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Amendments Defeated; Student Council Elected

Some will wear smiles and some will show the signs of defeat as the election results are announced for the student council officers, **Danian** editor and constitutional amendments.

In a field of three candidates Dave Nuland was chosen to be student religious director. Joyce Hayek gained enough votes to win the social director post. The 1952-53 athletic director is Neil Moore while Frank Jespersen won out as fine arts director. Last post on the council of literary director will be filled by Marion Nielsen. With no opposition Lin Fredericksen became editor of the **Danian**. Students also decided to defeat all the proposed amendments to the constitution.

With the newly elected president, Bob Hemmingson; secretary, Joan Nelson; and treasurer, Vern Svendsen those elected will constitute the student council leaders next year and will take office May 1. Also added later will be dorm presidents and non-resident and freshman representatives.

The amendments were apparently defeated as a result of a "vote no" campaign begun Thursday morning. Leaders of this campaign explained that the idea behind defeating the amendments was to afford an opportunity to have them rewritten in a form which is not confusing and uninterpretable. It was not to defeat the idea of the amendments, and it is expected that the amendments will lagain be presented in the near future in a different form.

More elections will be held next Tuesday when nominations for May Fest king and queen will take place.

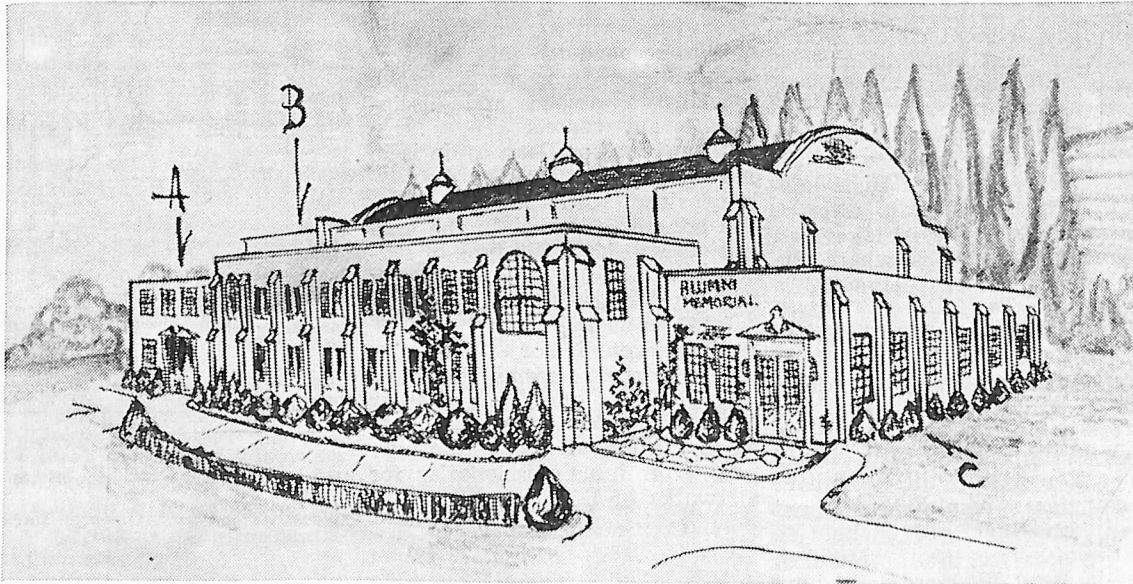
Kringle Imported For Danish Festival

This Saturday evening if a stranger should come to our campus, he would think that he was at a school in Denmark. Under the sponsorship of the Home Economics club a Danish festival will be held in the gym. Everyone is to come dressed in a Danish costume.

The program which begins at 8 p.m. will open with the singing of a Danish song by students who speak Danish. Then there will be Danish community singing.

Don Olsen will give a humorous reading entitled "Phonetic Punctuation," originally performed by Victor Borge, the Danish comedian. A group of girls led by Kathe Bender will do Danish gymnastics.

The climax of the program will be the beard and costume contest which will be judged by faculty members. Following this there will be a Kaffebord with imported "Racine" kringle and coffee. Folk games will be played after the Kaffebord. The admission will be 25 cents.



Student sketch of proposed new gymnasium-auditorium based upon plans which have been discussed but which are not necessarily final. In the drawing A represents—stage dressing rooms, athletic director's office and committee-trophy rooms; B—Stage; C—Public lounge and ticket booths.

Hermes Discloses Proposed Plans to Remodel Gymnasium

The proposed additions and remodeling of the Alumni Memorial gymnasium-auditorium which have been the subject of much talk in recent campaigns by student body presidential aspirants have become the issue of importance to the entire student body. No definite plans have been drawn for the proposed revamping of the athletic property. However, the plans when they become a reality will probably incorporate some of the ideas

Coach Paul Peterson drew in a set of plans, which were part of his master's thesis.

According to Coach Peterson's plans the new building would include a forty-foot extension to either the east or west end. A new stage with modern lighting, built-in public address system and electrically controlled folding doors to separate the main gym floor from the stage in order to allow basketball practice and stage rehearsals to convene simultaneously, will be in this extension. Faculty offices, committee room, dressing rooms and public rest rooms will be located in this area also. Another 16 by 50 ft. addition will be used as a public lounge with chairs for the convenience of patrons.

The present stage will be removed and the south section will include telescopic bleachers. The new gym floor will be approximately 94 by 49 ft., which is a considerable increase over the old 85 by 44 ft. floor. A safety feature will be a six-foot clearance behind each glass bangboard. Also 60 by 40 ft. intramural courts would al-

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Cooperation Asked For Clean-up Day

Campus clean-up will be the emphasis when Clean-up day is held April 25. Under the chairmanship of Don Olsen plans are being made to improve the general appearance of the campus. The work will include the raking of all the lawn, digging around trees and shrubbery and other general work.

The organization of the project will attempt to bring as many students into the effort as possible. Five groups, Phi Epsilon Delta, Christian Fellowship, WAA, LSA and a dorm group will each be responsible for a sector of the campus. Each group will have a supervisor to take charge.

These groups will then compete
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Mr. Barker to Leave For Grand Island Post

Completing over a year and one half of service, Mr. Orville Barker will leave his position in the Dana maintenance department on March 31. He has received an offer from the public schools of Grand Island, Nebr., and will begin his work there on April 1.

Coming to Dana Aug. 15, 1950, Mr. Barker served as head of the maintenance department until the return of Mr. Gerhardt Carlson from the service. Mr. Barker was originally from Grand Island,

Taht to Play In Duo Recital

Juri Taht will play in a duo recital on Sunday, March 30, at 3:30 p. m. at Joslyn Memorial, Omaha.

On the program Juri will play "Adagio and Allegro from the Sonata in A Major" and "Allegro Moderato from Concerto in B flat Major" by Boccherini as the main number. Also he will play "Elegie" by Faure, "Pieccen form de l' Habanera" by Ravel, "Improvisation" by Kabalevsky and "Scherzo" by van Goens.

Also on this program will be Joanne Pierce, mezzo-soprano.

Campus Calendar

- March 28—Insurance clinic, PM 2:12, 8 p.m.
- March 29—Danish festival, gym, 8 p.m.
- April 3—Lenten play, "The Terrible Meek," 9 p.m.
- April 4—Dana Exchange program, gym 8 p.m.
- April 6—"Messiah" concert, auditorium 8 p.m.

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by Mon

Brrr-r-r! That's enough about the weather and the arrival of spring last week.

After hearing many weird tales about the currently craved croaker Johnny Raye, I read recently that Johnny is not blind, not completely deaf but he does wear a hearing aid. What won't be done for publicity.

The inevitable vacation, (?) courtesy of dear old Uncle, is coming shortly, for several men of Viking blood. Jon Nuland will pack his bags and leave his comfortable abode in 208 Men's Hall around the first of May. A member of the Naval Reserve, he has received his call to report to Great Lakes on May 6.

TV tops with Dana viewers are apparently Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. At their hour show last Sunday the Men's lounge was filled to capacity—better than 60, and not all fellows.

Two words that should be acquired by all Danes on the hill are cooperation and organization. You can find cooperation on page 267 and organization on 854 of "The American College Dictionary."

If you haven't got your old-country costume ready for the Danish festival, you had better hit the stick — only 24 hours left.

I suggest a group look into the possibility of attending the performance of "Darkness at Noon" at Central high school in Omaha, —the date, I believe, is May 19.

The Viking Players will present the Lenten play, "The Terrible Meek," on Thursday, April 3. (See **Hermes**, March 20.) The place of presentation has not been announced.

Textbook Resale Policy Explained

In a recent student council meeting a request was made for a statement concerning the policy of the book store on the resale of college textbooks. This request has come from many who have noted the increased over-all cost of textbooks required for each semester.

The question about which most are concerned is as to just why the books that are resold to the book store do not have a higher value than they do. In this connection it is of importance to remember that the value of a book is determined not as much by its use as by its age. A book retains its value as long as there is not a more recent edition or a better book on that particular subject. Thus books depreciate very rapidly in value.

It is obvious that the book store is able to pay much more for a book that will be used again next year than one that will not. The

News Flashes

Automobile insurance will be the subject of discussion at a special insurance clinic to be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Pioneer Memorial 212.

In last week's paper the story on the change in curriculum should have stated that the new science department course would consist of eight hours of general science, physical and biological, for the school year.

Hillerup Rasmussen's welcomed a baby girl into the world last week end in the local Blair hospital. An unsuccessful attempt was made Saturday to take Mrs. Rasmussen to Omaha where she had been under the treatment of a specialist.

The Dana college board of trustees will meet April 2 and 3 for its annual spring meeting.

Students re-enrolling at Dana next fall who desire part-time work for the school year should plan to meet with the committee on student employment next week. Meetings will be held in the conference room Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Dean Elmer Rasmussen spoke to the faculty of Arlington high school last Wednesday, March 26. He discussed methods of testing.

Trinity seminary students will entertain students and faculty of Central seminary, Fremont, next Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the women's lounge. This visit is an annual custom. Last fall Trinity students were the guests of Central. Carl Schattauer is in charge of the program.

Led by Dr. C. B. Larsen a faculty-student seminary discussion was held Tuesday, March 25.

price paid for those that will not be used again is determined by the amount that book will bring on the used book market. The amount paid for texts that will be used again has been about 50 percent of the purchase price. This rate of exchange is equal to that found in book stores all over the country. It is not the intention of the college to make any sizable profit over and above the operating costs of the book store. A slight change in the policy of book purchases is now being considered, and it is hoped this can be put into effect next year to the benefit of the student.

The new system despite the higher cost it involves makes it possible for professors to put into use the latest and best texts available in any one course and not to keep using a certain text just because it happens to be in the textbook library.

Arthur Sorensen

Responses to the column written last week by Paul Jersild were intense. Letters to the editor were numerous and portions of these letters are printed below.

Robert Berthelsen: For

"According to the catalogue, the aim is to guide student life by Christian love and example rather than by many requirements and rules. Anyone who fails to respond to this kind of counseling or who needs to be constantly watched and disciplined is not wanted.

"The thing for Dana to do is to build her student body on the basis of strong Christian principles and adhere to them. In the long run we will have the type of students who will build Dana by their own examples in upholding what Dana is and means."

Norman Freund: For

"The article seems to have prompted a question whether Dana is a correction institution or an institution set up for the purpose of training missionaries for all walks of life.

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Give Up Worldly Cares

Peter Mathiasen

When Jesus was explaining the parable of the Sower to his disciples, he made a very interesting comparison in likening the resulting plant to men when he said, "They are those who hear the Word, but the care of the world, and the delight in riches and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful." How well this applies to us who live nearly twenty centuries after this statement was made!

Ernest Thoughts

Alarm clocks have never been popular, but some people apparently seem to enjoy the sound of the alarm bells in Old Main. False alarms resound almost every evening. Playing with these bells might someday result in a situation similar to the old shepherd boy and wolf story where the people didn't come when help was needed.

Care must be exercised in the presentation of material on the gym issue. The board has not approved the plans, and we do not want to give the impression we are jamming the project down their throats. However, we can still give 100 per cent support.

Displaced sign boards must have grown wheels as they appear from time to time on the campus. Certainly fun is all that is intended in bringing the signs here, but they are expensive and not always replaced. Let's watch it, eh, men.

One final thought—"It is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn." (Robert Southey)

B. H.

We have all heard the questions asked time after time, "Why is Dana dead spiritually this year? Why does it lack the initiative of other years?" Surely things ought to be accomplished here. Surely the Gospel ought to radiate out from Dana like the waves that radiate out from a pebble dropped in water.

In our discussions we have searched for the reason, and while searching we have blamed Dana's administration, the Blair church, the religious leaders on campus and even fellow students, when our answer actually lies in ourselves. Yes, the answer is in the explanation which Christ gave in His parable of the Sower. We are wrapped up in the cares of the world. We desire other things and put Christ second, and we look for joy in the riches of pleasure.

Let us each make it a point during this Lenten season to let Christ cleanse us of those sins which keep Dana from enjoying the blessings of a Christian college. Let us reap the blessings of Christian fellowship, the joy of Christian service and the satisfaction of a life living in complete surrender to our Lord.

Chris' Comments

John Christensen



Newly formed organizations often draw much criticism, and a prime example of this is the recently organized Phi Epsilon Delta organization. For a long time this campus has needed an active athletic organization to boost and promote athletic interest. Already this organization has taken steps in that direction. The weekend when a caravan of cars took most of the school over to Midland was one undertaking of this group. The boxing show is another worthwhile project that has taken a lot of hard work and will benefit not only the frat but the school as well.

It seems rather strange that there has been so much complaining this year about the poor school spirit, and then when something is done about it there is more complaining.

Some people might wonder just what the organization will do to promote a bigger and better Dana. Plans are now being laid to use the proceeds from the boxing show to hold a picnic sometime this spring for as many prospective students as possible.

The initiation, as contrasted to hell week in some frats at other colleges, will strive to accomplish something worthwhile for the school. The club house, which is open to all school organizations, will probably be the first project undertaken.

As far as this writer can see, this organization will, if it continues to function as it is now, be one of the most active means of promoting a bigger and better school.

Coeducational Teams Named for Volleyball

Tentative teams have been created for the coeducational intramural volleyball league. Play in the league will begin April 1 and continue on April 3, 7, 8, 15 and 17. The teams are as follows:

Team I:
Florence Espenhain, Dave Nuland, Phyllis Henriksen, Harris Jorgensen, Ellen Olesen, Arne Jessen, Ruth Kirkegaard and Jim Nelson.

Team II:
Norma Scarvie, Neil Christensen, Dagmar Steffensen, John Planz, Nancy Brown, Lyle Kohler, Lois Behr, Caroline Christensen and Leon Piphoo.

Team III:
Angela Sorensen, Dave Lindholm, Marion Nielsen, Al Tambling, Marion J. Petersen, Carl Nelson, Arlene Houtwed, Suzanne Farnum and Olaf Ahlquist.

Team IV:
Marion Anderson, Norman Freund, Clarice Fredricksen, LeMoyne Nielsen, Bernice Christensen, Donovan Olson, Elaine Hansen, Phyllis Widholm and Bill Hansen.

Team V:
Joan Nelson, Bob Coffey, Joan Anderson, Russ Eckert, Anona Anderson, Ralph Spear, Mary Weaver, Kathe Bender and Christel Anderson.

Team VI:
Joyce Hayek, Neil Hansen, Margaret Christiansen, Harlow Fruend, Joyce Petersen, Fred Reinke, Ruth Wagschal and Ronell Raaum.

Team VII:
Sonja Grill, Don Nielsen, Sylvia Siersbeck, Gary Hansen, Janet Justesen, Gene Hansen, Claire Ann Heise, Pat Lippincott and Al Bonde.

Team VIII:
May Skobo, Vern Svendsen, Carol Thomsen, Doug Magnussen, Elva Jensen, Stan Petersen, Esther Lank, Alice Schultz and Paul Jersild.

Interest Shown, Golf and Tennis Teams Are Formed

While the track and baseball squads are rounding into shape for their season openers, interest is beginning to be shown in golf and tennis. Depending on the amount of interest shown by students, plans are being made for several meets with other schools.

Prof. Videbeck has been engaged as the golf coach and is directing practices on Wednesday nights. Meets are being scheduled with the first one being a conference affair at York, May 17. Prior to this a dual affair is planned with York.

Comprising the links team are Dick Jacobsen, Tom Nelson, Boyd Nelson, Charles Pedersen and Russ Eckert. Anyone interested is urged to try out, and there is a good chance that letters will be awarded. It has been pointed out that six men are required for tournament play, and with Eckert unable to participate in any conference meets, spots are open for two more.

Tennis is yet a possibility, and it remains for matches to be scheduled. Russ Eckert, coach of the squad, is anxious that a team be organized and has asked for at least one more player. Steve Sutton, Leon Piphoo, Paul Nyholm, Tom Nelson and Eckert form the yet incomplete team. The conference meet at York is still tentatively scheduled.

Dana Holds Spring Basketball Practice

Spring sports took on a new twist last week as Coach "Pete" called basketball practice for all varsity players coming back next year. About six men are working out daily in the one-hour sessions with the main part of these freshmen.

Coach "Pete" is anxious to get an early start for next winter's play and is endeavoring to have the nucleus of next year's squad learn some fundamental plays on which to base next year's offense.

Proposed Gym Plans

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low more games to be played in less time than the present arrangement. Telescopic bleachers could also be built into the rear wall of the stage for overflow crowds.

The seating for basketball games will be increased from 300 seats to 1276. Approximately 2000 seats will be available for lyceum program and other stage events. Coach Peterson stated that there would be no undesirable seats in the entire auditorium.

A new ceiling in the gym-auditorium will include recessed lighting. Both the appearance and acoustical system of the building will be improved. Plenty of exits and three crowd-control systems are included in the Peterson plan.

Dr. Morton expressed the opinion that the stage would be at the east end and the lounge at the west. According to the president, the approximate cost will range between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

The plans have not been drawn, nor has the school board approved any plans for the remodeling. If the school board passes on the issue it will then go before the June convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran church at Albert Lea, Minn.

The *Hermes* offers its readers a view of how the remodeled edifice will look with the above composite of ideas.



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Annual Breakfast To Be at Midland

Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, will be the site of the Lutheran Student Association Palm Sunday breakfast to be held April 6. Dana, Midland and Luther college LSAer's combine annually for this breakfast. Midland college is the sponsor.

Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. in the church. A program will be presented including a Lenten message by a Central seminary pastor.

More than 50 Dana students plan to attend the breakfast. Students who do attend are invited to attend regular church services in Fremont.

Clean-up Day Plans

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to make the best appearing sector. A faculty committee will be asked to judge the areas. The group whose area is judged the best will have the privilege of having a new log for the middle of the campus dedicated to the group on an inscribed name plate.

In the evening a hard times all-school party will be held to complete the day's efforts. A short program will be presented with games following.

Don Olsen stated that he hopes everyone will give willing support.

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Miss Sena Bertelsen Operated Upon in Omaha

Miss Sena Bertelsen, assistant librarian, has recently undergone an operation at Immanuel Lutheran hospital in Omaha. She is reported to be in "good condition."

Dr. R. E. Morton received news Wednesday that she will be released the latter part of this week after which she will spend some time in Brush, Colo., recuperating.

Letters Give Views

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"Are we bringing students here merely to obtain money, to make Dana big in number or for some other material gain for the school, or are we bringing them here for the purpose of helping them to develop spiritually?"

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33."

Lyle Kohler: Against

"The writer implies that we should overlook those students who have not developed a character which is in harmony with the institution—the very students who need to be under the influence of Christianity. Aren't we then serving notice that our Christianity is so weak that it cannot be tampered with, and it cannot withstand some detrimental influences.

"Rather than emphasizing the quality and the spirit of the incoming student as the writer suggests, shouldn't that present to us a challenge to do all in our power to embody the Christian quality in the student when he leaves Dana."

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