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Junior Class to Present Play Named 'Easter' Written by August Strindberg

"Symbolic drama." is the phrase used to describe **Easter**, a play of redemption by the Swedish dramatist August Strindberg, which will be given by the junior class in April.

Strindberg, a contemporary of Henrik Ibsen, is Sweden's most prominent playwright. He has been called "the strangest figure in the history of modern drama."

Easter is a story of redemption—the story of the Heyst family. The father, Herr Heyst, has been found guilty of embezzlement, and has been convicted to prison. The effect of this sentence is reflected differently in the three other members of the Heyst family. There is Elis, the sensitive son, who must work as a tutor to pay off the family's debt. And there is the sixteen-year-old daughter, Eleonora, who suffered a nervous breakdown and was committed to an asylum, only to escape, and to bring peace and joy to the home instead of her former fear and hate. Eleonora is the only one who accepts her father's true guilt. The mother, Frau Heyst, refuses to accept her husband's guilt, and finds him innocent and all of those who convicted him guilty instead. She conceals her sorrow, and is submissive.

There is one person feared by the entire family, Lindquist, who has the power to commit the mother to prison as an accomplice to her husband, as well as to take all of the family's goods as a creditor. He is, in a symbolic fashion, the redeemer. Benjamin is the child of one of Heyst's creditors, and Elis tutors him to work off part of the debt. He becomes close friends with the naive, weak-minded Eleonora, who speaks so beautifully. Christina is Elis' fiancée.

Rich in the symbolism typical of Strindberg's dramas, the three acts take place on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morn.

Casting has been completed, and the cast is as follows: Elis, Charles Kaldahl; Eleonora, Marge Poh; Christina, Joyce Petersen; Lindquist, Ralph Spear; Benjamin, Kenny Ostergaard; Frau Heyst, Ann Harms. The director is John Nielsen.

The date of the play will be announced soon.

Men's Dorm to Hold Open House Saturday

"The Show of Shows for '53" will be the theme of the program preceding men's open house this Saturday evening. The musical program costs nothing; all we ask you to do is open the door of the gym and walk in at 7:30.

The program centers around a 12-piece band which is under the direction of Russ Eckert. The band is working on 14 popular numbers, four of which are among the 10 top favorites in the nation. Melius Bollesen is soloist. Marv Gress, a freshman from Shelby, took care of ordering and arranging the music.

Five other acts, including the Men's Shower Room Choral group, a Barbershop Quartette, a Human Xylophone, and a short skit will be interwoven with the band numbers. Immediately after the program, students and faculty members are invited to tour the Men's hall until 10:30.

News Flashes—

Through an error, the name of Raymon G. Jensen was omitted from the first semester honor roll.

A recent addition to the library is a globe given in memory of Bonnie Dealy, Hal Cole and Peggy Kinion.

No doubt everyone has noticed the new addition to the library only recently. The twelve drawer file is in the same finish as the rest of the beautiful blonde furniture in the library, making an attractive as well as useful addition. The file was made by the Remington Rand company. It is a gift from the bequest of the Soren T. Sorensen estate, Albert Lea, Minn.

Seniors to Produce Gilbert and Sullivan's Musical "H. M. S. Pinafore"

Colorful, gay and moving are words which describe Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." This is why the senior class is happy to present its own production of this great old musical on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 and 18, in the Dana auditorium.

Last year's very successful production by the student body of "The Mikado" gives rise to the supposition that the "Pinafore" will be an even finer rendition. The cream of Dana's musical talent is included in the cast. Costumes and fol-de-rol will be furnished by Theo. Lieben and sons, stagers of the Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation ball. Orchestration will be furnished by a group of semi-professional musicians. Production is directed by theatrical luminary Phil Kaldahl.

Students to Elect New Officers

As most of you are aware of by now, this is the season of campaigning for the office of student body president for the coming year. The managers and various clubs backing the nominees have been busy putting out information trying to sway the voters to the side of their particular candidate. Some of these means of publicity are very clever as well as very effective, but use your best judgment in deciding for whom you will cast your ballot—every one counts.

We have four candidates up for the office, first Ann Harms, the first woman to run for student body president. From her work in previous years on campus, she is very well qualified for the job and her manager is doing a fine job in publicizing her campaign. I'm sure she will offer stiff opposition to her three male opponents.

The three gentlemen up for the office are Arne Jessen, Norman Freund and Alvin Hansen. All three men have been active on campus in social as well as curricular activities and also all show definite qualities and qualifications for leadership. By now most of you have had a chance to study their proposed platforms so you should be well informed as to what kind of administration you can expect from them.

It is the opinion of this reporter that the election this year will be a close one, but with the candidates we have to choose from no matter who gets in we will have an excellent president. Be sure and get out and vote; it is your privilege and duty as a member of the Student Body. Back the candidate you want and put him in office by voting on Friday, March 13.

Phil Pagel

The musical takes place on the quarterdeck of the **H.M.S. Pinafore**, off Portsmouth, England. Before Act I opens, Ralph, an able seaman, has fallen in love with Josephine, the captain's daughter, who is also quite able. Little Buttercup, a buxom peddler-woman, has fallen in love with the Captain. Class pride, however, stands in the way of either marriage. The captain has arranged a marriage between Josephine and Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty, whom Josephine finds unbearable. The part of Sir Joseph is filled to capacity by Vern Simonson.

Buttercup continually hints of a dark secret she is hiding, but no one pays much attention. Ralph threatens suicide if Josephine won't promise to marry him, and so she does promise to elope. Dick Deadeye, another salty tar, or tarry salt, learns of their plans and tells the Captain. When Sir Joseph finds this out he has poor Ralph clapped into irons.

It is then that little Buttercup reveals her dark secret.

Dana Choir to Present Modern Lenten Oratorio

"The Redeemer," an oratorio by the contemporary composer, Martin Shaw, will be presented by the Dana college choir under the direction of Prof. Paul E. Neve, Tuesday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Soloists for the performance are from the college department of music, with the exception of John Boehr, tenor, an instructor at Grace Bible college, Omaha. Shirley Andersen, soprano; Kathy Nielsen, contralto; and LeVern Nielsen, bass, are the remaining soloists.

A recent work, "The Redeemer," was first presented in 1945. It is being premiered in the Blair community by the Dana choir. This special Lenten oratorio is an exceptionally interesting work. The words are from the Scriptures and poems by Queen Elizabeth, Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, George Herbert, Francis Charles, F. W. Faber, Christina Rossetti, Bishop Coxe, John Henry Newman and an unknown Fifteenth century poet.

Campus Calendar

- March 14—Men's Dorm open house
- March 17 & 18—Senior musical, "H.M.S. Pinafore," 8:15 gym
- March 24—Seminary Faculty-Student meeting, 8 p.m.

Once again it's election time on our campus. Again we have heard the appeal to the voters. Candidates have made known the platforms and the promises which they carry into effect during the ensuing year if they are elected. Campaign managers and supporters of the individual candidates have attempted to elect their choices for the various positions to be filled.

Now there remains only the job of going to the polls to vote for our choice. But, just a minute, did I say **only**. Certainly that is the most important part of this whole program. Too often in the past we have approached the matter with too much of a lackadaisical attitude.

We have been characterized by the mistaken notion that "what can my one little vote accomplish" or "we can't beat him, he's got the support of this group or of that group." But certainly it is the very opposite of this attitude which ought to express itself among us. Besides casting our vote on Friday, we ought even to go a step farther in many instances. Many of us have formed pretty definite ideas on whom we would like to see elected and whom we feel would be best able to further the interests which we individually feel should be furthered. In the light of this is it not our duty to ourselves and to our school to work for his election instead of sitting back and griping about the outcome?

This year we have even a further obligation; that of expressing our opinion in regard to the adoption or rejection of the new constitution. John Nielsen and his committee have worked hard to create the new constitution and the least we can do is to express our opinion at the polls.

World Affairs Affect Our Lives

What do world affairs mean to you and I? How do they affect our lives? These are questions we should ask ourselves, for the answers will determine what we will read and talk about.

To most of us world events seem so far away that they have little effect on our lives. What we need to see is what they can mean in our lives and how the news we read might change our lives.

When we see headlines like we have seen this week, we can easily see how they will affect our lives. With Stalin's death we have certainly come to the end of an era although we don't know what lies ahead. The recommendations of Van Fleet are important to us because we are

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Now comes the time of the year when the whole campus goes wild. The hottest question of the year is now before us, Who's going to be the next student body president? As true and loyal Vikings we must closely and with the utmost care scrutinize the characters who have been nominated for this, the highest office to which a student can ascend. Naturally, we cannot be too critical, but we must take care lest vice and corruption seep into our intricate system of government here on the campus. Remember "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberality."

First of all, we might look into the cloudy haze about the campaign of one Fearless Freund. Do you realize that he is connected so closely with the infamous Hemmingson machine that a vote for Freund is a vote for Hemmingson. And should we replace one ogre whom we have chaffed under for a whole year with another? And behind these two we find the campaign manager Wicked Willie Bennett who's personal campaign slogan is "The end justifies the means."

Then we have "Aimless" Arnie

God's Love Extends to All People

Recently I received through the mail a copy of a "chain letter." That, in itself, may not seem unusual, for chain letters are common in our country today despite the law against them. Most chain letters promise a person material gain if he will just send a given number of copies of the letter to other people and send some specified article to the person whose name is at the top of the list. Theoretically, each person's name will eventually reach the top and each person will receive from all those who get the letter.

This chain letter, however, was different from others I had received. It began: "Read Matthew 17:2 in your Bible. The luck has been sent to you." Turning to my Bible, I found that the verse indicated deals with the transfiguration. I then started wondering—what luck had been sent to me? The letter went on to say that whoever broke the chain would have bad luck, but those who sent it on to five other people would have good luck after four days.

I had heard about chain letters similar to this one before I received it, but I had given them little thought. Now, however, I kept thinking about that letter. And suddenly I realized that we can do nothing about that thing which we call luck. Surely sending copies of such a letter can

Jessen whose prison record speaks for itself and has been seen to consort with that most rebellious of all individuals, who has literally thrown conscience to the winds, "Smiling" Paul Jersild.

Next upon this most revealing and stimulating page, I would like to reveal the stark-naked truth about "Scarface" Al Hansen. Nowhere upon the pages of history will one find a candidate for an office with a bigger handicap. Friends, this is right from the horse's mouth. He has an I.Q. equal to that of the rangatang monkey now residing in the Kansas City zoo. This information has been obtained at great expense by our **Hermes** agent, Richard Anderson. We also might add that Anderson

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Three Scents Worth

Although emphasis has already been given to the noninterest of students in the new proposed Constitution, we would like to underline this problem. It certainly doesn't speak much for the Dana student body when the only method of getting a good representation at a meeting designed for the purpose of discussing the constitution is by dangling the promise of Presidential campaign speeches in front of our noses. Perhaps this is typical of the average student—he would rather sit back and listen

rather than crank up his brain for active thought in something which will vitally effect his own welfare as a student-citizen. Will we never learn to air our gripes at the proper time rather than when it is too late?

A round of applause to the Freshmen for their excellent program last Friday night, and to an up-and-coming young actor who really stole the show—little John Nielsen.

For our column this week, we have asked a former Danaite to reminisce over her years at Dana. Jenny Christensen of Minden, Nebr., now a parish worker at Los Angeles, Calif., has given us the following. During her years at Dana, Jenny was very active in campus life, being Homecoming queen of 1950, Homecoming chairman in 1951 and also president of the Women's association.

THINGS WE REMEMBER . . .

The strange and bewildered, but excited, feeling the first week on campus as a Freshman . . . trying to learn and remember the names of the students . . . hikes on Sunday afternoons . . . Palm Sunday breakfasts in Fremont . . . walking down the icy hill to church on Sunday mornings . . . the sleepless nights during Homecoming, welcoming old friends and reminiscing memories . . . the visits of famous personalities as the Danish Gymnasts and Danish Bishop Fuglsong-Damgaard . . . the thrill of

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All Conference . . .

Voting on the all-conference squad was recently completed by the conference coaches. Champion Tarkio captured three places while York and Dana each got one. The mythical team consists of: Bob Dodge, Carl Davis, and Pete McIntosh, Tarkio; Fritz Youra, Dana; and Jack Kiser, York.

In being named to the second annual all-conference team, Davis and Kiser thus become eligible to be picked for four successive years. Youra is the only freshman among the players. During the season just completed, Fritz led the Vikes in point production. "Franny" Morrow, who closely followed Fritz in scoring was given honorable mention.

Final record . . .

Although the Vikings dropped their last encounter to a fine Tarkio squad 78-58, they did manage to maintain a .500 percentage in cage activity. Posting a 10-10 mark, the Vikes vastly improved on the poor 7-15 record of last year.

With only two returning lettermen from the '51-'52 campaign, Coach "Pete" looked to the future, while stressing team play and ambition for the then ensuing campaign. However, the squad soon demonstrated its ability winning over the alumni. This seemed to be the resetting of sights among players, coach and fans, and with added interest being shown the Vikes entered upon their cage wars.

During the season there were some falterings and some rather tense moments. But the crew recovered quickly and went on

to post a respectable mark. Twice during the season the team hit its peak—those times with wins over Midland and York, the latter on York's floor.

Gym tests . . .

During the past week all men phy. ed. students have been tested for any latent athletic ability which they might have for track. Numerous events have been run off indoors in an attempt to uncover potential tracksters. The result hoped for what a strengthening of the track squad, which this year shows promise of developing into one of Dana's best cinder crews.

This corner salutes the athletic department for their fine effort in attempting to uncover talent and only suggests that such tests be carried out on a more extensive scale throughout each school year.

"Beizbol" is red? . . .

It seems as if the Russians claim that they, and not Abner Doubleday, invented the game of baseball. A Soviet youth magazine told its readers that "beizbol" is not American but just a distortion of the Russian village sport called "lapta," which was played centuries before there was an America on the map.

American baseball, said the youth magazine, is a "beastly battle, a bloody fight with mayhem and murder."

It also said that the players are slaves who are bought and sold like sheep. Then, when the players are worn out and usually crippled as a result of injuries suffered on the playing field, they are thrown out on the streets to die of starvation.

Intramural All-Star Teams Nominated By Hermes Sports Editor and Staff

With the tourney bringing intramural activity in basketball to a climax for this season, the sports staff of the Hermes has made its selections for the various all-star squads—the selections being made on the basis of play throughout the season. All ten squads are represented with the Seminary team placing the largest number—four. Along with the two teams and honorable mention, the staff has selected the Bachelors for outstanding sportsmanship displayed during the tournament.

First Team:

| Player | Position | Squad |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Jerry Jensen | Forward | Bachelors |
| Neil Moore | Forward | Nebmichwises |
| Lloyd Lorensen | Center | Seminary |
| Gunnar Nyholm | Guard | Seagram's Seven |
| Bob Nelson | Guard | Seminary |

Second Team:

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|--------------|---------|-----------------|
| Bob Hansen | Forward | Seminary |
| Bud Kruse | Forward | Seagram's Seven |
| Vale Peter | Center | Little A. J.'s |
| Bill Bennett | Guard | Seagram's Seven |
| Russ Eckert | Guard | Seminary |

Honorable Mention:

Narrowly missing berths on the first two teams are: Mark Thomson, Nebmichwises; Marvin Gress, Phantom "8"; Richard Gregeresen, All-Stars; Vern Svendsen, Globetrotters; Wayne Hansen, Kline House; and Al Hansen, Blanks.

Seminary Wins Intramural Tournament By Defeating Seagrams Seven, 49-41

College basketball intramurals came to a close for the 1953 season last week with the completion of the annual intramural tournament under the direction of Neil Moore. The Seminary, showing the form they possessed all year in making up a perfect record, took tourney honors while Seagram's, who also finished second in league play, were runnersup.

The tourney got underway Monday afternoon, when the bottom four teams in the league squared

Joyce and Margaret

Thru the Frames

This week finds the WAA basketball tournament being concluded. Should the Eight Balls win their last game, they will be awarded the Championship trophy.

Plans are being made for another co-ed volley ball season with some talk of awarding the winners a portrait of Dr. Carlson. It would take the place of a trophy and could be hung in an appropriate place.

The next project of the muscle-bound ladies will be to remove the cement blocks which clutter up the parking area between Old Main and Pioneer Memorial. One idea might be to have a cement block sale, rather than a bake sale for a change? (Or really is there any difference?) These blocks have certainly not added to the beauty of our campus since their removal last year. Anyone need a driveway or a base for their incinerator? You may also put in your bid for a hand chiseled tombstone.

RUN-DOWN ON CANDIDATES

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made the observation that, "there was only one other office holder in the United States of this type but his term expired two months ago." Hats off to you, Richard, for your diligent work in the field of political research.

Next I have the honor of announcing that in spite of rigorous examination, there remains the name of one candidate upon the ballot that remains spotless and as white as new fallen snow. One whose character has not been marred by the existence of the skeletons that have arisen to crush the aspirations of these lesser men. This writer now announces that there stands one innocent of all corruption, and stands resolute against all who would attempt to undermine good government, "Harmless" Ann Harms.

I might add that although the reader is indeed fortunate in obtaining a detailed unprejudiced examination of the expressed candidates before us, these sentiments do not necessarily coincide with those of the **Hermes**.

off in a set of challenge contests to determine the two eligible for the eight-team affair. Results showed the Globetrotters defeating the Kline House 43-30 and the Bachelors over the Blanks 52-24. Tuesday afternoon the winners met in the opening preliminary contest with the Bachelors topping the Globetrotters 37-23.

Remaining first-round games saw Seagram's Seven speed past the Little A.J.'s 44-27, Seminary down the Phantom "8" 72-44, and the Nebmichwises win over the All-Stars 57-30, on the strength of a strong second half.

Spectators began regarding the previous night's action as the "big" games when the Nebmichwises started off the final evening of play with a rout of the Bachelors 66-28. Neil Moore hit for 18 points as the victors grabbed consolation laurels. The final contest started as expected and fans were soon predicting the outcome as the highly-touted Seminary crew pulled ahead of Seagram's right at the start. However, Seagram's managed to close the gap late in the tilt, but their bid fell short by eight points, 49-41, and the Sem-club stood as the champions of the 1953 tourney.

Side shots: Credit should be given to the officials . . . The tourney was handled excellently . . . Doug Johnson, Buck Wolsmann, Jim Youmans and "Moose" Zimmerman all did fine jobs. . . Usual gripes were expressed, but it's customary . . . Congratulations to all who had a part . . . A job well done.

VOTE FOR

ANN HARMS

PAID POLITICAL AD

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FOR

President

Jessen for President Club

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**WORLD AFFAIRS
AFFECT OUR LIVES**

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singing "Den Store Vide Flock" with Lauritz Melchior . . . the spirit on the campus at Christmas and the many dorm parties . . . the excitement and fun at football and basketball games . . . the understanding of Christian roommates . . . evening devotions in Old Main chapel . . . efforts and patience of faculty . . . the "good-bye's" at graduation time . . . all the little things which made each day and each year so interesting and important.

Thanks, Jenny, for these thoughts. We know that every student will have certain highlights which will stand out in his mind after he leaves Dana, and we believe that many of yours will be duplicated in our minds and will be shared by men and women all over the country as they think back on their Dana.

Ann Harms
Marilyn Steffensen

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in the age group that would be affected. But what about other affairs which never reach the front page? Can these too affect us at school? Let's take an event which we see quite often and see how it could affect our lives.

For several months we have been reading news from Kenya, East Africa, about the Mau Mau terrorist. Here is news from as remote a place as we could think of and yet it can still affect us. Suppose a full-fledged revolt should break out and it should get the support of the Communist. Is it too far fetched to think of Kenya as another Korea? I don't think so. If a small remote country such as Korea can change our lives, it isn't impossible that any small country can change our lives.

With the world as close to us as it is, every event will have its effect not only on the people directly involved but also on ev-

ery person in the world. And since world affairs do play such an important part in our life, I think that we should take an interest in what is happening. Our interest will lead us to a fuller understanding of the news and of the effects it will have on us. The next time you read a headline, ask yourself just how it may change your life. With that question in mind, you can't read any world news that isn't interesting.

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