanding of theology. This is especially true of leaders and teachers of others, for without them one cannot impart them. Without them the major part of life is lost; the best road from Athens to America still leads through Jerusalem.

Dr. Kenneth I. Brown, executive director of the Danforth Foundation, presented these thoughts at a joint meeting of counselors at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago in March, 1951.

Was MacArthur Right or Wrong?

-- Don Ofte

There are, at present, cries being raised throughout the country to investigate Truman's action on MacArthur and if possible to impeach him. The most shameful part of this is that the catcalls are ringing in the Senate as well as in the editorial pages of most of the reactionary rags throughout the country. The impeachment charges are ridiculous for it is stated in the constitution that the president is commander-in-chief of the armed forces and as such can make or break anyone in the services.

Looking at the situation objectively it is obvious that President Truman was justified in dismissing MacArthur if only for MacArthur's repeated insubordination in going to the press and carrying on correspondence with congressmen about Truman's inadequacy and poor judgment. Add to this, threatening to reverse government orders and there is justification for a court-martial (as MacArthur would certainly do if one of his subordinates did this to him). He was trying to be a one-man State Department and decide how soon the country was to enter World War III. We must keep in mind that MacArthur is a soldier and as such he is supposed to carry out orders and that is all; but the man has been dictator of Japan for so long that he seems to have felt his prestige enabled him to make decisions that are not his to make.

Suppose we did go to Manchuria (as he advocates) and bomb the supply bases there, what is to prevent the Commies from moving their supply bases to Siberia? Do we then go and bomb Siberia? If so, then we are forced into World War III and as things stand now, we are not prepared to fight a war.

The parties most emphatically supporting MacArthur's stand on Manchuria (our old friends Taft and Wherry) are the very same men who did not want to send troops to our European allies for fear of provoking Russia to war. This is pretty fancy double-talk and what is most pathetic is that the people seem to be swallowing it hook, line and sinker. As President Truman said at the Jefferson-Jackson dinner (in substance), now is no time to be playing politics and confusing the issues but to take positive action in re-establishing and strengthening the bi-partisan foreign policy.

All men are in great need of a new heart of love and understanding toward their fellow men.

"Okay for you if you want to be that way; I'll be stubborn too and show you I have a mind of my own."

If there are any of us who are not guilty of using these exact words we have certainly had the same thoughts. It is so terribly easy to retaliate in like manner, or in even stronger words, to any one who may have done us a little hurt. We are greatly inclined to forget that we ourselves have been forgiven a sin equal to many times again the ten-thousand talents debt of the unmerciful servant. We forget that Christ in His great love for us lived a life of suffering and died in agony and scorn to free us from the consequence of our sins. We forget that all through our lives God has never ceased to shower us with blessings. How can we, in the tiniest space of a thought, justify the grudges which we hold against our brethren?

God can give this new heart of love and understanding. He has even commanded us to love one another even as He first loved us (John 14:12). But it is interesting to note that before God gives us such a command He provides us with the power, through His Son, to carry out this command. In John 14:14 and 15, Jesus simply tells His disciples that if they will ask anything in His name, He will do it, and that if they love Him, they will naturally do His will.

Dana Paring Them by Pairs

-- Esther Lank

"Fools give you reasons. Wise men never try." According to this excerpt from the song "Some Enchanted Evening" I am in the first group. Therefore, I will attempt to explain why this campus has turned out to be a shoe factory with everyone coming out in pairs.

Mary Lane would undoubtedly say that we are fortunate to be in an ideal situation. Here we are, thrown together with persons who have a common goal and a common economic and religious background. These are the only reasons I can give for the many engagements this year

except of course, that it is human nature.

There have been a few Dana pessimists who think it is merely becoming a fad. I'm sure Romeo never heard of the disease called fad, but he still knew what to do when he wanted Juliet. In conclusion the song says, "Fly to her side and make her your own or all through your life you will dream all alone." I don't advise you to take on wings merely to impress a girlfriend, but I do advise you availables to get on the ball so your dream won't have to despair because the third finger on her left hand is bare.

Campus Spotlight

-- ELVA JENSEN

The campus spotlight this week is shining on none other than the genial president of the Boys' (pardon me! MEN'S) Dormitory—Verlan "Diz" Hanson.

Diz was born in Somers, Iowa, and still lives there. He was born on November 22, 1928, and attended country school for four years, until the schools consolidated.

Diz has always been very active on our fair campus. (He's engaged, too!) This year he is serving in the capacity of president of the Men's Dorm, and in the past, he has served as president of the choir, Homecoming Committee co-chairman, president of the Dramatics Club, and (plug!) last year served as a reporter on the HERMES. Besides all this he is holding down a job in the kitchen, sings in the choir,

and has had time to take part in intramural sports as one of the 'Schnozzes."

Verlan has always been very actively interested in dramatics and is famous for his rendition of Scrooge in "The Christmas Carol," a part which he has played for the last two years. Before that, he was in the play "Our Town," and "The Late Christopher Bean."

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Seminary News

— Bob N. Hansen

Three quarters down—one to go!

The Seminarians received a two-day vacation from classes to attend the Seminary Convocation Lectures on April 10, 11. The Seminary received these enlightening lectures with unanimous praise.

In conjunction with Seminary Convocation a testimonial banquet, honoring Dr. C. B. Larsen for his twenty-five years of teaching at Trinity, was held on the evening of April 11th. Music was provided by Ed Eskildsen at the piano and by the Sem Quartet.

Another engagement!! As predicted in the last edition of Sem News, Roy Mumm, a junior, became engaged to Florence Tange of Blair (formerly of Hutchinson, Minn.) over the Easter holidays. A fall wedding is planned. Our hearty congratulations to you—Florence and Roy.

Friday afternoon, April 13th, the Sem Quartet traveled to Hampton, Nebr., and presented a program there in the evening. On the following Sunday night the seminary sponsored a program at First Lutheran Church in Blair. A film on Japan was shown. The money received went to support a Japanese theological student.

On the evening of April 16th, the seminary wives held a "question-box social," extending invitations to the seminary students, the sem profs and their wives, and the local Lutheran pastors

Twenty-Six Students To Receive Degrees

This year Dana has twenty-six students who are candidates for degrees to be given at commencement on May 27. Nineteen of these students are candidates for a Bachelor of Arts degree, three of them for a Bachelor of Science degree, two of them for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and two of them for a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Arts.

Those who are candidates for degrees are—Bachelor of Arts: E. Charles Anderson, LeRoy F. Andersen, Vernon L. Andersen, Charles J. Christensen, Russell A. Eckert, Lois M. Girtz, Helen D. Halstead, Edwin H. Hansen, Verlan J. Hanson, Betty J. Jensen, Calvin O. Jorgensen, Robert W. Kloth, Paul H. Laursen, Elaine I. Madison, Carl H. Nielsen, Harold W. Pedersen, Lucy Anne Poucher, Warren L. Rasmussen and Jimmy L. Sorensen. Bachelor of Science: John E. Hansen, Jr., Ellen C. Jensen and James P. Jorgensen. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Charles J. Doidge and Lyle E. Jacobsen. Bachelor of Science in Commercial Arts: Jeanette J. Christensen and Anna F. Bolt. Anna Bolt is a teacher at Tekamah who is completing her requirements by extension study.

and thier wives. Music was furnished by the Sem Quartet. This event climaxed the series of lectures held during the year for the seminary wives.



Walt Kirkegaard getting ready to throw the shot

Library Chatter

You have heard the old saying: "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Well, your library books can be just such friends if you will let them. They can get you out of many a predicament. Here are a few of the new books ready to help you:

- Kane—Famous first facts
- Opdycke—Get it right
- Magill—Master plots
- Van Nostrand's scientific encyclopedia

- Stimpson—(A) Book about American history
- Greet—World words
- Bender (comp.) N B C handbook of pronunciation
- Jaeger—Source book of biological names

* Any fiction? Oh, yes, we have added over one hundred books of fiction thus far this year. Three of the newest are:

- Allen—City in the dawn (Historical novel)
- Barr—Monk in armour (Vivid fictional account of Martin Luther's life)

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