

# Merry Christmas



December 18, 1952

Blair, Nebr.



## Christmas Season at Dana

Dick Andersen

A highly creditable performance was turned in by those involved in the History club's presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Sunday evening. A new script, new lighting techniques, and an excellent job of directing and producing resulted in a refreshingly effective performance for the annual program. Phil Kaldahl as Scrooge, Gaylen Hafer as Marley, and Paul Andersen as Tiny Tim, among others, performed their tasks with a sense of ability and warmth that was commendable.

The musical interlude and narration of the Christmas story through scripture and song, preceding the "Carol" added to the seasonal atmosphere of the evening's production.

The WAA earlier in the evening sponsored the annual Christmas banquet in the dining hall. The theme "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was enacted in a skit featuring Kathy Nielsen as Mother, and Eldon Larsen as Father, with Beth and Brent Peterson ably portraying their children. A program of musical numbers included Phil Pagel as Rudolph, a rather well-known reindeer, Christmas carols by a quartet, songs by Joyce Peterson and a violin number by Paul Jersild.

Appropriate decorations, a delicious meal and candlelight completed the banquet.

Trees, wreaths, among other seasonal decorations are spotted in many of the dormitory windows, decorations which add greatly to the atmosphere. Also the beautifully lighted trees on middle campus and at the entrance to Pioneer Memorial have lent a cheerful decorative note to the Dana campus.

Old Main's tower, spotlighted in red and green lights, can be seen on approach from downtown Blair, and from the highway entering the northern outskirts of the town. It would be inspiring to see the entire building illuminated every night!

Wreaths on the library entrance, Christmas cards in the mail boxes and a neatly trimmed tree in the Student Lounge have also given Danians the "spirit of Christmas." Further evidence can be heard in the dormitory halls early on certain mornings when the men serenade the ladies, and vice-versa, with carols of the season.

Dana has captured a genuine spirit of Christmas this year in song, decorations, programs and other planned events. To watch young Christian men and women endure the cold to sing praises to the Christ of Bethlehem, as campus trees are initially lighted for the season, has truly been memorable this year. The sober note of Dana's last Christmas makes us reminisce and feel the depth of importance this season brings!

## Lounge Maintenance Fund Approved by Student Body

The Dec. 11 student body meeting was called to order by student body president, Bob Hemmingson. John Nielsen then led the prayer, and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. A balance in the treasury of \$351 was reported, but about \$125 of this amount is still out for student body dues.

Floyd Petersen reported on the memorial chimes system. By utilizing student electricians to install the chimes, the cost will be cut by about half. So far about \$200 has been collected for this fund, and the chimes have been ordered but not received. The student body voted to borrow \$50 from its funds to finish paying for records and recording equipment for the chimes system.

Bob Hemmingson reported on the progress of the project to erect a new entrance marker which will stand at the approach to the campus. The stone for this marker cannot be obtained at the present time, but something will be done at the next student body meeting.

Vern Simonsen reported on the activities of the committee on the lounge maintenance fund. The committee estimated the value of the furniture and established an amount of 50 cents per student to be paid each semester for this fund. This would amount to \$230, and the approximate minimum with which the lounge can be kept up is \$220.

Exchange program plans were changed from centering around the Male Glee club to a full scale exchange program, so that more who are interested may participate.

## Women's Dean Secured For Second Semester

In an interview earlier this week Dr. Morton made it officially known that Mrs. Cora Rasmussen of Fremont, Nebr., will act as the new dean of women. Mrs. Rasmussen will take over her duties in the absence of Miss McCullough beginning with the second semester on Jan. 19.

At the present time there is only a limited amount of information about Mrs. Rasmussen, but she is a native of Creighton, Nebr., and was a public school teacher in several Nebraska counties. Further details about the new Dean will appear in the next issue of the **Hermes**.

## Senior Production Not Yet Decided

No definite plans have been formulated as yet concerning the senior class project. It was originally planned to give a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pinafore", but due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been cancelled in favor of something else. A committee consisting of Prof. Gerald Hatt, Paul Jorgensen and Prof. Neve has been formed to go over scores of various productions and select a few likely ones which could possibly be presented with the limited facilities available. They should come to some decision during the Christmas vacation. Some possibilities which have been mentioned are: "The Chocolate Soldier," "Martha," "The Red Mill" and "Naughty Marietta."

## From the Dean---

"It is a privilege to speak at the Dana chapel service because the students are so attentive to the message and so responsive in singing" is a frequent comment of visitors on the campus who speak at chapel. It is a feeling shared also by those on the campus who have the privilege of leading in chapel services. Thank you, students!

Few basketball games are as intensely interesting to watch as was the Dana-Midland game, and while it is heartbreaking to lose such a game by one point, we are proud of the spirit and teamwork of our players and are happy that they are on "our team." We're with you, boys!

One of the great satisfactions in being on the faculty at Dana is

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# "For There is Born to You--"

Marion Nielsen

The shepherds were filled with fear and trembled when the heavenly hosts appeared before them. Then, an angel of the Lord said, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people."

And what good tidings they brought! The Good Shepherd had been born in Bethlehem. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Christ appears as a shepherd to his own sheep and not to others. As soon as he appears, his sheep know him, trust him and are prepared to follow him.

Our Good Shepherd has in his flock a variety of sheep. Some of these are strong in the Lord and others are weak in faith. He is, however, impartial in his care for all his sheep; and the weakest lamb is as dear to him as the strongest.

We like lambs, tend to lag behind, wander and grow weary. The Shepherd protects us with his arm of power. He nourishes us with his Word until our spiritual life becomes vigorous; He consoles us and renews our strength.

During the Christmas season, we should also make it a thanksgiving season. Thank God that this Shepherd and Prince of Peace was born in the lowly manger to be crucified, die and rise again for our salvation.

Thus, we can sing with the multitude of heavenly hosts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased."

## 'Stable' Facts

Many at our fair college are quite disturbed about the apparent critical attitude of the students. Others believe that the students suffer from extreme laxity and do not possess the element necessary for insightful criticism. Somewhere there is a discrepancy in reasoning for both of these attitudes can hardly be prevalent at the same time.

In the author's opinion we have misconstrued the idea or meaning of criticism. Some of us, who profess to be critics, are nothing more than cynics or agitators. We attack various features of our school which are parts of the institution. We attack the attendance policies, we attack class procedures and complain to no end about the unrighteous decisions made by the faculty. We maintain above all that the school policies must be consistent, but still maintain that the college is to be conducted for the convenience of the students not the faculty.

Certainly, there are instances where we can complain and it is to be hoped that complaints have been made with proper concern being given. However, it is impossible for the

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# Christmas and Carols

Gerald Borglum

In the medieval days, "carol" implied a dance as well as a song. The French have their street dance, the carola, to celebrate Bastille day, their independence day. Carols took present-day significance during the Reformation. "At the time Christ's birth was celebrated, we went from house to house and from village to village, singing Christmas carols in four-part harmony," wrote Martin Luther.

Some composers have the same bad habits as college students, that of putting things off 'til the last minute. Lewis H. Redner, organist and Sunday school superintendent of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, having promised his pupils that he would set to music the verses of Phillips Brooks, found himself by Saturday evening with still no appropriate melodic idea. That night, however, he awoke suddenly with a tune running through his head.

He hurriedly jotted it down on a handy piece of paper, saving the situation for the following morning. The result—"O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Carols and hymns come about sometimes in unthought of ways. As Father Josef Mohr was returning from a neighboring parish to his own parish in Arnsdorf, Austria, he stopped on a hill to survey his town nestling in the snow in the valley. Noting the peaceful town, he remarked, "On such a silent and holy night was Christ born." "A good beginning for a carol," thought he. He wrote the words and took them to his friend, Franz Gruber, organist in a neighboring parish. By that evening, Gruber had the music written, for two solo voices, guitar and chorus — the organ being out of commission because of mice.

Although the tune of "Joy to the World" is attributed to Handel, only the first four notes are in any way related to his music, being the same as the opening measures of the chorus, "Lift Up Your Heads," from the "Messiah." The words are taken from "The Psalms of David," a collection by the celebrated eighteenth century English theologian and hymn writer, Isaac Watts. They are a paraphrase of the fourth, fifth and final verses of Psalm 98.



## Christmas Changes Contrasted

Fred Reinke

The Christmas season is here once again with all of its old freshness—carols and candlelight, merrymaking and mistletoe, Christmas cards and commercialism. Like a delicate cloud it floats over us and finally settles. None of us react in the same way to the influences of this season. Some of us buy a lot of presents, some give a lot of money to the charities, others remember their religion, and some spend the entire season in an alcoholic fog. Whatever the change, we do not, for a while at least, represent our normal selves.

A college like ours, for instance, reacts to the season in rather unusual ways; they would appear unusual if one would transfer these actions into the midsummer season. One would be classified as a confirmed idiot if he were to, say on the fourth of July, rise from his bed at 2 a.m. and spend fifteen minutes singing songs in the women's dorm. Also at this time the faculty worries a little more about a certain lack of concern among the students toward their subjects. The sixty-four dollar question always is, "Will there be anyone to deliver a lecture to on Friday?" The gymnasium echoes to Scroogian outbursts of "Bah" and "Humbug", while choral groups practice the music of "peace on earth."

So as once again the world turns its ear to the greatest of all human carols, we can be assured that something of that which is good shall remain to sustain us in the months to come. We can open our senses to the things that go to make up an American Christmas, and, in spite of its sadness, something will remain, something pure.



# On the Rebound *with Diz*

Look out! Tarkio strong . . .

Cage action during the past weeks has revealed the potentialities of the various squads. Only a minimum of conference contests have been played, but the results show Tarkio to be a definite threat to winning their second title. Forwards Bob Dodge and Bob Bacon, who tallied 21 and 17 points respectively in Tarkio's 79-70 scrape past York, combine to make the Owls favorites in the CCCC. Tarkio has also handed Concordia a 71-59 defeat.

While Coach Newt Kyle's crew has been stealing impressive victories, the Vikings have been shaping up as the obstacle to Tarkio's defense. The squad is steadily rounding out as a well-balanced team, and will be ready to give Tarkio a run.

**Congrats to the crew . . .**

Although they were labeled underdogs by an Omaha writer, Dana came through when it counted. With a tilt of our hat and with our fingers crossed, we say, "Congratulations and keep it up!"

**And to the followers. . .**

Those who traveled to Wahoo and cheered the squad to victory, exemplified the best school spirit shown by Dana students yet, this season. There one saw leadership in action and students who were proud of their school, even when behind. Instead of the "lackadaisical" attitude which is usually prominent at Viking encounters, there was stirring school spirit.

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After the action . . .

Only one incident stands out in the past Midland-Dana game which somewhat marred an evening of otherwise thrilling action. To us of this corner, it was not a question of possible leaning. However, it appeared only too obvious that the officials knew their high school rules a little better than those governing college play.

The former call for whistle-blowing when "any" slight contact is made between opposing players. But it is more or less implied that a college player should be given more liberty to maneuver. Possibly the rules should better state what constitutes a foul. Should they?

**Irked and Irritated . . .**

Certain developments in the intramural league have shown that a better feeling towards outcomes is needed by a few teams. There is a host of material among the different squads and the conditions are there for exciting and sportsmanlike games. The competitive spirit is great, as is the interest throughout the school. But with this it should end. Granted that it's tough to lose a game, especially when it is crucial and has much bearing on the standings. But let's foster true competitive spirit and not carry our displeasure into the dressing rooms and on the campus.

## Dana's Women Cagers Defeat Luther, 68-17

Tuesday afternoon the girl's basketball team journeyed to Luther College for their initial game of the season. They had no trouble, defeating Luther by a 68-17 score.

Dana's girls, showing that practice pays huge dividends, rolled up 34-7 score at halftime, and continued to enlarge the margin as the game progressed. Clarice Fredericksen and Joyce Petersen led Dana in the scoring column, with 30 and 22 points respectively.

A lot of credit goes to the girls, who have been practicing very hard in the gym the past few weeks, and Coach Russ Eckert is trying to schedule more games for them after the Christmas vacation.

## YOUNG'S CAFE

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# Record Brought to 5-4

## Vikes Cop Tourney Win One; Lose Two

After trailing 11-12 and 23-34 at the end of the first two quarters against Concordia, Dana tied the score at 45-all going into the final frame and came out victors 67-56 in the prelims of the Luther Invitational tourney. York sped to a 72-56 win over Luther in the other contest.

Marion Hudson's 14 points and "Franny" Morrow's 13 topped Viking scoring against the Teachers. Carl Everts and Vern Hass dumped in 14 and 12 markers respectively for the Bulldogs.

The in the championship contest, the Vikes came up against a favored York quint but won a decisive victory, 83-69. Third place was garnered by Concordia with a triumph over the host team.

Although he sat out the first quarter, Fritz Youra came through with a 20-point performance in the title game. Morrow and Jim Thomsen followed with 18 and 16 markers. York's Jack Kiser and Ruben Lopez burned the cords for 20 and 18 counters respectively.

Coach W. Mark Haight's crew led at the end of the initial period 19-18 but could not maintain the pace and fell behind 39-31 at half. The third period score was 61-52, Dana.

## In Intramurals

After Thanksgiving vacation, intramurals again returned to full swing. The past two weeks have seen a great deal of intramural action and also a number of surprising upsets.

During the week of Dec. 7, the Globetrotters downed the Kline House Five by a score of 50-40, the Seminary continued their winning ways, romping over the Bachelors 72-30, and the All-Stars trimmed the Little A. J.'s 33-30. Later in the week the Blanks upset the Nebmichwises 37-36, and Seagrams Seven plus One defeated the Phantom Eight 32-20.

In action last week, spectators saw a number of very close and exciting games. On Dec. 9 the Globetrotters upset the Nebmichwises 42-36, and the Little A. J.'s edged the Kline House 33-30. Thursday night was the night of the game that everyone was waiting for, the contest between the Seminary and Seagrams. The result was a narrow victory for the Seminary as they squeaked past Seagrams 37-36. The Phantom Eight won from the All-Stars 32-29, and the Blanks romped over the Bachelors 56-32 in later games.

The Seminary-Seagrams game was one of the closest games played in intramural competition this year. Both teams matched

Two defeats and one victory were recorded by the Vikings during the past weeks in regular seasonal play. Playing their first home game of the campaign December 6, the Vikes faltered late in the game against Midland and lost 68-67. The following Monday Dana took its third road loss of the season—this time to Buena Vista 63-42. Luther was the victim in the home tilt last Tuesday, going down to defeat 74-49.

A field goal in the last seconds gave Midland its victory, after the Vikes had led throughout the contest. Dana's failure to stall plus numerous infractions brought Coach Leonard Campbell's charges the win. Camp-out ball was displayed by Dana's Fritz Youra, Marion Hudson, and "Franny" Morrow, while Midland was led by Rod Farmer and Babe Penney.

In the Buena Vista game, the Vikes were outclassed all the way with the winners ahead 17-5, 40-13, and 50-24 at the period stops. The Beaver offense was headed by Dan Kamprath and Marlyn Johnson with 13 and 12 points respectively. Hudson slipped in 8 and Jim Thomsen 6 in the wallop.

Quarter scores of 14-12, 28-24, 48-32 were posted by the Red and three. Morrow pushed through Wite in their only victory of the 13 field goals and one free throw to take scoring honors. Jim Neumann had 14 and Fred Fujan 12 for Luther.

each other basket for basket during the first half, neither team able to pull ahead by an number of points. At the intermission the score was 17-16, Seagrams, and the remainder of the game continued to be a toss up. Seagrams led going into the last 30 seconds, 36-35, but with time at a minimum Lorensen hit a field goal for the winning margin. Bob "Lefty" Hansen led the Seminary scoring with 12, while game honors went to Gunnar Nyholm of Seagrams who connected for 14.

Intra-Standings (as of Dec. 14)

Team	Won	Lost
Seminary	3	0
Seagrams Seven plus 1	2	1
Little A. J.'s	2	1
Globetrotters	2	1
Blanks	2	1
Phantom Eight	2	1
Nebmichwises	1	2
All-Stars	1	2
Kline House Five-3	0	3
Bachelors	0	3

Bill Lawson

## 'Stable' Facts

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faculty to cater to all student demands and still maintain a reasonably high academic standing. We agitators thus resign ourselves to criticize for the esteem which we gain by picking out faults. One sometimes wonders if we ever contemplate the implications of the changes we so greatly desire.

Most of our criticisms have become somewhat passive and above all desire that the school should run smoothly with no serious disagreements. One's sympathies cannot be entirely with the agitators, but we do need them, nor can we agree with the passives for they almost desire inaction. The fact is that most of our organizations are lax and somewhat inactive because none of our groups, except the faculty, are thoroughly scrutinized by the students. Doing nothing is not necessarily doing the right thing. One does come to believe that our criticisms should turn to analysis of some inactive organizations of the student body. Vitality is here, unquestionable, but unless one appreciates that he will be questioned on his action. I am afraid he will become quite inert. This column may be cynical in itself, but most of us will agree that we could attempt to rebuild lagging programs.

Vern Simonsen

## From the Dean

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that of seeing the development in our students and their leaders of a definite interest in the welfare of the whole college. It is common in colleges to see student leaders interested in "what we can get for ourselves" rather than in what is genuinely of value for them over a period of years. We appreciate this difference that we find in the development of the student leadership at Dana.

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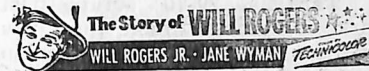
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