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## Don Cossacks to Present First of Lyceum Concerts

The world-famous Don Cossack chorus, under the direction of Nicholas Kostrakoff, will present the first of a two-concert series at the Dana college auditorium, Monday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m. The second concert will feature world-renowned pianist, composer and arranger, Percy Grainger, on Jan. 31, 1952.

The Cossacks have toured all five continents and have sung in the leading capitals of the world. They have won praises from critics in every place where they have presented their colorful concerts.

Hallowed anthems of the Greek Orthodox church, haunting folk-songs, boisterous regimental songs and gay peasant dances will be included in the Dana performance.

The chorus was organized twenty-four years ago by the present conductor, Nicholas Kostrakoff, and sang its first concert in the Cathedral of Prague, Czechoslovakia. The Cossacks represent the best of the vocal talent obtainable from the White Russian emigres who fought Communism in Russia early as 1918. The group came to the United States in 1939 under the auspices of the city of San Francisco and have remained here since that time, except for two long overseas tours to sing to American troupes.

Tickets can still be purchased for the two-concert series in Miss Christensen's office. All seats are reserved. Tickets cost \$3.00 and \$3.60 which includes both concerts.

## Campus Calendar

- Nov. 8 —All-school film, "Cluny Brown," 7 p.m.
- Nov. 9 —Football game, Huron, there
- Nov. 9-11 —LSA Midwest Regional conference at Dana
- Nov. 12 —Don Cossacks, 8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 —Choir leaves on tour
- Nov. 16 —Dr. James Olson, lecture, 8 p.m.

## Six Students Receive Honors

Six students will receive recognition in the 1951-52 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The selection of six students to this honor was made by the faculty on the basis of scholarship, cooperation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, general citizenship, and their promise of future usefulness after leaving school.

The following people were named for this recognition by the committee: Paul Hansen, a senior, (Continued on page 4)

## Seminary Students Attend Seminar

A Lutheran One-day seminar was attended by Trinity seminarians at the First Lutheran church in Lincoln, Nebr., on Nov. 7, 1951.

"A United Lutheran Front in American Life" is the theme for this meeting which is the eighth biennial series of Lutheran One-day seminars.

Speakers will include Rev. Melford Knutson, pastor of First Lutheran church, Albert Lea, Minn., and Dr. Bernard Christensen from Augsburg college and seminary in Minneapolis, Minn.

## "God's World- Our Mission" To Be Conference Theme

"God's World—Our Mission" will be the theme of the LSA Midwest Regional Fall conference convening at Dana, Nov. 9 through 11. More than 150 students from Nebraska and Kansas colleges are expected to attend.

Rev. H. E. Bernhard, director of religious activities at Iowa State Teacher's college, will speak at the opening service Friday evening at 8:30 p.m.

## Nominees Named By Committee

With the 1951 Homecoming celebration just completed the nominations committee met Tuesday to select candidates for election to the 1952 Homecoming committee.

Nominated for Homecoming chairman are Paul Jersild and Peter Mathiasen. In the vice-chairman spot are Ann Harms, Arne Jessen and Joan Nelson.

Phil Kaldahl, Margaret Christensen and Ruth Pedersen are nominated for banquet chairman. Clean-up candidates are Neil Christensen, Stan Petersen and Harry Landbo.

Program chairman will be either Gerald Borglum, Ellen Olesen or Dale Larsen. Hal Cole, Ruth Wagschal and Norman Freund are nominated for housing committee, and Paul Jahnke, Lois Samuels and Phyllis Bollesen are competing for pep chairman. Decorations chairman will be either Joyce Hayek, Marion Christensen or Frank Jespersen.

World missions will be discussed by Rev. Danielson at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, who has recently returned from Tanganyika. The theme of the Bible studies which will be held on Saturday and Sunday mornings is "I Am a Debtor" from Romans 1:14. Saturday afternoon regional business will be discussed and the regional officers will be elected at the council session. Pastor Bernhard will speak at the banquet in the evening, and the regional officers will be installed at 9:30 p.m. with Mr. Herluf Jensen, formerly from Grandview college, the new LSA president present. At 10:30 there will be a communion preparatory service with Rev. Alvin Peterson from the University of Nebraska speaking.

Rev. Paul Bierstedt, secretary of the division of student service, will be the speaker at the Holy Communion service in First Lutheran church on Sunday morning. The official group closing of the conference will be at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer Memorial chapel with Mr. Herluf Jensen bringing the closing message.

## Life Won't Be The Same

Fred Reinke

It looks as if 46 Dana students are due for a vacation starting Nov. 14, as the 1951 choir begins its tour of Iowa and Wisconsin. Right now it's impossible to see a choir member doing anything but his make-up work and worrying about the sad state his grades will be in by the time he gets back.

On the other hand, there are some very happy people around the campus these days—students whose eyes brighten as the days roll by. I'm talking about the individuals who have tired of the vocalizing by certain choir members.

Last year when the choir left, most people basked for a while in the serenity of the situation, and in the abundance of food left in the dining hall. No loud noises were heard; everyone lived sanely and quietly for about a week. But by then the novelty wore off; it just got too quiet around here. Why, Paul Skovlund even resorted to studying to break the monotony. So, when the choir did come back everyone felt relieved and life soon resumed its usual sleepless, noisy manner and everybody fell back into the old groove (that is after the choir members got their rooms unstacked.)

Now, the choir members, busy with traveling and singing, will (this sound incredible, but I predict it) be glad to resume their studies.

The campus will again take on its old mode of life, and the choir members and the students will again be resolved to one another.

## If This Is True - Then What?

American youth is silent, fatalistic, security-minded, conservative, grave, morally confused, tolerant of almost anything and blaming no one for its troubles. Thus reports *Time* magazine in an article printed in the Nov. 5, issue entitled, "The Younger Generation."

This is certainly an article worthy of attention and careful reading. It is the first nation-wide appraisal, says *Time*, of what the younger generation, ages 18 through 28, is thinking and saying about itself, its country and its future. It discusses what young people think about religion, sex, government, war, marriage, jobs, ambitions and many other subjects.

It should certainly be of intense interest to you and me, since it discusses the very group to which we belong. Are the things said of our generation true?

We read again the opening sentence of this article. This, *Time* concludes is the typical American youth of today. It certainly ought to shock us if it is true. If the youth of today are silent and tolerant of almost anything, or fatalistic and morally confused, then certainly something ought to be done.

There is a mission for everyone who claims to call himself a Christian. Certainly true Christian youth is not morally confused and tolerant of anything.

Apparently if ever there was a need to bring to the young people the message of Jesus Christ, it is today.

They are seeking, searching, but perhaps not finding. If only enough young people who claim to be Christians can witness to all that the way out of this confusion is Christianity, young people in America may see the light and come out of this uncertainty.

This generation does not blame anyone for the state of its world, *Time* concludes. "This generation puts the blame on life as a whole, not on parents, politicians, cartels etc. The fact of this world is war, uncertainty, the need for work, courage, sacrifice. Nobody likes that fact. But youth does not blame that fact on its parents dropping the ball. In real life, youth seems to know people always drop the ball. Youth today has little cynicism because it never hoped for much."

What is needed in this world to re-create youth? The answer is Christianity. It's about time we learned to do our share and not "drop the ball."

## Freshmen Display

### Talent at Show

#### Richard Andersen

The traditional freshman talent show made its annual appearance last Saturday in the college auditorium. The program definitely possessed talent, although it was hidden behind worn jokes and sober faces.

Soloists Kathy Nielsen and Shirley Andersen were well received for their vocal abilities, as was the lively barbershop quartet. Dale Larsen's vivid interpretations displayed originality; Gunnar Nyholm and Leroy Petersen added zestful humor.

All performers should remember that a pleasing and smiling stage presence will generally win the audience's approval. A dead pan performer falls way short of the goal of making others happy if he himself is immune to it.

While you're adding smiles to your performers, add color and glitter in costumes. Street clothes are fine for stage plays, but are out of order in variety programs, and the same goes for "flats." Heels are always in vogue on the stage no matter how tall the wearer.

A well-balanced program is better than a cluttered show of obviously "fill-in" acts. Think and

## News Flashes..

Giving a gift of \$1,000 to Dana, a friend from St. Louis, Mo., stated that he hoped it would "assist in furthering the work of Christian education of our youth."

Dr. James C. Olson, superintendent of the Nebraska State Historical society, will give a lecture on Friday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m., in the women's lounge. Everyone welcome. No admission.

Miss Elja McCullough, dean of women, has been confined to the Blair hospital for a rest. She is expected to remain there several days.

A discussion by seminary students and faculty members will be held Nov. 13. Dr. Mengers will deliver a lecture which will be followed by the discussion.

"Cluny Brown," second in a series of films presented by the Literary club, will be shown tonight. The film begins at 7 p.m.

take time to prepare a program that attempts to be professional despite the lack of much-needed equipment or talent.

## Students Have Large Appetites

Hot dogs consumed by the Dana students during the present school year, if put end on end, would reach from the front of Old Main to the farthest corner of West school in Blair.

It is evident that Dana eating habits indicate a tremendous appetite. Facts uncovered by this survey may prove surprising.

Over 222 students are responsible for this consumption and among other things they consume 45 gallons of milk and 300 cups of coffee every day, not to mention 50 loaves of bread, five large cakes and 150 lbs. of meat.

Other figures include 30 lb. of margarine, ten full boxes of breakfast cereal and 35 pints of ice cream.

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## Free From Fear

Prof. Paul Nyholm

*Perfect love casts out fear — I John 4:18*

*If the Son makes you free you will be free indeed — John 8:36*

On Nov. 10 it is Luther's birthday, and surely, it is a day that deserves to be remembered. The tremendous influence of Luther has been felt in several different fields. Among his many contributions to mankind is his insistence that man should be liberated from fear.

In this respect the contrast between Catholics and Protestants is as wide as the poles. A. C. McGiffert has in his excellent Luther biography, pointed out that Catholicism proceeds on the assumption that since man is naturally bad, fear, not freedom, is alone safe for fallen and corrupt humanity. Luther, on the other hand, believed that man does not need the pressure of fear to keep him right; on the contrary, man needs to be liberated from fear in order that he may be able to give himself undividedly and unreservedly to God.

Catholicism offered control to keep men from being themselves. Luther preached a freedom that enabled men to be themselves.

Not trust in man led Luther to set man free, but trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for this Gospel had set Luther himself free. Therefore he preached it to the world as the great liberator from bondage of every kind.

One writer has said that "many Americans betray their heritage by being afraid of freedom." God does not want us to be afraid of freedom but to be free from every kind of fear.

God trusts you and me. He gave us a free will; we may either reject or receive His love.

We can not trust ourselves, but let us trust God. Then we shall experience that His perfect love casts out fear and makes us free, both from fear of men and from our own sinful nature. God's Son came to make us free indeed.

## Letter to Editor from Alumna

Dear Mr. Editor:

It is a real pleasure to receive the new weekly *Hermes*. You and your staff are to be congratulated on the very excellent job you are doing.

I have noted with much interest the growing sense of responsibility on the part of the students toward Dana. The earnestness students have evidenced gives me the boldness to ask a question. It is this: Can Dana students as a group find a practical way of breaking through the general pattern of rather self-indulgent, su-

perflous, somewhat extravagant and entertainment-type of social living so prevalent in our high schools and in American society as a whole, and of replacing it with a broader, simpler, more out-going kind of social life?

If Dana students can work out for themselves a social life which is truly expressive of Christian ideals, they will not only be reaching toward a better Dana, but they will also be making a positive contribution to the churches back home.

Sincerely yours,

An Interested Alumna

## Chris' Comments

John Christensen



Well, this week the curtain will fall on the football scene around this campus. The sports scene, except for intra-mural activity, will be somewhat slack as far as the spectators are concerned. For the fellows who just switch from football to basketball there will be no rest. For three weeks the squad will be doing little more than drills which amount to just plain hard work. The opener here Dec. 1, will be one of the toughest games on the schedule. Nebraska Wesleyan always puts one of the better fives on the hardwood as does Buena Vista and Midland. Maybe it's a little too early to be making any predictions about the First Central church college conference basketball crown, but if nothing too drastic goes wrong with the Dana machine, Concordia or anyone else will have a tough time stopping the Vikes. But, as I said, it's still early for basketball.

Last week Concordia wrapped up the league title; this was not too much of a surprise to the Bulldog faithful, but the opposition Dana provided was surprising to quite a few. The Vikings outdistanced the Seward eleven all the way on the ground. If the Concordia squad had not taken possession of the ball several times deep in Viking territory, the score would have been considerably closer. It seemed the breaks were just against the Vikings. Jack Allen's 89 yard touchdown gallop which was nullified by a holding penalty might well have turned the tide. We are not trying to discredit Concordia in any way, but just trying to show the Vikings turned a much better game than the 25-0 score indicates.

Mark Thomsen's appearance in the game was his first since the Midland game when he was injured. Mark only appeared four times for punting chores, but should be ready to go tomorrow night against Huron.

The team statistics show that despite a 2-5 record so far this season the team did not show badly against some tough opponents. Next week these statistics will be completed for those who like the paper work.

## Dana to Meet Huron in Final Game

The final practice session of the season was held Wednesday. Now all that remains for the Viking 1951 pigskin carriers to do is to show the Huron college gridders that all the practice sessions have not been in vain. Whether Dana can close their season with a 3-5 mark depends upon the outcome of the Friday night contest at Huron.

Reports have not been received on the Viking foe and everything seems to be a question mark. Huron is quite far off and the Red and White rarely venture that far north. Huron college approximates Dana in enrollment.

Coach Skogman's boys will, nevertheless, be tuned up for their foe and should expect their share of the glory.

It is questionable as yet whether Mark Thomsen will be in uniform Friday night. His ankle appears to be healing fast.

Not measuring up to expectations this season, the Vikes have been discouraged at times but have given fans some fine football and have displayed their power and determination when the odds were against them. Friday night is hoped by partisan fans to be a rousing victory.

Coming back strongly to take two after dropping four straight and last week losing 25-0 to Concordia, Coach Skogman's squad has tallied 92 points to its opponents 100. The team has crossed the goal line 14 times and converted eight extras, while its foes have countered 16 times with four conversions.

## Dana's Winning Streak Ended By Falling to Concordia, 25-0

Well, Dana's winning streak ended at two when the Vikes fell to Concordia 25-0 in finger-stiffening cold at Seward, Nebr., last Friday night. This was Dana's last game of conference play. Concordia, with this victory, became the first grid champion of the Central Church conference.

The Vikings had the bad breaks, two in the second quarter and one in the final period. A short kick from the end zone early in the first period set up the first counter for Concordia and a blocked kick on Dana's own five laid the carpet for Concordia's second counter. A fumble by Dana on its own 36 early in the fourth period started the Concordia Bulldogs off to their last bucket of pay dirt.

Jack Allen turned in top evening of offensive play. Jack took off from his own eleven midway in the final period and ran 89 yards to cross the pay off stripe—but an unnecessary roughness penalty brought the play back to the eleven.

Both teams were held scoreless for the first period but the Concordia rally came in the second when they scored two TD's. Early in the second period Mark Thomsen was back to punt from the end zone. The punt went to the Dana 25 where the Bulldogs took over. On three ground plays and an aerial the Bulldogs had crossed the pay off stripe. On the series of plays after the next kick off the Vikes were pushed back to their own five from which they were forced to kick. Robert Gade of the Bulldogs was through the line and blocked Allen's punt. Allen pounced the punt on the four of Dana but Concordia took over. Herbert Peter crossed on the next play to score the second Concordia touchdown. Concordia took the second half kickoff on the 19 and ran it to its own 30. Here the drive began that was to pay off the only earned counter of the Bulldogs. A 51 yard pass sparked this drive.

Jack Allen and Neil Moore sparked a Dana drive from their own 30 midway in the third period to Concordia's five where Dana lost the pigskin on downs. Another drive late in the third period by Dana fainted out, lasting only fifteen yards and three plays. Dana had the ball as the period ended on its own 36.

A fumble by the Vikings on their own 36 on the first play of the fourth period set up the final Concordia TD. Larry Keiser scraped pay dirt five plays later.

## Cagers Face Tough Schedule

Basketball season is again approaching and the prospects for the coming year are being considered.

Basketball mentor Paul Peterson says that Dana has the hardest schedule in the school's history. He has already scheduled 19 games. Eleven of these will be played at home, while eight are played on the road. The opening game will bring Nebraska Wesleyan to Dana as the opposition on Dec. 1.

The team has much room for improvement over their record of five wins and 15 losses of last year. They have been practicing for about four weeks with the emphasis on fundamentals and little stress on shooting.

There are seven returning lettermen of which four are from last year's starting five. The four starters are Bob Nelson, Harold McKercher, Mark Thomsen and Lloyd "Bun" Lorenson. "Bun" was last year's high point scorer.

However, it is questionable whether Mark will be able to play this year. The other returning lettermen are Dave Nuland, Francis Morrow and "Little" Kenny Christensen. Ken will graduate in January.

A tentative list of varsity men includes eight freshmen. They are Harris Jorgensen, Paul Jahnke, Lowell Milbrandt, Tom Christensen, Dick Erickson, Milton Nelson, Vordyn Nelson and Doug Magnussen.

Three other players who are on the list of varsity prospects are Tom Nelson, Kenny (6'4") Christensen and Dick Jacobsen who just reported for practice last week. Not out for practice because of cadet teaching, is Jack Scott, who if he does make the varsity will be ineligible until next semester.

Several freshmen football players will no doubt be added to the squad next week. These then are the prospects for the team at this moment. Some changes will probably occur as the season gets going in full swing.

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# Comments on Being Engaged

The period of engagement is so frequently. He will not smile greatly overrated. Let me explain: before entering this professed state of bliss, I had several firmly fixed notions. I believed that the engagement period would be one of unsaturated romance, adventure, and intrigue. Diamonds, flowers, love notes, low lights, music . . . that kind of thing. To bind all between a capital letter and a period, here is what I visioned . . . under the spell of moonlight and magnolia were me, alone together, lost in the magic of a breathless night! Oh, brother!

My sisters in engagement can only read this, nod, and weep in silence, but you, the unengaged, listen and learn.

The process of placing a ring on an unsuspecting (?) lady's left hand, third finger, has a strange, but fascinating effect upon our villain, the male. Suddenly, without warning, he becomes victim to a vague and deadly disease. Symptoms are: sudden and unaccountable tiredness, inattention, boredom, and marked absent-mindedness. Many of the things he did do, he no longer does, and many of the things he didn't do he does.

He will not sit by you so frequently. He will not talk to you so frequently. He will not listen

so frequently. He will not smile so frequently.

Some evening you feel like bowling, you will quite possibly find yourself sitting in your room, while he is out with the boys.

When then, in view of all these atrocities, can a woman do to defend herself? She can, of course, refuse to become engaged. But then she would forfeit the privilege of wearing a ring, sharing intimacies with others in her state, and incidentally, the company of the man she so patiently loves. So, this is out.

Really, the only remedy is marriage. This won't solve your old problems, but at least, you'll have so many nice new interesting ones, that you will probably look longingly back on the period of engagement as a state of bliss, which, of course, it is.

—York College Sandburr

## Who's Who

(Continued from page 1)

winner of the 1951 Lutheran Brotherhood scholarship and a member of the Dana a cappella choir; Paul Jersild, a junior, student body Fine Arts director and also a member of the choir; Harvey Jorgensen, a senior, father of two children; Lois Petersen, senior, soloist in the Dana choir; Robert Sorenson, senior, editor of the Sower and president of the History club; and Lloyd Urbanek, senior, president of the men's dormitory and chairman of the nominations committee.

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