

# Olsen Announces Club's Annual Tour Itinerary

Donald Olsen, male glee club director, has announced the three-state tour for the organization. Most of the appearances of the group will be in churches and high schools.

## Religious-Secular Program

The repertoire of the singers has been divided into religious and secular numbers for the different types of audiences. It will be centered around a modern oratorio, "Testament of Freedom," by Randall Thompson, based on selections from the writings of Thomas Jefferson.

Members of the club list first tenors Dick Jensen, Elmer Petersen and Bill Ingle; second tenors (Peter Mathiasen, Philip Pagel, Russell Moseman and Marion Hudson; baritones Duane Spong, Arne Jessen, Jack Phillips and Dale Larsen; basses Dean Rasmussen, Jon Petersen, John Hansen and Leroy Andersen. Shirley Andersen and Bette Miller accompany the group. Dr. R. E. Morton will also travel with the singers.

## Itinerary

The club's itinerary:

- Friday, March 26—Royal, Iowa (afternoon and evening).
- Saturday, March 27—Radio broadcast, station KCID, 11:15 a.m., Spencer, Iowa.
- Sunday, March 28—Geneva, Minn. (afternoon), Albert Lea, Minn. (evening).
- Monday, March 29—Owatonna, Minn.
- Tuesday, March 30—St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn. (morning), Farmington, Minn. (afternoon), Milltown, Wis. (evening).
- Wednesday, March 31—Luck high school (afternoon), Milltown high school (afternoon), Luck, Wis. (evening).
- Thursday, April 1—Hutchinson, Minn. (afternoon and evening).
- Friday, April 2—Sleepy Eye, Minn. (afternoon and evening).
- Saturday, April 3—Return to campus (noon).

## Student Council Plans Clean-up Day

Student body president Ann Harms has announced that a committee has been appointed to make plans for clean-up day. Philip Wittig is chairman of the committee. Tentative date for the event is the first week in April, following the completion of Glee club tour. Last year's clean-up day was the first in many years, but its success merits another this year, Ann related. The day will be held on either a Tuesday or a Thursday, and all classes will be cancelled. Jobs to be done are bush trimming, general cleaning and painting.

Ann also announced that a suggestion box for a May Fest theme is now available. Students are urged to conjure an appropriate theme.

## Seniors Plan May 8 Show

Elmer Petersen, chairman of the senior project committee, has revealed that the class production this year will be an old-fashioned vaudeville show. May 8 is the date set for the event.

In an attempt to introduce ideas never before presented on the campus, the plans for the show include performances by the glee club, a campus quartet, song-and-dance acts and decorative scenic effects. Props and setting will be reminiscent of the vaudeville gas-light era.

Committee members assisting Elmer Petersen are Edith Skobo, Myra Vig and Dan Hansen.

As in last year's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore," extensive publicity is planned to bring in downtown spectators. The class is also co-sponsor of the slave sale held last fall.

The vaudeville show replaces the operettas presented in former years.

## Class Accustoms Pianists to Groups

Every second and fourth Tuesday in the month, Miss Dorothy Skinkle's piano students meet in PM Chapel at 5 p.m. for a group piano class. The purpose of these meetings is to acquaint the students with the feeling of playing for an audience, an effort toward improvement. Miss Skinkle has announced that any music students are welcome to attend these sessions, and anyone who would like to practice a musical selection of any kind in preparation for a performance is invited to appear at this time. The next piano class will meet on Tuesday.

## Campus Calendar

### Friday, March 12

"Day of Wrath," American-Scandinavian foundation film, 8:15 p.m., PM chapel.

### Saturday, March 13

D club initiation, Auditorium-gymnasium.

### Wednesday, March 17

L.S.A., 7:30 p.m., PM chapel.



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## Occupational Features Highlight Senior Days

"You and Your Future," a public relations program to stimulate interest by high school students in higher education, will be held on the campus Friday, March 19, for seniors from Arlington, Fort Calhoun, Herman and Kennard high schools. The program will be repeated March 23 for Blair high school seniors.

### Schedule Changed

The schedule will begin with occupational interest tests and registration from 9 to 10 a.m. Chapel convocation will be rescheduled from 9:50 to 10. The high school students will be given the opportunity during the 10:40 to 11:35 period to acquaint themselves with the major differences between college and high school procedures.

Prof. Arthur Lindberg will supervise demonstrations in the physics department from 11:45 to 12:05.

Dinner will be served at the noon time meal hour beginning at 12:05. A seating arrangement will be posted whereby the high school students will be seated among the college students to provide a more personal atmosphere for the visitors. Faculty members will also eat in the dining hall.

### Occupational Talks

Students will be divided by occupational choice for the interest group lectures from 1:20 to 2:10 by faculty, student and guest speakers. Guest speakers include Mr. James Dixon, agriculture; Dr. R. F. Sievers, medicine; Mr. Jay Kerr from the Korshoj Construction company, engineering; Mr. Philip Larsen, trades; Mr. Guy McClure from the Kelly Ryan Equipment company, industries; and Mr. Reed O'Hanlon, Sr. Tentative plans call for an Omaha business man to speak on secretarial and business work.

### Department Demonstrate

Departmental demonstrations will be presented from 2:40 to 3:30. The program will conclude following slides featuring extra-curricular activities.

Prof. Gordon Ferguson, planning committee chairman, stated that because of friendly hospitality shown by Dana students in the past, a program of this type should be successful in promoting good relationships between the college and people of this area.

## LSA Sponsors Lenten Services

L.S.A. president Elmer Petersen has announced a series of Lenten meetings to be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in PM chapel. Seminary students will be featured as speakers in the series.

Services began last Wednesday with the topic, "Judas." Carl Jensen was the speaker. Other speakers are Bob Nelson, on the topic, "Peter," March 17; Lloyd Lorensen, "Pontius Pilate," March 24; Mark Thomsen, "Barabbas," March 31; Niels Carlsen, "Simon of Cyrene," April 7; and Lyle Kohler, "Christ," April 14.

L.S.A. officers and members invite everyone to attend.

## News Notes

Dr. R. E. Morton is touring Wisconsin at the present time, to recruit new students. Dr. Morton left Blair March 2, and plans to return next Thursday, according to an announcement of the business office.

### Catalogue Added

The latest addition to the college library is a new 30-drawer card catalogue installed Feb. 27. Two small reading desks were also added to the library furniture after being refinished by the maintenance department.

### Offers Course

Prof. Arthur Ranheim will offer a nine-week course in educational psychology each week at Ord, Neb., under the auspices of the University of Nebraska. It will begin March 13.

# Administration Reshuffle Should Pep Up Program

The appointment of Prof. A. J. Snowbeck as business manager and director of promotion by the board of trustees is definitely an attempt of the college corporation to increase Dana's enrollment. The **Hermes** feels that this sounds the start of a revitalized recruitment and retention program.

Current enrollment figures indicate the static condition which has persisted in the department of public relations within the last four years. Recruitment has not been pressed strongly, and, as a result, these years have found the total enrollment decreasing, figures for these years being 250, 240, 230 and 210 respectively in round numbers. Retention figures too show the inefficiency of the college to retain students above the freshmen and sophomore levels. Decreases in the membership of a class of more than 50 per cent are not uncommon between the freshmen and junior years. Something is definitely lacking in the college program for recruitment and retention of students.

Statistics since 1948 point up the inefficiency of the college to retain its entering students. When second semester enrollment figures of a class of one year are compared to the enrollment figures of the same graduating class the first semester of the following year and the drop-out rate computed, amazingly high percentages are recorded. Taking the freshmen and sophomore classes of one year, as these are always the two largest groups, we find that the drop-out rate from the second semester of 1951-52 to the first semester of 1952-53 of the 1955 graduating class is 48.9 percent. For the same group, the drop-out rate from the second semester of their first year to the first semester of this year is 76.6 percent. The rate of drop-out for the 1954 graduating class from the second semester of 1951-52 to the first semester of 1952-53 is 54.4 percent, with the percentage being 52.6 for the same group up to the first semester of the current college year. Even more recently, we find the drop-out rate for the 1956 graduating class from the second semester of last year to the first semester of this year to be 40.2 percent, with the percentage for the 1955 graduating class during this same period to be 46.6.

These figures can only indicate one thing—the sad failure of the college to hold students beyond the first two years, and even the first. The **Hermes** maintains that this is due to the ineptitude of the so-called department of public relations. But we not only bring this to light. We are also proposing certain measures whereby the college can improve in their program of recruitment and retention.

First of all, the school must hire a full-time field representative. This is a must! Only then the enrollment can be expected to increase significantly. Let the regular recruiters cover the im-

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## Snooping Around Other Campuses

**The test of honor . . .**

(ACP)—A professor at the University of Indiana has solved the cheating problem—at least temporarily.

He placed classroom desks in a horseshoe arrangement around the room, about three feet apart. Then he left, telling the students they were on their honor. But if anyone tried to look on another person's paper, everyone else would see him.

**England: Ghosts . . .**

(ACP)—On the 28th day of every month, it's said, a ghost haunts the halls of Griel college of Oxford, England.

Students—who have reported hearing footsteps and other mysterious noises on the fateful day—have recently been urged to try to catch the ghost.

**Baby is a college man . . .**

(ACP)—It is now possible for a six-year-old to attend the University of Southern California. He could take courses in rhythm, piano and orchestra.

**Hawaii in a state house . . .**

(ACP)—Enterprising juniors at the University of Utah have produced what is believed to be the most unusual prom in the country.

The big dance, top junior social event, was held in the historic rotunda of the Utah state capitol.

More than 2,000 orchids, flown in from Hawaii; plus palm fronds, fishing nets and sailing ships converted the rotunda from the dignified center of state affairs to a replica of an island hotel club. Hawaiian-born Utah students, complete with ukeleles, welcomed guests as though they had arrived for a "Hawaiian Holiday," and coeds were presented with imported flower leis.

But despite its magnificence, the dance did not go uncriticized. Several students were disgruntled because the music was provided by a local band and not a "big name" one.

A Thought for the Week . . .

# What Has Happened To the Old Enthusiasm?

Many people have made the observation that the early church must have been very zealous and not have spread as quickly and as widely as it did. These same people bemoan the fact that the church doesn't exhibit the same life and growth today.

**Zeal Contagious**

Looking at Scripture we see that the early apostles were extremely zealous and wanted to tell all of the wonderful news of the Savior. It wasn't only the leaders however, who wanted to tell of Christ, but everyone who heard the wonderful news and consequently accepted Christ had a desire to do the same. Their lives were changed! Their lives were filled where they had been empty. These early Christians had found something which was real and vital. It was contagious. It was important!

What has happened to that early fervor? Why isn't every Christian afire with the desire to tell others of this wonderful Gospel changed? The gospel has of course not changed, and many ministers preach it throughout the land. It is we the common

people who have failed, for we have ceased to let Christ be important. We have ceased to let Him be foremost.

**God or Mammon?**

Something else has assumed the position of importance in our lives. Some say it is money worship or the worship of material things such as cars and beautiful clothes. Perhaps in some instances these have become idols, but I feel the basic reason to be this, that we desire to maintain our freedom, even the freedom to do right or wrong when we please. In short we want to be able to sin when it is necessary for our happiness.

Is the desire for such freedom to be decried?? Certainly not, for Grace implies also that we have the right to reject God. Otherwise we might as well be puppets. This conclusion leaves us with a thought. Seeing there is so little Christian enthusiasm on campus, then something else must have assumed a greater importance in our lives. Does a re-velation of your life and mine reveal that we have placed materialism or freedom first so that we have rejected God?

Pete Mathiasen

**Figures Lie, Liars Figure . . .**

## Late Profs Waste Money, Students' Valuable Time

If a professor has an average of three classes a day for five days a week this makes a total of fifteen hours of teaching. If there is an average of ten students in each of his classes, students spend a total of 150 hours a week in his classes. If registration costs ten dollars per credit hour, the students are paying 1500 dollars a semester for the teacher's instruction. If the instructor is five minutes late for each class, the students are deprived of one-tenth of the instruction they should receive, each class being fifty minutes long. Thus the students are deprived of their money's worth to the tune of one-tenth of 1500 dollars, or 150 dollars per semester, or 300 dollars a year!

**Punctuality Pay**

Now if the professor also holds his classes overtime for five minutes each period, or one-twelfth hour, at 150 student hours per week, this would be 16,200 hours per year. One-twelfth of 16,200 equals 1,350 hours per year the students are kept from working at 75 cents per hour, or a money loss of \$1,012.50.

The students lose 300 dollars a year when the instructor comes to class five minutes late. They lose \$1,012.50 a year by his holding them five minutes overtime. This totals up to \$1,312.50, if our calculating machines are work-

ing. Divided by the number of students in the three classes, this yields an answer of \$43.75, which is the loss per student per year. Suppose each student in this case is paying about \$100 in registration fees for the year.

**Profs. Overpaid**

Therefore we may conclude that registration fees should be cut approximately in half if the professors are in the habit of coming to class late. And we should also conclude the professors' salaries should be cut in half, leading to the final conclusion that professors are overpaid.

Arvin Quist

# Vikes Topple Concordia, Tarkio to Share Crown

Defeating a tall Concordia outfit, 71-64, Feb. 27, the Vikes avenged an earlier loss and kept their slim title hopes alive. Then, on the following Tuesday, remarkable play on the part of Viking reserves enabled the Red and White to dethrone Tarkio as undisputed champs, 77-76, thus allowing for a three-way tie for first place.

## Take Early Lead Over Bulldogs

Marion Hudson scored 12 points in the first quarter of the Concordia game to spark Dana to a five point lead. Hudson, however, soon picked up his fourth foul and was benched temporarily. The half ended with the Vikes leading, 35-32.

Continuing to outplay the Bulldogs in the third period, the Vikings built up a big enough advantage to squelch a last-quarter Concordia surge.

Concordia's Don Petersen scored 21 points for game honors, while Hudson hit 17 for the Vikings, although seeing action for only half the game. Fritz Youra scored 15, to remain in the thick of the individual scoring race.

## Owls Edged in Overtime

Outplaying the Tarkio Owls during the first three periods of the March 2nd game, the Vikings lost their fourth player of the night via the foul route, with three minutes remaining and the score tied 61-61. Applying a full court press, Tarkio scored twice after stealing the ball.

A free-throw gave the Missourians an apparently insurmountable five-point lead. The Vikes soon broke the press and finally trailed a 68-66 score, with one minute to play.

Playing for a tie, Dana stalled 45 seconds, alert for scoring opportunities. The Owls finally intercepted a Viking pass and were driving in for a score, when Carl Morgensen re-stole the ball and flipped a long pass to Vordy Nelson. Nelson scored a lay-up, tying the score and sending the game into overtime.

Tarkio jumped off to a three-point lead at the start of the extra period, but a bucket by Nelson and two by Rod Wead clinched the game for the Vikes.

Fritz Youra led the Vikings, this time scoring with 16 points, while holding Arnold Ginn, conference scoring leader, to 12.

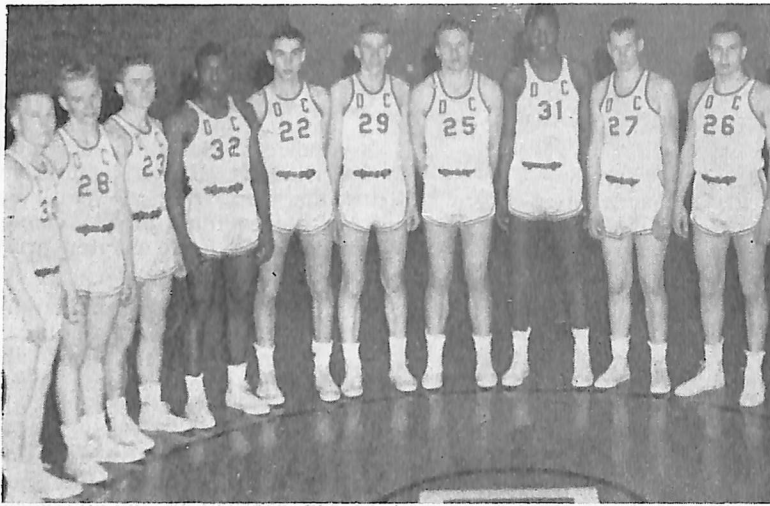
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1953-54 Viking Cage Squad—Hold Share of CCCC Championship

## Court Conjecture . . .

by Tom

### Championship . . .

In the Dana locker-room there appears the following slogan: "Hustle . . . a good team never quits." After watching the two final games of the season, we must conclude that the Vikings took this advice to heart.

With their win-loss record standing at four and ten, the Red and White suddenly caught fire and climaxed the season with five straight wins. Further evidence of this Viking pluck came in the final game when Dana's reserves overcame the Tarkio regulars and a five point disadvantage.

With only a handful of Dana fans present at the Tarkio tilt one couldn't help but be impressed at the amount of provoking noise that was produced. Of course there was plenty to cheer about, but nearly as much to boo about, considering the unusual brand of officiating which the Vikes had to endure.

Dana ended up with one-third of the conference title, but checking the scoring statistics we find the Vikings in possession of the top comparative scoring record, having garnered over 100 points

## Danes, Jokers Win In Bowling League

The Tom and Jerry Bowling league continued action Friday night with the Lucky Strikes pitted against the Four Jokers and the Danes against the Four Aces. The League leading Danes took a three game victory over their second place opponents while the Four Jokers defeated the third place Lucky Strikes.

High bowlers of the two Dana teams were Al Hansen and Erling Schultz. Their three game totals were 447 and 428 respectively.

more than their collective opponents.

	W	L	Pct.
Dana	4	2	.667
Tarkio	4	2	.667
Concordia	4	2	.667
York	0	6	.000

And so for the second time this year, we say congratulations, champs!

### Spring fever . . .

With spring here, Viking cindermen have been working out in preparation for their first meet, April 2. Likewise the baseball team has begun spring training for an impressive schedule.

### To be or not to be . . .

For some time conference officials have been attempting to increase the membership in the Central Church conference. Now it appears as though instead of gaining a member the CCCC is about to lose one—York.

Unfortunately York has lost church support through a series of legal entanglements. This will undoubtedly force the closure of the college. Can the CCCC continue as a three-team conference? That was the situation last football season. It worked out fairly well, but a three-team conference just does not have the color and prominence of a larger one.

It looks like loop representatives will take urgent measures at their annual meeting this spring. One thing is certain, Dana cannot afford to be without membership in an athletic conference.

### Baseball slate released . . .

April 5	..... at Wesleyan
April 8	..... Midland (here)
April 12	..... Doane (here)
April 14	..... at Luther
April 22	..... at Creighton
April 26	..... at Concordia
April 29	..... Wesleyan (here)
May 3	..... at Midland
May 6	..... at Doane
May 10	..... Creighton (here)
May 13	..... Concordia (here)
May 18	..... Luther (here)

## Youra Tops Cage Choice

Receiving his second all-conference basketball rating in his two year Viking career, Fritz Youra this week was named to the 1954 CCCC all-star five. Youra, who ranked third in last year's balloting, received the number one spot this year ahead of Norm Classen, Concordia scoring ace. Marion Hudson was picked for a second team berth.

Carl Davis, diminutive Tarkio guard, received his third consecutive honor rating. Two sophomores, Don Petersen of Concordia and Jim Ekart of York round out the third annual listing. The first team, listed in the order of rating, is as follows:

Player	School	Year
Fritz Youra	Dana	Soph.
Norm Classen	Concordia	Jr.
Carl Davis	Tarkio	Jr.
Don Petersen	Concordia	Soph.
Jim Ekart	York	Soph.

The second team consists of Arnold Ginn, Bernie Kluge, Marion Hudson, Omar Dittmer and Bob Bacon.

## In Intramurals

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lampouroi	10	0	1.000
Kool Kats	9	1	.900
Lacy's	5	4	.555
Team I	5	5	.500
Saints	4	6	.400
Shnozzes	2	7	.222
Swishers	2	7	.222

Defeating the Seminary Saints, 64-45, Monday night and Team 56-34, Tuesday, the Lampouroi clinched undisputed first place in the intramural league.

The second-place Kool Kats downed Team I, 42-22, Monday and the Swishers, 77-44, Tuesday. Lacy's moved into third place by tipping the Saints, 41-36, Tuesday. Romping over the Swishers, 41-19, the Shnozzes lifted themselves into a last-place tie with their victims.

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