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From Dana

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Blair, Nebr.



Payment of tuition and fees is a major part of registration. Pictured above are several freshmen completing this phase on registration day.

Convocation Officially Opens Year at Dana

President M. G. Christensen of the Nebraska District and pastor of Pella Lutheran church, Omaha, challenged a crowd of 400 attending the annual opening convocation of Dana college and Trinity seminary Sunday evening to accept the call of God and become a citizen of His kingdom.

Rev. Christensen, speaking in the college auditorium, forcefully acknowledged the presence of idols in America today, and denounced them as "captivators of young men and women". He further stated the need for youth to accept the guidance of Jesus Christ, and thereby resist the temptations of our world.

The evening vesper service was officiated by Rev. T. I. Jensen, Dean of Trinity seminary. The event climaxed a week of freshman examinations and registration.

The new Dana frosh, sophomores and upper classmen have become acquainted through various activities sponsored by the student council, under the direction of Joyce Hayek, social director. A mixer, hayride, roller skating party and picnic were part of the events scheduled for freshman week. Red and white Dana beanies were given the freshmen to initiate their first weeks in college.

Highlight of the first bonfire and community sing was an inspirational talk delivered by Dana Dean of Men John Nielsen on Tuesday evening. He challenged his audience to prepare for the future through faith in Jesus Christ.

Campus Workers Make Improvements

Returning students to Dana may have noticed several improvements on the campus.

Among the improvements is the newly-decorated girls' dorm. All of the rooms were papered or painted either at Christmas time or during the summer vacation.

Three Dana men, P. V. Hansen, Norman Freund and Howard Jensen volunteered their time and money to repair the seats and obtain an altar for Old Main chapel.

Among the other improvements made this summer was the reroofing of Old Main and the installation of a sink in the art lab.

Seminarians Hear Hannover Report

UELC President H. C. Jersild's report of the Hannover conference Monday afternoon, Sept. 8 and the celebration of Holy Communion in the evening highlighted the pre-class activity of Trinity Theological seminary.

President Jersild who stated that the world-wide Lutheran conference was marked by a Johannine rather than the traditional Pauline emphasis was introduced by Dean Jensen. The afternoon meeting was followed by the faculty reception.

At the evening service Dr. Madsen served as liturgist and Hillerup Rasmussen as soloist.

Students Elect Class Officers

At class meetings held Thursday night of last week, the following officers were elected to serve their respective classes for the present school year.

Mark Thomsen is in charge of the gavel for the senior year. Fred Reinke is the new vice-president, with Margaret Christiansen doubling as secretary-treasurer.

In the junior class, John Hansen holds down the top job. He will be aided by Bill King, vice-president; Margie Poh, secretary; and Ann Harms, treasurer.

Sophomores elected Harry Landbo to lead their class through the term. Phil Jorgensen, LaVerne Chandler, and M. Jane Petersen complete the sophomore cabinet, serving as vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Freshman class officers have not been named as yet, but acting as president pro-tem is Bill Bennett. Helen Christiansen is the secretary.

Faculty and Administration Revise Attendance Policy

Some parts of the present policy concerning student absence from classes have been revised by the faculty and administration.

As usual, class attendance is checked by the faculty and reported to the Dean's office where a complete record is kept. Students are expected to attend all classes, no "skips" being granted; and students must report to the Dean when they are absent from a class for any cause other than illness, in which case they report to the Nurse.

Students will be given an absence report by the Dean, or by the Nurse in case of illness, which will state the reason for such absence. These they should show at the earliest class meeting to the instructors whose classes were missed. The instructor then may take such action as he feels is proper for the situation.

Returning students will note that the basic changes are two: no "skips" or unexcused absences are allowed under the new policy and the instructor determines the action to be taken if absences occur. The purpose of the faculty will be to maintain the wholesome attitude towards classroom attendance and learning necessary for good scholarship.

Homecoming Plans Near Completion

Homecoming for the Dana college alumni this year will be Oct. 10 through 12 with the theme, "The Future—Our Opportunity." President of St. Olaf college, Dr. Granskov, will be the speaker at the banquet Saturday evening. He will speak on the Homecoming theme.

Paul Jersild, chairman of the Homecoming committee, has been in Europe the past summer and has not yet returned to the campus. In his absence, vice-chairman, Arne Jessen, has taken over. He reports that the committee is doing a good job, and all indications are that this year's Homecoming should be a success.

The committee has met with its adviser, Mr. Snowbeck, and selected two new chairmen; namely Bill King as banquet chairman and Dale Larsen, clean-up chairman. Dale is considering table arrangements to seat the expected banquet crowd of over 500. Meanwhile, Bill may be seen in the college kitchen experimenting with several types of food to determine the best menu.

Publicity chairman, Richard Andersen, is finding many ways of bringing the news of Homecoming to all Dana-loving students of former years. Marion Christensen as decorations chairman, has been presenting various schemes for the committee's approval.

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New Dining Hall Supervisor Hired

One of the new faces on the campus is not new to people around Blair. Miss Margaret Hansen of Blair and former operator of Young's Cafe, recently accepted the position of manager of the kitchen and dining hall.

A graduate of Iowa State college, Miss Hansen taught home economics for five years in Iowa following her graduation. Since that time she has completed courses in institutional management and large quantity cooking at the University of Omaha.

Her aim for the coming school year is to create a good social atmosphere in the dining hall and to serve meals that are colorful and homelike. The recent addition of flowers to each table helps add both color and hominess in the dining hall.

The old custom of Wednesday
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Conformity Aids Spirit

Another school year at Dana has begun. It can and will be the best year at Dana for many years if we the students desire to make it so.

In order to achieve a good and fruitful year at Dana, we of the **Hermes** believe that it is necessary for all to work hard, play hard and uphold the traditions and standards on which Dana was founded. If we do these things, the true Dana spirit can be achieved.

Often the harmony between students, faculty and administration is disrupted by the breaking of rules by the students. Dana does not have many rules and regulations, but instead it has a few basic rules to govern student conduct. These rules are simple but much depends on the students' attitude toward them. In order that all can have a clear understanding of these rules, we would like to urge you to read again the section in the college catalog concerning conduct.

The time may come when you may see a rule broken, for the students at Dana are human, but even though you see a large number of students breaking a rule of the school, you should try to observe it for a large number committing an act of misconduct does not lessen your responsibility.

However, the responsibility for good campus conduct is not only the students', but also the faculty and administration have a part to play. The faculty and administration should aid the students in keeping the rules and if the need does arise for disciplinary action, it should be administered promptly for the failure of immediate disciplinary action often results in exaggerating the problem.

If we the students, faculty and administration all work together in upholding the standards of Dana and face squarely any problem that arises, a good and fruitful year will be ours to enjoy.

Pleasant Experiences Forecasted

Fred Reinke

Again we find ourselves knocking at the door of knowledge, many of us for the first time at college and many for the last. For the freshman it is a new and exciting experience and perhaps one of the most important in any young man's or woman's life. Most of us are aware of our responsibilities when we reach a seat of learning like Dana, but then we have others who do not take things so seriously. Many will say that they have no business here or at any other college, but I venture to say that many small colleges would quickly "go broke" if it weren't for the "play-boys" who do nothing more than pay their way.

Our school is beginning another

year of progress, and it will progress as it has done in the past even though not everyone is here for business. College anywhere is a mixture of fun and work, intelligence and stupidity, excitement and boredom, good and bad. It all apparently mixes well and surprisingly enough provides the world with enough leaders to control it, at least after a fashion.

So, as we begin another school year let us be determined to make good at whatever we undertake, and even though we won't achieve all of our goal, we will discover that the American small college can become one of the most interesting and pleasant experiences of our life.

Face Challenges Squarely

This past week has been one of challenges. From the moment each one of us set foot on the campus we have had challenges flying at us of all kinds and types—to work and study as college students, to participate in social activities and to live the Christian life. And yet we know only too well that these challenges can be wasted words unless we take action upon them.

Each year I have watched the seniors leave Dana and I have wondered if they have met the challenge Dana placed before them, that they not only knew how to make a living, but also how to live life.

Help Sought to Obtain Goal

A double welcome to the student body of 1952-53, from the administration and faculty! To the members of the class of 1956, with us for the first time, we extend our heartiest welcome. We are glad you are one of the "Dana family". We've looked forward to seeing you and we look forward to this year together.

To all returning students, an equally hearty welcome back to Dana. Your number is smaller this year than in previous years, so what is lacking in quantity must be made up in quality. We look to you particularly to join us in the important program we have mapped for ourselves this year.

One of the projects before us as administration, faculty and students, is that of improving our total educational program. North Central recognition is the immediate goal, but it must be remembered that this achievement is but a means to an end. That end is a strong educational program

in which we strive to the utmost to achieve our objectives. Our goal can also be expressed in this way: we want the students who go to Dana to become "active, educated Christian citizens."

Our timetable for North Central recognition calls for an intensive and critical survey and analysis of our whole educational program this year. During the 1953-54 school year this self-survey will be carried on formally and a detailed survey analysis will be prepared. In this survey and analysis, we will need the help of every student and of all student organizations. You will be called on during this year to help in this all-important task, and we are sure you will respond with that same eagerness, interest and helpfulness which you have demonstrated on many previous occasions.

So, welcome to Dana, and welcome back to Dana! This is an important year! Let's make it a stand-out year too!

R. E. Morton

Lead Christ-like Lives

Dave Nuland

Why did I come to Dana? Some of us at one time or another have asked ourselves this question. Surely there are other colleges that have more to offer than Dana or are closer to home. Was it because of the Christian influence that is present here? There could be a number of reasons, no doubt, but whatever they are, we are here now and will spend the next nine months at Dana.

Each of us has different personality traits, different ambitions in life. We pursue different paths of learning, but yet we have one thing in common here at Dana, and that is Christianity. It originated some 1952 years ago according to our calendars. During that time it has survived the lion-filled arenas and human bonfires of Nero; yet it has grown and has living, dynamic influence on the people with whom it comes in contact.

If someone were to walk up and ask if we were Christians, we would feel offended and say "sure we are Christians" like the martyrs of old did. That is a very good answer, but do we know what it means to be a Christian? Let's stop here and ponder a moment or two on what we mean when we answer thus. To be a Christian means to be Christ-like or a follower of Christ. That is a big name tag to carry around, isn't it?

How can we be Christ-like? Some of us will say I don't cuss (Continued on page 4)

We are now at the beginning of a year in which Dana can prove herself to be an institution which brings young men and women to maturity in mind and action. With administration, faculty and students working for this goal such is possible. The challenges are there this year, but we must act upon them.

As far as the student council is concerned this year all its activities are in the planning stage. We are working hard to revitalize the entire program to a collegiate as well as a Christian level. Rather than make any advance statements of what particular plans and projects are, we of the council would rather say we will do our best to give you a great year at Dana.

In conclusion it may be said that going to college is a give and take proposition. The faculty imparts to you their knowledge and you receive it. It is yours to absorb and apply. Also for the student body to be alive in spirit each one must give and take as needed. How about giving and taking each one?

Bob Hemmingson

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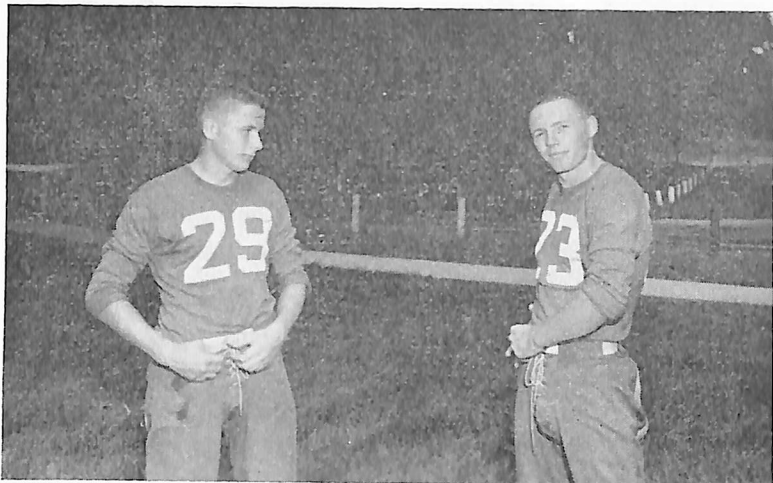
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Jim and Mark Thomsen compete as a brother team on this year's football squad.

Dave Nuland

Introducing the Team

In order that the students may know the team at the first game, I would like to introduce the boys at this time.

Paul Jorgensen, Blair, Nebr., is big and powerful and likes it tough and rugged in the line.

Vaughn Christensen, Minden, Nebr., is a spark plug always talking it up from his guard position.

Mark Thomsen, Denmark, Wisc., ranked eleventh among the nation's scorers in '50. Being fast, he is a triple threat man at left half.

Neil Moore, Blair, Nebr., an all conference back last year, is an aggressive full back and a mean cookie backing up the line at 170 pounds.

Dick Sorensen, Kennard, Nebr., makes good material at the guard position.

Charles Anderson, Ceresco, Nebr., is big enough to dish it out and make the opponents like it from his tackle spot.

Dave Nuland, Bellevue, Nebr., tries to make himself useful at end.

Neil Christensen, Underwood, Iowa, is a hard worker and will be working out at right end.

Phil Jorgensen, Blair, Nebr., is small for a tackle but plays his man for position.

Jim Kruse says, "I'm from Council Bluffs and top the scales at 139. What I don't have in size, I furnish in guts."

Lynn Farrens, Decatur, Nebr., works from a guard spot.

Vordyn Nelson, Farmington, Minn., another good sized tackle, works equally well on offense or defense.

Gary Hansen, Underwood, Iowa, will be of help in the line with one year's college experience.

Olie Ahlquist, West Scarborough, Maine, is all muscle and plays guard.

Harry Landbo, Chicago, Ill., is the "mighty mouse" type of football player. Little but all there.

Jack Lodl, Denmark, Wisc., 180 lb. half back, says he can't waste his speed in the line.

Don Kruse, Omaha, Nebr., formerly playing defense at North high weighs a short but stout 195 lbs.

John Shelky, Craig, Nebr., is a hustler at 160 lbs. and is pressing for a center spot, although he has had no high school experience.

Bill Bennett, Blair, Nebr., is a small, agile center whom you can count on for some nice downfield blocking.

Elton Larsen, Kennard, Nebr., is pleasingly plump at 260 and makes good material at tackle.

Elton Larsen, Spencer, Iowa, with three years of high school experience in the line can be counted on for help.

Lee Wiesemann, Omaha, Nebr., 175, will be trying for an end position with one year's experience from Benson high.

Jim Thomsen, Denmark, Wisc., will furnish the brain work for the team working from the quarter back position.

Marion Hudson, Omaha, Nebr., 178, is a fast moving half back that doesn't like to be tackled. He hails from Omaha Central high.

Doug Johnson, Waupaca, Wisc., 175, all-state honorable mention, is a pass snatching end.

Marvin Gress, Shelby, Iowa, 150, played six-man in high school and earned an all-state berth.

In the also ran column we have Gordon Christiansen, 200 pounder from Fresno, Calif., out of action with a dislocated shoulder bone.

Let us not forget our three fine coaches, Keith Skogman, Bud Johnson and Paul Peterson, and the student manager, Wes Jespersen, who does all the footwork.

These facts are brief and crude but we invite all of you to come down to the practices and games. Follow your players and back them, for they will need and appreciate it.

Dana to Meet Midland In First Game of Season

Dana Vikings will invade the Midland Warriors on Sept. 13 on the opponents gridiron. The Danes are going to Fremont to reverse the 6-0 decision they were handed by the Warriors last year.

Six Vikings will be starting for the second straight year against this opponent. Mark Thomsen, Neil Moore and Clarence Kruse are the backfield mainstays; as Paul Jorgensen, Dave Nuland and Vaughn Christensen will be getting the socks and knocks that all linemen take. A promising freshman group is also a big help in forming the squad and in building up a reserve team.

In practice the team spirit has been very high and with this carryover into a game, the Vikes will be out to bring home a victory.

A good school turnout and school spirit will only make your team all the more determined to win this first game of our '52 season. Be there and push our team to victory.

—Vaughn Christensen

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Officers Elected At WAA Meeting

Officers for the WAA were elected at a meeting on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 4. Clarice Fredrickson, Elkhorn, Iowa, was elected vice-president; Bernice Christensen, Harlan, Iowa, secretary; Cora Steen, Kenmare, N. D., recording secretary; and Dagmar Steffensen, Chicago, Ill., treasurer.

Coach Skogman plans to collaborate his physical education program with that of the WAA. This plan offers an opportunity to learn a skill and practice for recreation.

Softball, the organization's first sport of the season, gets underway this week.

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Saturday night we will get our first look at Dana's football squad of 1952 in action when the Vikings play Midland college at Fremont. Dana will undoubtedly migrate to Fremont for this game from which we can get a preview of what can be expected of the Vikes throughout the season. As only three home games are on the ticket this season with Midland being the closest away from home, it is a good chance to start our team on a good season by showing them we are backing them whole-heartedly.

Last year's opener, Midland at Dana, was a heart-breaking game indeed, as Mark Thomsen was injured and the visitors took a 6-0 victory home. Mark was out of action for most of the remaining games of the season. The record read two games won and six lost when the gridmen checked in their suits at the close of the season. Several players gained acclaim during the season however. "Bud" Johnson, being the only all-conference player from Dana, and Neil Moore and Jack Allen doing some great work in Dana's backfield.

Dana will be playing in the CCCC again, which is a relatively small conference, but every game will be a tough tilt. Concordia, Tarkio and York are the other members, with Concordia copping last year's championship.

Two new opponents were on the '52 schedule, Westmar of LeMars, Iowa, and Central of Pella, Iowa; however, Westmar has cancelled all of its football engagements for the season. Central has not played in this vicinity, but is undoubtedly worthy of respect.

The Danes have a smaller squad this year due to graduation, draft calls and various other reasons, but with team and school spirit, hard work and no serious injuries, our football team should be worthy of much attention and respect from our opponents.

Cheerleader Tryouts To Be Held Tonight

All students interested in cheerleading this year are encouraged to attend tryouts which will be held on Thursday evening, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Winners will be determined by applause and personal rating cards. Final selection will be made by the student council.

Dining Hall Supervisor

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night dress-up for dinner will be revived and for this extra-special meal, we will benefit by a small added attraction from the kitchen. The three upper classes have voted to give their support to the plan. For the first few weeks of school, upper classmen selected by the deans will serve as hosts and hostesses at tables. Later in the year, freshmen, too, will be given a chance to be hosts and hostesses. Tables will be assigned by numbers, and each student will be assigned to a table. The list will be posted several days in advance so as to alleviate any confusion the day the list goes into effect. Students are requested to sit at the table assigned to them for a period of two weeks, beginning Monday noon and ending Friday noon.

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or drink like that fellow over there. Or I'm not a China doll Christian. I can face facts. Is this what we mean when we say Christ-like? No! But yet so many of us fall short here on this very point. We judge ourselves and Christianity by others around us. This is what the Pharisee did in Luke 18. He didn't see himself before Christ, but compared himself by his fellow man. So, don't judge Christianity by the people who profess the name, but rather go to your Bibles and let Christ himself speak to you through His written word. Learn of Him as you follow Him through the pages of your Bible this year. Learn to be Christ-like and how to be His follower.

Homecoming Plans

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All organizations and each class will have a float in the parade scheduled for Friday before the "big game", reports Joyce Hayek, pep chairman. The Vikings' rival for the Homecoming game will be York, with the kick-off at 8 p.m. One of the highlights of Homecoming will be the crowning of the queen during the half. Following the game the traditional "Gamle Dansk Kafeford" will be enjoyed in the student lounge.

Gerry Borglum, program chairman, has some ideas for an evening filled with entertainment. All alumni wishing to stay in the dorms are advised by housing chairman, Norman Freund, to send in reservations as soon as possible.

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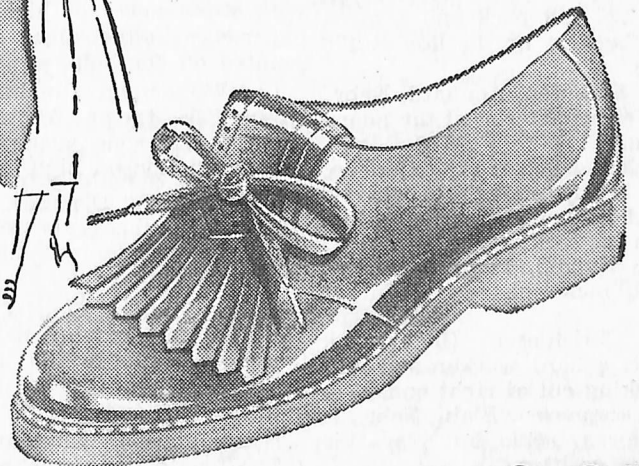
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