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Dale Larsen, Carol Henningsen, Jon Nuland, Dick Andersen at the polls

Students Elect Paul Jersild Chairman of Homecoming

Men dominated the election for the 1952 Homecoming committee chairmen which was held Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Paul Jersild heads the list of victors as the Homecoming chairman while Arne Jessen follows as vice-chairman.

Heading the banquet committee will be Phil Kaldahl and the decorations committee will be headed by Frank Jespersen.

The pep festivals will be under the supervision of Paul Jahnke and Gerald Borglum will head the program committee.

Housing and clean-up commit-

College Leases Car For Official Use

Arrangements have been made with the Vinton Chevrolet company, Blair, for the use of a new car by the college.

The car is on a lease basis and was not purchased by Dana. It is for use only by official representatives of the college for traveling on official business.

Intended for public relations, administrative and athletic department work, the car will not be available for general student use according to the terms of the lease.

In the past the school has paid gas mileage to those traveling on business using their own cars. However, now this car will be available for these purposes.

tees will have Hal Cole and Stan Petersen, respectively, as their chairmen.

These chairmen will begin work immediately so that the majority of the plans will be completed before the end of the school year.

Other candidates for the positions were: chairman, Peter Mathiasen; vice-chairman, A n n Harms and Joan Nelson; banquet, Margaret Christiansen and Ruth Pedersen; decorations, Marion Christensen and Joyce Hayek; pep, Phyllis Bollesen and Lois Samuels; program, Dale Larsen and Ellen Olesen; clean-up, Neil Christensen and Harry Landbo; and housing, Norman Freund and Ruth Wagschal.

Quartet to Sing At Rutland Sunday

A deputation team representing Dana will conduct the morning services at Rutland, Iowa, on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Two services will be conducted, one in the urban church and the other in the country church near Rutland.

Leading the service will be Walt Kirkegaard, who will also be the main speaker. A quartet consisting of Jerry Borglum, Melius Bollesen, Lynwood Fredrickson and Duane Jensen will provide the music for the services.

Plans Being Prepared For Christmas Events

Preparations for the annual Christmas programs and services are underway according to the individuals in charge. Committees are putting the finishing touches on decorations and completing the details of the programs.

The WAA-sponsored Christmas banquet will share Sunday evening, Dec. 16, with the History club's annual presentation of Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol."

The banquet, which begins at 5 p.m. in the dining hall, will have "A Celestial Christmas" as its theme. The humorous story of the "Littlest Angel" will be dramatized in an appropriate setting.

Choir To Present Home Concert

Having completed its tour of Wisconsin and Iowa, the Dana college choir will present its annual home concert in the auditorium on Sunday Dec. 9.

This concert is given for the student body, the local congregation and friends from this vicinity. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Questioned as to the success of the tour, Prof. Paul Neve states, "It was really a good tour. In fact, this choir, I believe, was probably the best performing Dana choir that I have directed. Also the audiences this year seemed very receptive and enthusiastic."

The choir returned to the campus on Nov. 30 exhausted and happy, and have settled back into their usual routine.

News Flashes

"How Green Was My Valley," the third in a series of movies, will be presented by the Literary club tonight. The movie begins at 7 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial chapel. Admission is 25 cents. (See last week's **Hermes** for complete information).

Robert Sorenson, editor of the **Sower**, requests that more students begin writing articles for publication in this booklet. Material has been coming in very slowly, and some of Bob's plans for the **Sower** are dependent upon material received.

"Mixed Marriages" was the topic of discussion at the LSA meeting on Dec. 6. Prior to the discussion a filmstrip on the subject was shown.

Next week on Wednesday, LSA will feature talks by choir members on their feelings, reactions and experiences while on tour.

Faculty and college personnel will have their Christmas banquet on Thursday evening, Dec. 13, in the church parlors of First Lutheran church, with a short program and an exchange of white elephant gifts following the banquet.

Chairman for the event are: Joyce Hayek, general chairman; Norma Seavie, decorations; and Carol Thomsen, program. Tickets for those not regularly eating in the dining hall will cost \$1.25.

Phil Kaldahl will enact the part of Ebenezer Scrooge in the History club's program which will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Lyle Kohler will portray Bob Cratchitt; Beata Hauge, Mrs. Cratchitt; Hal Cole, Gaylen Harfar and Fred Reinke, ghosts. Miss Aagot D. Hoidahl is the director. Tickets for this program are 50 cents.

Another play, "Christmas Destiny," will be presented at student chapel on Dec. 17 at 9:30 p.m. in the P.M. chapel.

The LSA candlelight service has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. P. C. Johnson will deliver the message and the Dana choir will sing. Other musical numbers are planned for this program. LSA president, Floyd Jorgensen, announced that caroling to faculty and friends in downtown Blair will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 with Esther Lank as the music leader. Stops will be made at the Crowell home, Good Shepherd home and Blair Convalescent home.

Individual room decorations in the dormitories are expected to begin soon. In past years certain rooms have displayed Christmas trees, wreaths and posters as a part of the holiday spirit. The campus Christmas tree will be erected on the balcony of the men's dormitory along with one in the student lounge.

Other activities include the annual faculty Christmas dinner at the First Lutheran church, Thursday, Dec. 13; the college faculty celebration at Dr. R. E. Morton's home on Monday, Dec. 17; the (Continued on page 4)

Campus Calendar

- Dec. 6—All-school film, "How Green Was My Valley." P. M. Chapel 7 p.m.
- Dec. 8—Basketball game, Grand View —here
- Dec. 9—Home Choir concert, auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 9—Discussion on Dana's future, women's lounge, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 14—Basketball game, Wm. Penn here
- Dec. 16—WAA Christmas banquet, dining hall, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 16—Dickens' "Christmas Carol," auditorium, 8 p.m.

Does Dana Own the Gym?

Does the Dana gymnasium belong to Dana, or does it belong to Kelly-Ryan, Kennard high school and various other organizations? This is the question in the minds of many students on the campus and is provoking much discussion.

The alumni who helped build the gym about 20 years intended it for the use of Dana students. They wanted students to develop their bodies as well as their minds. Also they intended that the gym should be used for school parties, plays and other activities. Certainly, they did not intend that the gym should be used as a public sports center for use by anyone who could pay the price of rent.

This year it appears that the gym has been rented to so many persons and organizations that there is a question as to who owns the gym, or for whom its use is intended. When there are only a minute number of nights open during the entire season for both men's and women's intramural basketball, there is certainly reasons for doubting present policy on the gym. Also it appears that those wishing to make use of the stage for plays and programs are going to have a hard time, trying to find available time for practice sessions.

If we want students to have recreational sports activity, or if we want better plays and programs the gym must be available for these uses. The question, of course, is who is more important—students or outsiders?

Information Needed to Print News

Sometimes people ask why we don't print more information on a particular news item. We can only answer this by saying, if certain groups and organizations feel that what they plan or do is such top-drawer secret material that they will not supply the **Hermes** with advance information, we certainly can do little to remedy the above situation.

We might suggest this as a hint to all groups — students and faculty alike. The way to get people interested in something is to present them with a "teaser" in advance, which, if the program is worthy, will create interest. Hiding the candle under the bushel makes people doubt its value.

Students Urged to Vote in Elections

One more comment should be made this week on student elections. Take note of the picture of students voting which appears on the front page. It is too bad that more students did not follow a similar course of action by casting their ballots at that election.

Women Chemically Analyzed

Chemicals Analyzed.
Memo to Uncle Sam:

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—Ye Science Reporter

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

With reference to the article you printed on socialism in the last issue, I submit the following survey.

In a survey taken in Britain recently it was found that most Britons prefer free enterprise.

Actual results of the poll were: Fifty-six per cent of those questioned favor free enterprise.

Seven per cent are against it.

Fourteen per cent are neutral.

Twenty-three per cent have no ideas on the subject.

Six years ago most Britons were for socialism; why did they change their minds?

Jack Christensen

Carols to Echo From Old Main

Discussion occurred on many issues at the student council meeting held Monday evening, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

The council decided to have Christmas music played from Old Main around dinner time a few days before Christmas.

The council has appointed a committee to study the problems connected with the Negro scholarship. Phil Kaldahl is chairman of the committee, and the other members are Paul Jersild, Joyce Hayek, Doris Jacob, Art Jersild and Ray Weckmuller.

Last year students who broke windows by snowballing were requested to report to the business office and pay for the damage. If the offenders did not report, the money was taken from the student body treasury. This same policy will be in effect again this year.

Ernest

Thoughts

To begin with this week, I would like to say welcome back to the choir members. There was less noise and racket while you were gone, but we are glad to see you come back anyway. Also it's good to hear you had some fine concerts and to note the new couples which have resulted from tour.

I notice that the new cabinet for the school calendar has been completed with lights. My question is where is the calendar?

The article last week on socialism and capitalism created some stir among a few students. The few on campus who dare to call themselves socialists are being covered by a cloud of heresy.

I hope that all read the articles anyway, and if anyone feels there should be more of that type, let me know audibly or on paper.

I took notice the other day that the city of Blair had turned on its lights and had its store windows decorated in preparation for Christmas. The Chamber of Commerce is out to see that Blair's stores sell as much as they can to poor, unwitting Christmas shoppers.

You know sometimes one cannot help but get the feeling that the real meaning of Christmas has been lost somewhere along the way. Yes, there are plenty of Christmas trees, Santa Clauses, gifts and empty pocketbooks, but how many really remember how Christmas came into being?

All the things mentioned above that we associate with Christmas are fine, but as a few businessmen in the nation have said, "Let us be sure, along with these things, that we take the X out of Xmas and put Christ in."

Oh, for a Good Night's Rest!

Frank Jespersen

Call me a bottlehead if you want to, but I thought (that was a long time ago) that dormitories were places where young, intelligent college students went to study, associate sensibly with their fellow students and eventually go to bed. I am not so sure anymore. I think we are using the dorms for a little more than that, for I have ears and eyes to prove it.

Here I am tucked away in my bed making like Little Red Riding-hood's grandmother, and thinking that perhaps tonight I will average one hour's sleep. A moment later the hall shakes with the effect of a two-inch firecracker. I quietly resolve not to get angry as I wipe the plaster off my head and lie down to resume my rest.

I lie here and wait. Nothing happens. This cannot last. About the time I regain my faith some character comes quietly crashing into the room, turns on the lights, gently hauls me out from beneath the warm covers, politely inquires where my cigarettes are and if he could have one.

I am back in bed again and suddenly the hall is filled with excited voices. Someone laughs. Oh not loud! Only right away I start figuring how much a new mirror will cost me. The noise continues. I turn over and pretend it is not there. After this some "Joe" with rocks for brains decides to take a shower. This is followed by someone slamming his door a few dozen times.

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Chris' Comments

John Christensen

Last Saturday night, we here at the school, got our first glimpse of the Vikings 1951-52 cage crew in action. What we saw looked promising. Nebraska Wesleyan has one of the finest quintets in the state, and the Viking's defeat was nothing to be ashamed of. There were few bad mistakes made considering it was the first game of the year. Once the team members find themselves and start working like a machine, they are going to be hard to beat. Every man on the team is capable of 40 minutes of hard basketball. Lowell Milbrandt looked especially sharp as did frosh Tom Christensen and Gunnar Nyholm. Bob Nelson, Harold McKercher, Lloyd Lorensen, Kenny Christensen and Dave Nuland showed their experience, and their steady influence should help in the development of freshmen talent. Quite a few spectators think that Francis Morrow is the most improved player returning from last year's squad.

Some of the students around campus are wondering what has happened to a usually active D club. So far this year there have been no regularly scheduled meetings or activities put on by this organization.

An athletic element around campus informs me that one upper classman has been threatening some freshmen with tales of his speed afoot. By the way, has anyone ever seen him run?

Dana Falls Before Vista Cagers 65-35

Falling 65-35 before the Buena Vista cagers at Storm Lake Tuesday night, the Viking cagers turned in what Coach Paul Peterson said "is the poorest performance by a basketball team that I have seen by a Dana college team."

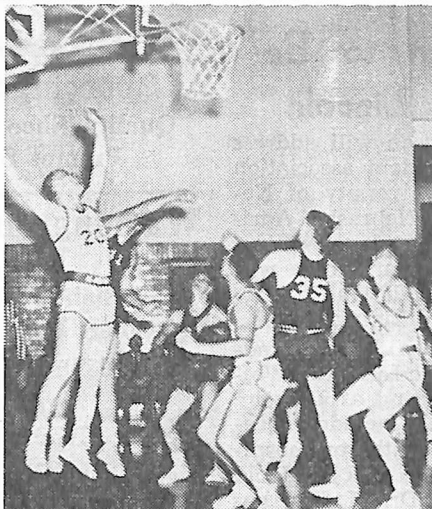
Remaining scoreless in the first period, the Vikings were unable to score more than four points in the second quarter which put them behind 26-4 at halftime.

Coach Peterson sent in four reserves in the third quarter who played the greater balance of the game. They were Vordyn Nelson, Carroll Petersen, Tom Christensen and Milton Nelson—all freshmen and Bob Nelson, went on to score 11 points in the second half which along with his charity toss in the first half put him in position for the scoring honors.

Peterson's reserve reinforced quintet held the Storm Lake five to a six point margin on third period scoring and a two point margin in the final period.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Dana	0	4	17	35	-35
Buena Vista	10	26	45	65	-65



Wesleyan Defeats Vikings, 54-39

A sharp-shooting Nebraska Wesleyan university quintet, hitting better than forty percent of its hoop tries, took the lead on the Dana Vikings early in the first quarter and held it for the remainder of the basketball curtain raiser for both teams played on the Dana college courts last Saturday night. The Wesleyan Plainsmen went on to hand the Vikings a 39-49 deficit.

Harold McKercher led the Vikings in their attack, scoring 17 points which placed him right behind the Wesleyan Burl Kreps who took the game honors with 18 points. Don Boldebuck, 6 ft. 10 in. frosh center from Wesleyan, counted 16 points to place third in the scoring columns.

Starting the ball game rolling in the first two minutes of play was Bob Nelson who pushed in two consecutive buckets, separated by a counter by Jim Lightbody which put Dana out front 4-2. A bucket by Dick Graczyk tied up the game with 2 min. 45 sec. gone and another bucket by Graczyk put Wesleyan out front 6-4. Lloyd Lorensen hit moments later to tie the game up for the first time with 5 min. 30 sec. left in the first quarter. Tom Christensen sunk one for the Vikings while the Plainsmen counted for five goals and a free toss to go out front 17-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Never able to threaten by more than an 11 point margin after the opening minutes of the second period the Dana Vikings trailed 30-18 at half time. Harold McKercher potted three buckets and three free tosses in the third period to account for better than half of his total scoring. Supplementing McKercher's third period spree were Bob Nelson with a bucket and a charity and K. L. Christensen with a bucket. The Plainsmen were out front by 11 points at the end of the third period and went to score 11 more in the final to the Vikings seven.

Hockey League Proposed

Is there a need for an expanded winter sports program on an all-school basis? The *Hermes* staff is interested in a possible setup whereby all Dana students would get a chance to enjoy ice skating this year.

Ice skating the past few years has been unorganized, and the few who have done some skating have had to travel to one of the ponds close to Blair. As a result of this, many students do not bring skates to school because of lack of use.

If interest is fairly widespread in a skating program, there are several possibilities. An intramural ice hockey league could be established, or ice skating could become a part of the winter physical education program of the school. Organized skating would provide a new source of entertainment for all school parties, and it would give the skating fans a chance to skate when they felt like it.

Ice hockey in this part of the country has been a popular winter sport for some time. However, there is a question of whether there is the necessary interest and ability to organize the sport on an intramural basis. In order for a league to be formed, four teams would be necessary, and it would be unwise to have less than nine men on a squad.

Coach Skogman believes that an ice program could be worked in with the regular physical education program and that there is a possibility of building a rink in the northwest corner of the athletic field. If a rink can be built it, of course, would be of great aid to the skating program. However, if a rink cannot be built, organized interest would make the ponds around Blair easily accessible to Dana students.

This is just a brief outline of the program. The success, or rather the existence of it depends on student interest. What do you say? Please drop all comments in the *Hermes* (campus) mail slot, or see John Christensen, sports editor, personally. If enough interest is aroused a discussion meeting could be held to get the program under way.

Spectators' View of Basketball

Donovan Olson

Because basketball is comparatively young, many changes in the rules occur from year to year. It is these revisions which tend to cause confusion and therefore, the spectator is interested only in who won, what the score was, and what players carried away the scoring honors. The average fan cares little of the other factors of the game, factors which are so important that a step in one direction or the other could mean a basket and probably a game. This does not imply that mistakes are few, but only suggests the vital fundamentals that each squad member is expected to know.

Therefore, in the matter of offense so much can be said that it would require many books to record it all. As it is this phase of the sport in which many are interested, it would be well to look into it by merely scratching the surface. There have been numerous changes made so that today we have rules such as the ten-second rule, which makes it necessary for a team to advance the ball across the center line within ten seconds, or relinquish the ball to the other squad. Center jumps after each point scored have been eliminated thereby making possible a greater exchange of ball and a faster and higher scoring contest.

On the court there is an area around the basket bounded by lines which is referred to as the free-throw lane, the lane, the hole or whatever you choose to call it. This is "touchy" territory and any

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Grand View to Be Next Viking Foe

With two of the seasons toughest games under their belts, the Vikings will entertain Grand View of Des Moines on the hill-top court Saturday night.

Coach Paul Peterson's team staffed with plenty of freshman ability and six able monogram winners will be seeking its initial home victory after bowing to Nebraska Wesleyan last Saturday.

A year ago the Red and White dropped the Iowa five to the tune of 60-36 on the Dana hardwood. Grand View, a junior college, does not have much of a basketball reputation around this part of the country, and unless the team, about which little information is available, has vastly improved over last year, its fame will still be obscure.

Group to Discuss Future of Dana

Possible plans for Dana's future will be considered in a discussion to be held Sunday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. in the women's lounge.

Dr. R. E. Morton will present the thoughts and suggestions given by the board and the administration about future Dana developments. These developments include the physical plant, the curriculum, the faculty members and the finances.

Students attending the discussion will be allowed to ask questions and give ideas about what they would like to see in Dana's future. If possible, outline sheets of the plans will be given to students before discussion begins.

Oh, for a Good Nights Rest

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Next on the program is foot races, wall pounding, water fights and wrestling. Having sat through the program before, I figure the show is about over and settle back on my pillow and mumble a silent prayer for all the people who are hiring college graduates. Just then the alarm goes off.

That about sizes things up. You say I am representing the situation extravagantly? Perhaps. I admit the subject is old, but so are a lot of elephants and we still talk about them, don't we?

Plans for Christmas

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seminary faculty party also at the Morton home on Thursday, Dec. 20; and the Christmas party for all the dining hall and kitchen workers, Friday, Dec. 15.

Dr. Madsen to Be Speaker at Lincoln

Dr. C. C. Madsen will address the Lutheran Student association groups at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Agriculture school Sunday evening, Dec. 9. Dr. Madsen's topic will be "Christian Foundations in Marriage and Family Living."

On Monday, Dec. 10, Dr. Madsen will attend the Lutheran Welfare council meeting at Lincoln. This meeting will include representatives from Lutheran hospitals, children's homes and old people's homes. Dr. Madsen has been the secretary of this organization for the past year.

Spectators' View of Basketball

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offensive player caught napping in it for more than three seconds is soon waked by the referee, for he has committed a cardinal sin of basketball.

Running all around the court is a red line, three feet from the out-of-bounds line. Within this area no offensive player can be when the ball is put in play from out-of-bounds without having a referee's finger pointed at him. If this happens, the ball automatically goes to the other squad.

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