

Band Schedules Concert For Second Semester

Long-range plans are being made for a band concert in late April, according to band president Jim Poh. The band has begun work on a few selections of concert caliber, in addition to several marches.

Dean Co-operates

Dean Elmer M. Rasmussen has announced that he will cooperate fully with the band in producing a repertoire suitable for public performance. Activities which ordinarily take place during the period designated for band rehearsal may be curtailed in order to obtain the maximum number of members possible for practice. Wider and more varied instrumentation is needed than the band now possesses, since most of the numbers are arranged for larger organizations. The current strength of the band is only about twenty, which is far below that needed for serious work on a concert program of any quality.

Main Weaknesses Listed

At present, principal weaknesses in the band are in the woodwind and incidental brass sections. Instruments especially needed are clarinets, flutes, baritones, basses and French horns. Bandmaster A. E. Rembold and officers of the band are working on a recruitment program to fill out the undermanned sections.

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Banquet Theme 'White Christmas'

"White Christmas" will be the theme of the annual Christmas banquet which will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the dining hall. The semi-formal banquet is sponsored by the Home Economics club.

Tickets for those not eating regularly in the dining hall will cost \$1.25 while those students with meal tickets will be charged 25 cents.

Ellen Olesen is general chairman of the event, while the following committee chairman assist: program, Bonnie Jacob; publicity, Martha Jacobsen; decorations, Charlotte Pearson; and food, Patricia Beck.

The program will consist of Christmas music and a story entitled "Why the Chimes Rang," by Raymond Alden. This will be narrated by Bob Hemmingson.

Campus Calendar

Friday, Dec. 4

Basketball here, Dana vs. Midland.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Basketball at Storm Lake, Iowa, Dana vs. Buena Vista.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

L.S.A. Christmas candlelight vesper service, 7:30 p.m., PM chapel.

Thursday, Dec. 10

College and seminary faculty Christmas dinner, 5:15 p.m., First Lutheran church.

Critics Laud Publication

Sales of **Dansk Nytaar**, a publication edited this year by Dr. Paul C. Nyholm, are breaking records, with the first edition of 2000 already sold out and a reprint order for an additional 2000 now in the hands of the printers.

This Danish-language annual of 180 pages contains articles from such outstanding people as Ambassador Henrik Kauffmann and Bishop H. Fuglsang-Damgaard, primate of the Church of Denmark. The editor's interviews with Lauritz Melchior and Aksel Nielsen, one of President Eisenhower's closest friends, are included.

Dana Artists Contribute

Dana artists who have contributed their talent to the book are Prof. F. W. Thomsen, Mrs. John W. Nielsen, and Marion Christensen.

From all parts of the country have come tributes to Prof. Nyholm's editing of the annual, a continuation of the 33-year-old **Dansk Almanak**. Lauritz Melchior writes, "I shall do my part in helping **Dansk Nytaar** bind our two beloved countries closer together." Carlo Christensen, the Cultural Attache at the Danish Embassy in Washington, writes, "It is an extraordinarily useful book that no Danish-American can really be without." Reviews of the publication have appeared in periodicals from New York to San Francisco.

Homecoming Election Results Announced

Recently posted results of the election of the homecoming committee for 1954 list Jim Nelson, chairman; Dick Jensen, vice chairman; Diana Rhoades, decorations; Ton Langenfeld, publicity; Antoinette Nelson, banquet; Wayne Christensen, housing and registration; Paul Kaldahl, program; Joann Jersild, parade; and Phil Wittig, clean up.

Prof. A. J. Snowbeck will again advise the committee which will meet sometime in the spring.



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Friday, Dec. 4, 1953

History Club Presents Short Christmas Play

"Christmas Destiny," a one-act play by Dorothy Allen, will be presented in the Auditorium-gymnasium Sunday evening, Dec. 13, as a part of the history club's annual Christmas program.

Director of the play is Miss Aagot Hoidahl, college librarian. Members of the cast are Wayne Hanson as a tramp, Elsie Lund as Death and Ada Andersen as Life in the prologue. The characters in the main part of the play are Joan Warren as Peg Wayne, Jim Poh as Raymond Wayne, her husband and Bill Lawson as Uncle John. The other member of the cast who appears in the epilogue with Life and the tramp is Beverly Kruty as Sleep.

Christmas Allegory

In the prologue of the play, Life and Death are arguing over who shall get the custody of the tramp who is sleeping on a park bench. The time is midnight, Christmas eve. The reason for the argument is that Life is always granted the use of one person who would otherwise die on Christmas, and Life has chosen the tramp. Death cannot understand this choice, however, and is reluctant to surrender his intended victim to Life. At last Death consents to let Life prove that the tramp can be of use, and the main part of the play follows.

News Notes

L.S.A. officers are planning a candlelight vesper service Wednesday in the PM chapel. Music will be provided by soloist Bill King and the seminary quartet. The audience will sing Christmas carols to conclude the program. A special invitation will be extended to the Blair Luther League.

To Attend Meetings

Dr. Ethan Mengers will attend a series of meetings at the Garrett Biblical institute, a school of Northwestern university in Evanston, Illinois, Dec. 27-28. The meetings are held by the National Association of Biblical Instructors to discuss problems encountered in religious instruction.

Granted Leave

Dr. C. C. Madsen has been granted a leave of absence for the second semester for further education at the Garrett Biblical institute in Evanston, Illinois. Fellow professors will assume his duties in his absence. He will resume teaching in the fall of 1954.

Ferguson to Convention

Prof. A. Gordon Ferguson will attend the convention of the American Association of Instructors of Spanish and Portuguese at the Morrison hotel in Chicago Dec. 27-28. The convention is held in conjunction with associations of other modern languages. Dr. Marie Mengers, professor of French at the University of Maine and a cousin of Dr. Ethan Mengers, is one of the lecturers.

Through the use of the Wayne family, Life tries to convince Death that the tramp should be granted one more year of life on earth before joining Death. This he manages to do, and in the epilogue, Sleep and Life watch over the tramp until next Christmas eve.

Faculty Dinner At First Lutheran

College and seminary faculty members and their families will hold their annual Christmas dinner at First Lutheran Church Thursday, Dec. 10 at 5:15 p.m. Women from the Lutheran Guild will serve the meal.

Prof. Clifford Hanson will lead the devotions. Profs. A. Gordon Ferguson and Dorothy Skinkle will provide music for the group. Nancy Bellows, Pam Rhoades and Charlotte Pearson will entertain the children with Christmas stories, poems and illustrations as a project for the child literature class.

Strange Goings-On In Miss Mac's Classes

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the doors of room 210 in PM? Not that 210 is any different than any other classroom, it's what you hear coming out of that room that makes it intriguing. Those strange chantings and fake children's voices coming from within for instance. And sometimes, if you were to peek through the keyhole, you might see a circle of girls waving their hands in the air, or beating their fists on their desks in time to a make-believe tom-tom. Or, you might see a teddy bear perched on someone's lap, a girl scattering scraps of cloth on the floor, or a whole class staring intently at another girl reading them a children's story. A class for mentally deficient adults? No, just one of Miss Elja McCullough's elementary education classes.

Inadomi: 'Gospel Hard To Grasp'

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 24, a member of the **Hermes** staff was granted an interview with Dr. Hajime Inadomi. The reporter exchanged pleasant greetings with him and began the questions.

Students Receptive

Dr. Inadomi was first asked which class of people are most receptive to the Gospel. He replied that young people are. He stated that 60 per cent of the response to the work of the missionaries comes from young people. These people are largely students, the future leaders of Japan.

Inadomi reiterated a portion of his chapel talk when asked what is the greatest obstacle that Christianity has to face in Japan. "It is the Gospel itself," he stated. "Although Buddhism and Shintoism together with social customs offer serious competition, it is the message in the Gospel that is difficult for the Japanese mind to understand."

Need to Rearm

Having touched on the religious side of the interview, the reporter asked a few questions about the political situation in Japan. When asked about the rearmament of Japan, Inadomi stated, "Each nation must have the opportunity to defend itself. Our constitution prohibits raising an army, which is a thorn in the flesh of the people, especially the young people. The future of Japan remains perilous until she is allowed to have an army." He hastened to add that he is not a militarist, however.

Inadomi had no comment when asked if the United States should recognize Communist China. Nor would he say anything about the future of the truce talks in Korea. "I am only a Japanese citizen," he replied, "and I do not feel qualified to comment on these situations."

Gunnar Mengers

Classroom Dramatics

The one just described is the class in children's literature. The girls take turns telling stories and by using dolls, teddy bears, and the like, they are able to make the stories fascinating. Recently the class has been studying verse choirs; that is why one hears those voices chanting together. And the reason they were waving their hands is probably because they were acting like children so that the story teller could get the "feel" of how a real class of youngsters will act.

Miss Mac stimulates her students to think independently by asking questions such as, "Should we eliminate grades entirely?" The students are encouraged to criticize school systems, not only elementary and secondary, but also college.

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Staff Members Are First To View Flying Saucer

Now it can be told!

Several weeks ago, the undercover agents of the **Hermes** received a hot tip that a flying saucer would land in Washington county within a few days.

A team of experts, Tom Langenfeld and Gunnar Mengers, was immediately sent to the spot to obtain a description of the weird craft and to interview the pilot.

After a few hours wait, the two experts detected a faint glow in the sky. The glow grew brighter, until it became a brilliant, iridescent green, filling the whole night with flashing color. With a tremendous roar and swish, the saucer settled to the earth.

Optical Illusion?

The bottom half of the flying disk was painted to resemble a temperature inversion, and the top half had a large "Weather Balloon" sign painted on it. A large neon sign was attached to the outer circumference of the doughnut-shaped craft, which blinked on and off saying, "Don't

A Thought For the Week . . .

'Whosoever Heareth These Sayings . . . A Wise Man'

Have you ever thought of Jesus as an artist? He is not often thought about in just that way, but Jesus did paint two pictures for us in the seventh chapter of Matthew when He said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Life Pictures

One is a beautiful picture, while the other one has a touch of tragedy in it. But probably the most striking thing about these two pictures is that they both portray a life. It might be well to ask, "Which of these pictures am I in?"

The first one is a beautiful picture. Why? Because it shows a Christian faith that is stable and founded on the Word of God. This person's faith is steadfast and able to withstand the trials which it will come up against.

This steadfastness is a vital thing in a Christian life and each of us should strive to acquire it.

Contrasting View

Let us consider the other picture. It is not a pleasant one to look at. It is the picture of a soul that is lost. Perhaps this soul was saved at one time but started to fall away from God and was not able to withstand the trials and temptations of life. Because of these storms, this person's faith has crumbled and fallen.

We all want to be in the first picture, but how can we be sure we are in it and not the second? "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them . . ."

That is the answer. The Word of God is the main source of our strength and wisdom. Where else can we find this guidance which we all need? Let us make use of the Word of God so that we may remain steadfast and in the first picture.

Harold Laursen

Snooping Around Other Campuses

Canada: Beer and Rugby Don't Mix . . .

Constables were assigned to the University of Toronto's annual rugby train to make sure no one brought beer aboard. They were instructed to stop all students carrying suspicious parcels.

Last year the train suffered 500 dollars damage at the hands of the rugby fans. The cost was paid through a general levy of students.

Sever the Cords . . .

In an effort to eliminate discrimination, the State University of New York has ordered all fraternities and sororities to break their national connections or disband.

The measure affects 25 nationally affiliated groups at the University's two medic schools and at the nine teachers' colleges. The order was made "effective immediately" but a five-year period of grace was granted to enable groups to take care of financial problems that will come up when they break from their national organizations.

TV in Siberia . . .

Students at Tomsk Polytechnical institute in Siberia are producing their own television programs on a transmitter they built themselves. It took 50 students 18 months to do the job. Now they are putting on regular news, documentary and variety shows.

Jim Clemon

MISS MAC'S CLASSES
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Sometimes, especially when one of her classes seems drowsy, Miss Mac will come forth with one of her "human interest" stories, which arouses even the laziest student out of her stupor!

And those mysterious drawings... especially that "ladder"... on the white bulletin board on the wall are charts drawn by the teaching-of-reading class. Learning new words and sounds are not much fun for children, so the teacher can make it more interesting by having a game with charts like these. The bulletin board is just another technique of Miss Mac's which makes her education classes so outstanding.

Pam Rhoades

BAND SCHEDULES CONCERT FOR SECOND SEMESTER

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Polka band rehearsals have been cancelled until the choir returns, and the pep band will probably see only limited service until a more complete concert band can be obtained.

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by Dick Bibler



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