

Dana's Fall Enrollment Below Expected Figure

Dana's enrollment, which was expected to reach 300 or more this year, unfortunately is below even last year's total. Registration has not been completed as yet, but by Friday, Sept. 12, 229 students had registered; twelve as special and post-graduate students.

Included in this figure is Marion Hudson, a freshman from Omaha Central high school, the first Negro student in the history of Dana. He is the realization of a project the student body began two years ago to bring a Negro to Dana.

Homecoming Assistants Named

As Homecoming draws nearer, student chairmen have named their assistants. Norm Freund, housing chairman, announced that Howard Jensen, Margie Poh and Joan Nelson will assist in their respective dorms.

Parade chairman, Joyce Hayek, has made arrangements for the Blair Central high school to lead the Homecoming parade on Friday afternoon. Cancellation of classes on Friday at 12:10 has been secured from President Morton. The WAA and Home Ec club are planning the queen's float.

The cheerleaders, Dixie Allen, Mocky Eriksen, Clarice Fredericksen and Betty Placek, are in charge of the pep rally to be held Friday night before the game. The Dana pep band will play at the game.

Homecoming badges will be introduced this year. They will take the place of the pins of previous years.

Reservations for the banquet will be taken in advance. An announcement pertaining to this matter will be made in the near future.

Men's Dorm Council Makes Plans for Year

John Christensen, junior from Omaha, heads the Men's Dorm council as a result of a special election at an upper class men's meeting of Sept. 8. Other representatives who were elected at floor meetings are Olie Ahlquist, sr. and Wayne Christensen, fresh, second floor; Howard Jensen, jr. and Jim Thomsen, fresh., third; and Lloyd Bansen, sr. and Gordon Christiansen, fresh., fourth.

The council at its first meeting began formulating plans for a series of dorm programs designated to foster unity among the residents of Men's Hall and to promote interest in the intellectual, cultural and religious. Steps were also taken to provide the lounge with magazines and papers.

Room 211 has been converted into a study room for dorm occupants with efforts being made to secure standard reference works for use in it.

Nebraska again leads the states in enrollment with 84, followed by Iowa with 56. Wisconsin ranks third with 28. Blair leads the cities in enrollment supplying 35 of our students. Nine other students are from Washington county or surrounding areas. Three students from Canada further add to our total enrollment.

The freshman class, the third largest in the history of Dana and the largest in the last five years, numbers 111. The sophomores rank second with 43; seniors are third with 36; and the juniors with 27 compose the smallest class. The seminarians total 25.

The break down of the seminary students are as follows: ten seniors, seven middlers and eight juniors. The present senior class is the largest in the history of the seminary.

Gerald Hatt Joins Faculty

We are happy to welcome back an alumnus this year. Mr. Jerry Hatt, class of '49, has been added to the faculty roster as a music instructor.

After leaving Dana, Mr. Hatt did a year of graduate work in music at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y. During the two years directly succeeding this, he taught public school music at Shelby, Iowa. While at Shelby, Mr. Hatt sent 29 entries to the preliminary state music contest, where 23 of them qualified for the state finals. In spite of a measles epidemic which incapacitated several of the contestants, six of Mr. Hatt's finalists rated firsts in this event.

Although Mr. Hatt's complete schedule is not yet made out, he expects to teach piano, harmony and ear training, with public school music being added to his duties next semester.

News Flash --

At a recent seminary student body meeting, Roy Mumm, senior, was elected as president. Roy replaces Ed Eskildsen who was elected last spring. Ed is serving as intern in Audubon, Iowa, this year. Other officers include Ronnie Hansen, middler, secretary; and John Nielsen, senior, treasurer.



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Freshmen Make Plans For Talent Show, Float

The freshman class of 1952 has been very busy during the last week making plans for the big Freshman Talent show and their homecoming float.

According to the planning committee, work has already started on the Talent show. At their meeting on Tuesday night, the date for the show was set for Sept. 27. As it has been a custom in the past the "best" of the talent on campus will be presented at this program. Seeing as how it is one of the big events of the school year, the advertising committee has been making plans for launching a big publicity program. By the sounds of things the Frosh of '52 are really out to make this show a hit. Make plans now to attend.

Five Students Attend Ashram

With the different ideas and suggestions brought back by the five Dana students who attended the Ashram, and the leadership of President Paul Jersild, who went to the world-wide Hannover conference, the LSA this year should be a successful and active organization.

The Ashram, with the theme, "Summoned to Serve," was held at Estes Park, Colo., from Aug. 30 to Sept. 5. The five Dana students who attended were Harry Landbo, Lyle Kohler, Bette Miller, Kathy Nielsen and Marilyn Steffensen. The representatives heard well-known speakers and got ideas for a well-rounded LSA at Dana this year.

The next two meetings of the LSA will be highlighted by reports from the Ashram representatives and Paul Jersild on the Hannover convention. These reports will be of interest and inspiration to the student body and faculty of Dana.

A complete program will be drawn up sometime this fall. The LSA officers are planning fellowships and discussions with other schools, deputation with mixed teams made up of freshmen as well as upperclassmen, music programs, Sunday services and various other social events.

Freshmen, new students and upperclassmen are encouraged to be active in LSA and to bring out their talents. Remember, this is your LSA!!!! One of the main goals and ideas of the organization is to use more people and encourage more to be active. With these goals in mind, we hope to have a progressive, interesting and inspirational year.

The float committee also held a meeting on Tuesday at which they discussed various suggested ideas for the freshman float. It is expected that these ideas will be presented to the class for voting as soon as they have been perfected. The committee has asked me to say if there are any freshmen who have any ideas pertaining to the construction of the float, it would be greatly appreciated if you would contact the freshman class president.

Yearbook Editor Announces Staff

Announcement of the 1953 **Danian** staff was made on Tuesday by Linwood Fredericksen, editor. There are still several positions open which will be filled in the near future.

Ricard Andersen is the new assistant manager, with Howard Jensen serving as business manager.

Section editors include: Vern Svendsen, sports; Margaret Christiansen, copy; Caroline Christensen, class; Bernice Christensen, feature; Helen Christiansen, administration; Janice Aye, organizations; Marion Christensen, art; and Ronald Stricklett, advertising. Their assistants are Bill Lawson, Jim Nelson, Dick Gregersen, Mary Jacobsen, Arlene Miller, Phyllis Bloxom, Marilyn Andersen, Carole Henningsen, LaVerne Chandler, Art Sandan and Fred Reinke. Photographers are John Klug and Frank Koch. Cora Steen and Nancy Brown will do the typing, and Dagmar Steffensen is the secretary. Richard Videbeck is the new adviser.

Al Bonde, Dana's answer to Will Rogers, has a wealth of experiences beneath his over-expanding belt. The latest peril to befall this masculine Pauline was a plane motor that failed to read the "no smoking" sign and began sputtering and smoking like a cheap Havanna cigar.

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Al had taken off in a TWA constellation enroute to Kansas City from Los Angeles International airport and had settled back to enjoy his midnight ride on the modern magic carpet.

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He landed in Phoenix and Albuquerque without any difficulty, but on the take-off from the last terminal, one of the constellation's four motors smoked and burst into flames. Al, who rarely gets excited about anything, gazed out of the window and noticing the flames casually remarked to the frustrated lady sitting by him, "Shucks I should have put more quarters in the air passenger's insurance machine!"

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Needless to say, the lady wasn't too appreciative of Bonde's timely wit. The plane returned to the Albuquerque airport to await

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With fear in their hearts the students of Dana awaited the approach of last Wednesday evening, when a most unusual event was to take place, by far the most unique event in the history of Dana. Every student was required to dress for dinner and worse—much worse—good manners were to be utilized at all tables.

And what a show it was, seeing real live Dana students eating, a bit clumsily perhaps, but eating like ladies and gentlemen. At every table a host and hostess conducted a series of experiments in manners. Aside from the fact that the host starved because he had to hold his hand in the air to get more food, the multitude was fed in good fashion.

To say the least, the atmosphere was a trifle stiff, especially when some poor joker at my table dropped his fork on the floor. Then the air became decidedly cold. The host tried to look as mortified as possible while the hostess did a dandy job of looking like a local president of the WCTU in the town saloon. The other members of the group exhibited various reactions. One fellow dropped his up-

per plate in the coffee, but managed to recover it in his napkin without attracting too much attention.

All in all, things moved along smoothly and when the meal ended with everything having been relegated to its normal area of operation, everyone stood around and remarked about how good your manners were (if you were there) and (if you weren't) how awful Jasper Jones handled his fork.

Yes, sir, things are really stirred up around here and before you know it Dana may graduate individuals with both a degree and a set of manners.

Fred Reinke

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Are We Christians or Deceivers?

Jim Nelson

Here at Dana, a Christian school, we all assume that we are Christians. Could this assumption be wrong? We know that most of the students here come from Christian homes and have a good background, but does that make us Christians? Maybe we never really did stop to ask ourselves the question, "Am I a Christian?" That may sound like a foolish question. Most of us can say, "I belong to a church, I was baptized and confirmed, I attend church each Sunday, go to communion, take part in the service, sing in the choir, and teach Sunday school, and you ask me if I am a Christian! Of course I am."

But let us stop and think. Can a person do all this and not be a Christian? Do we do all these things to make an impression on our folks, teachers, friends, and others because of outward pressure, or do we do them because of a power from within that makes us want to help others attend church and to do the things one would expect of a Christian? Maybe now there is a question in our minds, "Well, what is a Christian?" To be a Christian is to believe something rather than to do something. Paul says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." If we do just that, then we can be sure that we are Christians. Then instead of going to church just because we want to give others a good impression, we will go because of a drive in our heart which is to do the will of the Lord. Let us try to keep this verse from John in our hearts.

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:8-9)

Attendance Policy Questioned

Since the revision of the attendance policy, several students have voiced their dissatisfaction to me. The dissatisfaction does not seem to be against the goal or purpose of the new policy, but rather against the method which the administration and faculty have set forth to attain the goal.

Dean Rasmussen stated in an article written for last week's *Hermes*. "The purpose of the faculty will be to maintain the wholesome attitude towards class room attendance and learning necessary for good scholarship." There certainly is not anything wrong with this goal which they hope to attain, but the question arises whether this goal can be attained by the use of the new attendance policy.

The new policy states that "students are expected to attend all classes, no 'skips' granted." This immediately seems to irritate the students. The general feeling seems to be that since we the students are paying to go to college, it should be up to the individual student to decide whether or not he should attend a particular class on a particular day. If a person went down town and bought a new suit and after the purchase the salesman told that person he had to wear the suit every day or the store would take it away from him, we would say the store would not have the right to do so, yet the new attendance policy seems to do so.

Another point which seems to

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Ours for the Asking

Marilyn Steffensen

"We are heirs of wonderful treasures from the past: treasures of literature and of arts. They are ours for the asking—all our own to have and to enjoy, if only we desire them enough." Lorado Taft.

We are college students now—students with a year before us which can be filled to overflowing or destitute of the richness which should be ours. For the most part we come to college as students, which implies that we intend to expand our outlook on life and imbue ourselves with the knowledge which lies waiting for us.

Each of us has this coming year before him; it is ours to freely decide what we will receive from it. Will we be the so-called "student" who finds himself overburdened with a great amount of spare time; so much, in fact, that he finds it imperative to spend his afternoons under the Old Elm and his evenings in the local movie theater? Or will we be the student who buries himself in stacks of books and never comes up for air to notice the people around him nor the beauties of life which constitutes the world he lives in?

I sincerely believe that the finest student—the student who will receive the most from his college

career—is the one who typifies neither of the above examples. He is the student who does take his studies seriously, he works hard to do the best of his ability in every subject. But he also leaves time for cultivating friendships with his classmates, and he finds it important to seek the hidden treasures in the college library.

Lorado Taft speaks of these "wonderful treasures from the past"; and oh, how true it is that there are very few students who take time to enjoy them. How many books which do not pertain to your present subjects will you find time to read this next year? Let us not limit our treasures to the past, either, but also include the present. How many times a week will you spend a few minutes at the front table in the reading room browsing through a newspaper? What about current magazines, pamphlets and church papers?

There is so much for each of us to gain from the wonderful treasures in our library and probably at no other time in our lives will we have such convenient access to the instruments of learning. "They are ours for the asking—all our own to have and enjoy, if only we desire them enough."

Gridiron Gleanings

by Dig

Fall Forecast . . .

With the lid now opened on the gridiron season, fans should know what to expect of Dana. Although Coach Greeno's squad should not be called the Vikings' toughest opponent of the year; nevertheless, prospects are looking up for the Red and White.

A well-balanced backfield and a line that promises to toughen into a strong solid wall are the two attributes which will help Dana improve on last year's record of two wins and six losses. Backs like Marion Hudson and Neil Moore, provided they get fine quarterbacking from Jim Thomsen, should and must form the mainstay of the squad's offense now that Mark Thomsen is out of the lineup with a broken collarbone.

Six games remain on the schedule, three home and three away. Of these six we are predicting four wins for Dana. The other two teams, Parsons and Friends university, have to be given a wide edge over the Vikes. Friends undoubtedly will be Dana's strongest opponent. Only school spirit like that at Homecoming last fall can bring the team a victory.

School Spirit . . .

It was plainly evident at Saturday's game that the Dana student body just did not have school spirit during the last half. Was it because of an early feeling of victory that Dana follow-

ers just sat back and enjoyed the game's remaining two quarters? Or was it because we let the rain dampen our spirits?

Lineman of the week . . .

Singling out any one player for such an honor as "lineman of the week" is hard, especially when there are several who deserve such honor. Nevertheless, this corner selects Vordyn Nelson for this week's award. Playing over three quarters of the game at his tackle, position, big "Swede" continually found his opening and battered his way into the Midland secondary to bring down the ballcarrier. A stalwart on defense he rammed through Midland's lines to set up many blocks and successfully block a Midland punt.

Back of the Week . . .

Neil Moore, outstanding at fullback, carries off the honors in the backfield. Early in the first quarter Neil intercepted a Warrior pass deep in Dana territory and raced down to about the 15-yard line. Although his play slackened somewhat during the last half, he continued to carry the brunt of the Vikings' attack. His defensive work together with his offensive punch justifies our selection.

Mark . . .

For the second straight year injury has dogged Mark. He sat out most of last season with a
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Midland Overcomes Dana By a Score of 20-13

A combination of tough breaks and intercepted passes spelled defeat for Dana as they fell before the Midland Warriors 20-13 on rain-soaked Bell Street field at Fremont Saturday night.

Early in the initial period, Dana drove deep into Warrior territory on an intercepted pass by Neil Moore. Working out of a spread formation, Mark Thomsen scored around left end. Mark kicked the extra point and the score stood 7-0.

Dana fans were again brought to their feet when Neil Moore broke through scrimmage and raced back over the goal line. The try for the extra point failed, and Dana lead 13-0.

Minutes before the quarter ended, Marion Hudson stole a Warrior pass and squirmed his way over the goal line. However, clipping was charged and the TD was not complete.

Yardstick

	Dana	Midland
First downs	10	16
1st quarter	4	2
2nd quarter	4	5
3rd quarter	1	5
4th quarter	1	4
Yards gained		
—rushing	222	358
Yards lost		
—penalties	70	35
Penalties—number	8	5
Intercepted passes	1	2
Touchdowns	2	3
Conversions	1	2
Score	13	20

In the second quarter, aided by infractions charged against the Red and White, Midland rolled to a touchdown. The kick was good and Dana's lead was shortened to 13-7 at halftime.

A virtual standstill resulted in a third frame as neither team could get the necessary punch that was needed to aid in a surge to a TD.

Dana was stunned in the last quarter when Midland scored on a 50-yard run after a pass. Fans held their breath as the try for the extra point was attempted, but the kick was low leaving the score knotted at 13-13.

With about seven minutes remaining and the Vikes down on the 20-yard line, disaster struck as Midland intercepted a Dana aerial. On fourth down and ten yards away from paydirt, the hosts tossed another pass for the winning margin. The kick was converted and Dana went down 20-13.

Tarkio To Be First Home Foe

Dana Vikings open their home schedule at Veterans' Field on Friday, Sept. 19, against the Tarkio Owls. This game will be hotly contested, as the series between the Vikings and the Owls is tied at two wins and two losses for each team.

Last year the Vikes journeyed to the Owls' gridiron and went down to defeat by the slim score of 6-0. It was a loose played affair, the Dana backs being guilty of over half a dozen fumbles on the wet and slippery field.

The tilt has an added importance as it is the first conference contest for the Vikings. Last year the Danes never tasted victory in the conference, so they will be out to bag their first conference win in two years at the expense of the Tarkio squad.

The Missourians will, without a doubt, bring a strong aggregation to Vets' field to see the game so it will be up to the Viking team and the whole Dana student body to turn out next Friday night.

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Meet the Coaches



Coach "Pete"

Having graduated from Dana in 1941, Coach "Pete" became head football and basketball coach the following fall. In 1950 he became director of athletics and physical education, which position he now holds. He also assists in football and is head basketball coach.

During his years at Dana, "Pete" earned eight letters in football and basketball. He was elected football captain and honorary basketball captain in his senior year. Honor Athlete for the year 1939-40, "Pete" was noted for "his faithfulness and outstanding ability in football and basketball, and for the scholastic rating he . . . maintained." His college record in basketball shows that he played in 53 games and scored 373 points.

Coach Skogman

A graduate of Gustavus Adolphus college in 1950, he received his Master's degree. At Gustavus he was a member of the football squad and was well known for his gridiron prowess.

His first year as head coach at Dana saw the football team compiling an impressive record of six wins, two losses, and a tie. Employing a "T", a single wing and a double wing, the squad piled up 184 points to its opponents 133. It was a new offensive peak in football for the Vikings and the second most successful season in the history of the school.

Coach Skogman is now beginning his third year as head football coach, assistant in basketball and instructor in physical education.

Attendance Policy

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be questioned is that when a student has been absent and he has given his excuse or reason to the dean and the faculty member, "the instructor then may take such action as he feels is proper for the situation." The biggest criticism of this seems to be that if each faculty member takes the action which he feels necessary, there will not be consistent action among the faculty. Some faculty members may deduct points from a student's grade for being absent, while others may ignore absences. A student should be graded on what he knows, not by what he knows and his class attendance record.

We of the **Hermes** feel that even though the goal of the new attendance policy is high, it will not be attained by using the new policy. We believe that a plan which placed the responsibility of class attendance on the students themselves would be more successful in attaining the goal than the present plan. If the faculty always has something to offer in class and if the students are of college caliber, attendance would not be a problem.

Robert Shaw Chorale To Perform in Omaha

The Robert Shaw chorale will stage its concert performance at Omaha Technical high school, Oct. 25. This professional group of outstanding musicians has appeared several times on radio and television.

A number of students have already purchased tickets for this performance. Those who have not, may purchase them from Prof. Neve sometime this week.

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another constellation from TWA's Kansas City base. Meanwhile, Bonde spent nine leisure hours in one of the town's nicest hotels at TWA's expense. They also footed the coffee bill, which was probably enormous knowing Albert as I do.

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After some delay, Mrs. Bonde's son, Al, arrived in Kaycee, hopped aboard another plane to Omaha, and finally set foot on Dana's fertile soil.

Dick Andersen

Gridiron Gleanings

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broken ankle suffered in the opener with the same team which helped open this fall's season.

As a sophomore, Mark scored 93 points to trail Bob Reynolds as high scorer in Nebraska colleges. This year looked bright and with his ankle completely healed Mark was counted on to show his 1950 form.

However, consequences said "no" and so he may have to sit out the remaining season.

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