

Publications Editors Shift

Another shift has been made in the editorship of Dana publications, leaving Phil Pagel at the helm of the **Danian** and Jim Clemon in the editor's chair of the **Hermes**.

Two resignations brought about this shift—when Gunnar Mengers withdrew from his position as **Hermes** editor, Clemon moved up from the managing editor's post. This necessitated Clemon's resigning the editorship of the **Danian**, which was inturn taken over by associate editor Pagel.

Debate Topic Arouses Stir

(ACP)—Controversy has waxed in the past weeks in Nebraska over whether college students should debate the nationally-selected topic: "Resolved, That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China." Five college presidents decided their students would not debate the topic—and brought heated comments from those who charged such a decision conflicts with the basic idea of democratic discussion, the **Nebraska Education News** reports.

Forbidden to Officers

West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen were forbidden to participate in college debates on United States recognition of Red China. The defense department explained the men could not discuss a "controversial subject on which national policy has already been established."

Donald Wolfarth, Midland college debate coach, attacked the decision of some state colleges to refuse to debate the nationally chosen topic, the **News** said. Wolfarth was quoted as saying that "people have lost sight of the purpose of debate training," and that the strength of democracy is in the debating of controversial issues. (Ed. note: Mr. Wolfarth's article is reprinted on page two.)



Merry Christmas

Optometrist To Speak Tuesday

Blair optometrist Keith E. Finn will speak at the Science club meeting, Tuesday evening, Dec. 14. The meeting will be held at the home of Ronald Strickleit, 600 West Grant Street.

"More Efficient Use of the Eyes," will be the topic of Dr. Finn's speech. A group discussion will follow Dr. Finn's presentation.

The club's new constitution was accepted at its last meeting, and a nominations committee was elected to choose candidates for a treasurer to be elected in the near future.

News Notes

Memorial gifts given in memory of Mr. T. C. Hansen of Cedar Falls, Ia., member of the board of trustees until his death Nov. 15, have been received by the Dana Foundation. To date they amount to \$510. Foundation officers plan to use the memorial lege after conferring with mem- for some specific gift to the col- bers of Mr. Hansen's family.

LSA Service

The annual candle-lighting service sponsored by the Lutheran Student Association will be held in Pioneer Memorial chapel on Wednesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. according to Jerry Petersen, (Continued on page 3)

North Central Visits Campus

The North Central examining committee, composed of Deans Donald M. Mackenzie of Blackburn college, Carlinville, Ill., and E. M. Fleming of Park college Parkville, Mo., visited Dana Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and made its examination in connection with our application for membership in the North Central association.

Conferences were held with administrative personnel, with faculty members and with students in an effort to obtain an opinion of the quality of instruction and the educational program at Dana. We will not know the outcome until the NCA meets in Chicago, March 21-25, 1955. Pres. Morton expressed himself, however, as pleased and happy with the examination.

Faculty Holds Xmas Dinner

The faculty Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, December 11, in the ladies' lounge of Women's Hall. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Paul Petersen, Mrs. Jack Benson, Mrs. Wayne Armer, Mr. Paul Nyholm, Mrs. C. B. Larsen, Mrs. A. E. Rembold and Mrs. A. Gordon Ferguson.

The program will begin with devotions, and will include a solo by Mr. Lund, a reading by Mr. and Mrs. Benson, and the singing of Christmas carols. Some Christmas carols will be played and a history of them will be given.

After the program there will be a social hour and coffee will be served.

Campus Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 12

Christmas banquet and program. Banquet at 5:30, program at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17

Christmas holidays begin, 12:10 p.m.

Midland Debate Coach Defends National Topic

(The following article was written by Donald Wolfarth, debate coach at Midland college, in an attempt to clarify the current dispute concerning the national debate topic "Resolved: That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China." It was first printed in the **Midland**, Midland college student newspaper, and later in the Wayne State Teachers college **Goldenrod**. See news story on page one.)

If collegiate debate comes under critical fire it is not due to inherent defects in the fundamental principles of debating but to the fact that too often certain individuals have lost sight of the true purposes of debate training.

The following is an attempt to inject more light and less heat into the controversy among Nebraska colleges regarding the use of the national debate question. We don't say that we have never heard of a better debate question: however, as an educational tool for training speakers, the question is most satisfactory.

Three rather basic but seemingly obscured principles will serve as a point of departure in elaborating the stand which is taken regarding the use of the national debate question. The first is that debate (and its close ally, discussion) are essential tools for a government of the people. Certainly if we question the value of these tools how much faith can we have in democratic processes? And if college students aren't competent to investigate controversial topics by free and full debate, what hope is there for an enlightened citizenry for tomorrow? Indeed it is frightening to realize that some men feel that we can solve our national problems by pretending that the problems don't exist.

Not Propagandists

The second principle which needs full lighting is that Midland debaters (or any debater worthy of the name) are not members of a secret propagandizing society but are serious students studying in pursuit of sound educational objectives. Some of the general objectives of debate training at Midland college are training in search for knowledge, training in purposeful thinking, training in original thinking, training in the elements of speech delivery and training in advocacy and the stimulation of student interest in public questions. The debater at Midland college is perfected when he knows all of the arguments and all of the evidence on both sides of the debate question and can present his material with maximum effect. At no time is a Midland debater expected to give any personal assent to either side of a question.

The third principle is related to the second and declares that the debate coach is not a subversive agent with the mission of indoctrinating college debaters with some unwholesome philosophy. Simply stated, the debate coach is first and foremost a teacher; his concern is the developing of the intellectual and social adjustment of his students in any and all ways which make for better and more useful individuals, as well as better debaters.

Time for Freedom

Taken in total, one of two positions seems open to those who oppose the use of the national debate question. Either they have lost faith in the tools of democracy and are afraid of the outcome of a debate on this question, or they are woefully misinformed as to the objectives of a sound collegiate debate program.

Clearly these are times for intellectual curiosity, freedom and honesty; these are times for full and free discussion of all major problems; and these are times when passion should give way to reason.

—Donald Wolfarth.

Celebrate By Giving Selves Up To Christ

On February 27, 1954, I observed my twentieth birthday. That day, I received several gifts and many greetings, both oral and written. Those from whom the gifts and greetings were received, gave them because they wanted to do something nice for me.

December 25, 1954, not just a few people, but the whole Christian world will be celebrating. What? the birth of Christ, His birthday. Christmas, we say, is celebrated generally by special gifts and greetings—but who receives them? It is Christ's birthday and we, as Christians, are obliged to give to Him, whether it be our wealth of physical property, meager as the best is in His kingdom, or a dedication, or rededication, of our lives to His service. The giving of gifts to one another, of course, is according to God's plan for man to love his neighbors, family and all people, but that is not enough even for the Christian.

Christ Lost in Tinsel?

If you are wondering how you can dedicate your life to His service any more than you already have, just look around you now during the "Christmas" season. Every place you will see decorations—red and green, tinsel, lights, but where is Christ? Oh, sometimes back in a rather insignificant place you may spy a manger scene. Then the radio brings "You're All I Want for Christmas." The person who wrote it, sings it, or listens to it probably does not think of the word Christmas as having any more meaning

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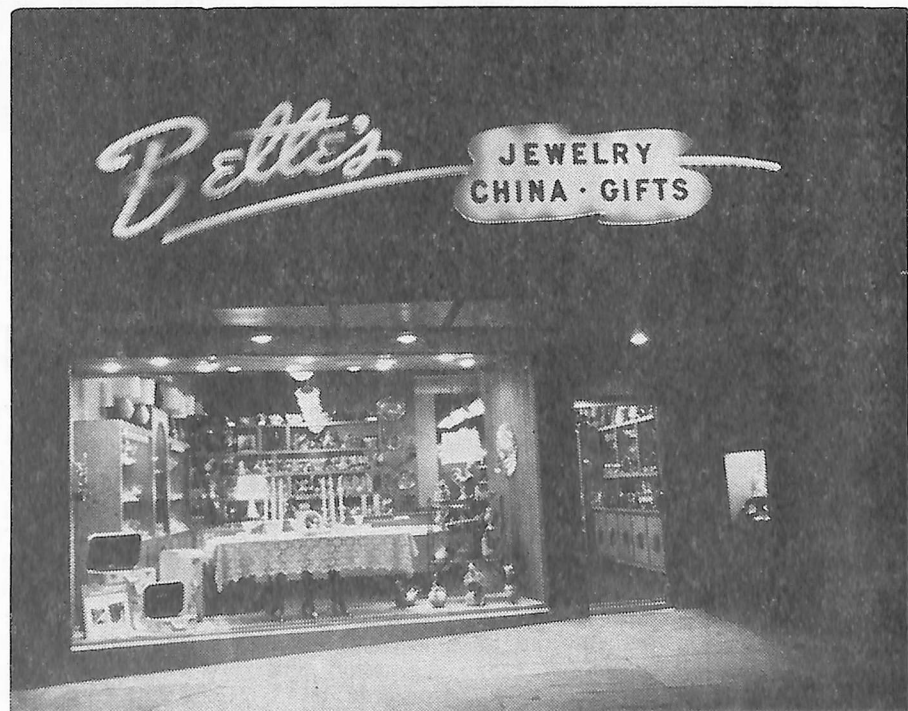
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than a "winter festival." Though these signs and many others, one can easily read the attitudes of many people toward this great Holy Festival. To them it means only a festival kept on December 25, celebrated by special gifts and greetings, and the biggest challenge they have is to "have a good time." A Christian, a real Christian, that is, observes this Holy Day in God's house talking with Him and praising Him.

Bette Miller



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Vikings Nudge Sioux Fall; Undefeated On Home Floor

Paced by center Fritz Youra, the Viking cage squad out-fought Sioux Falls college in a crowd-pleasing thriller Saturday night in the Viking gym.

Encouraged by a much improved cheering section, the hilltop crew came out on the long end of a 73-69 score.

The Vikes did everything but scalp the Braves in the first four minutes of play. Larry Stone started the Dana bombardment with a thirty-foot swisher. Youra then followed with his hook shot specialty. Vordyn Nelson, Youra, and Bob Jensen connected with one field goal apiece and Stone hit a charity toss, to bring a ten point margin early in the game.

The Braves went on the war-path, however, and were able to pull within six points at the quarter, 17-11.

The second quarter of play was nerve-racking, as the score was tied five times. Bill Davis, Artie Sanders and Youra carried the load for the Vikings in the first half.

The Sioux Falls Braves held a pow-wow at the half time intermission and were determined to stop this impenetrable Viking cruiser. Dana was not to be denied their second victory of the current season and poured on the

steam in the waning minutes.

At the end of the third stanza of play the Vikings were holding a three point margin, 50-47. Dana held the lead from there on, although the lead was only a slender one point on several occasions in the closing minutes. Bill Davis then sent the Danians ahead with a towering long shot that split the mesh, and Stone collected another free throw to throttle Sioux Falls' hopes and give the Vikes victory number two on the home court this season, 73-69.

High point honors went to Fritz Youra for the Danes with 20 points. Davis, Jim Thomsen and Nelson all hit the double scoring column with 13, 12, and 10 tallies respectively.

Red and White Defeat Midland

Dana college was the fourth CCCC team to beat a Nebraska college this year when the Vikings trimmed the Midland Warriors in Fremont, 85-82, last Monday night.

The Vikings, who two nights earlier scalped the Braves from Sioux Falls college, did a repeat performance by mangling the Warriors in the most colorful cage game of the season.

Bill Davis entered the game with three minutes to play and tallied his first field goal of the half to tie the game at 68 all. From that point on it was an up-and-down, see-saw battle that saw the lead change so frequently that the score board was a flash of changing numbers.

Scoring honors went to Art Sanders of Dana with 20 points, and Midland sparkplug Larry Fuerst who tallied 36 points.

	fg	ft	pf
B. Jensen	8	2-4	5
Davis	2	0-0	0
Thomsen	6	6-7	4
Youra	6	2-2	0
Nelson	1	0-1	2
Sanders	8	4-7	4
Stone	3	3-4	3

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A-1 basketball was offered last Saturday night as the potent Vikings slashed their way to win number two for the current season. The cagers remain undefeated this year on the home court.

The latest win, (Sioux Falls college: 73-69) was an impressive victory for Coach Paul Peterson's charges. Dana showed power in many ways. Fritz Youra, Bob Jensen, and Vordyn Nelson rebounded with finesse, while Larry Stone and Jim Thomsen proved themselves able quarterbacks for this year's quint.

Bethany College here . . .

Bethany college will invade the Viking campus tonight to play the second home team cage contest. The Vikings, owning a two game winning streak and showing marked improvement, will be favored in the evening's 40-minute go.

Congratulations . . .
Congratulations to Dean Rasmussen for being named on the Little All-American honorable mention football team. Rasmussen was also on the All-CCCC team.

Omahan Sparkles . . .

Omahan Bill Davis has won the hearts of many of the Dana followers after his fine performance in the Sioux Falls game. His consistent long shots were a vital asset in the victory.

Junior Varsity vs. Lampouroi . . .

In the preliminary game the J.V. team blasted the Lampouroi team 46-42. Lampouroi was last year's intramural champs.

NEWS NOTES

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LSA president. Lloyd Lorensen, senior seminarian, will deliver the evening message.

Following a service of scripture reading, hymns, and special music, the candle-lighting ceremony will take place. The Luther League of First Lutheran Church has been invited to participate in the service with the Dana students.

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Library Lists Several Gains

During this past month, many additions were made to the library's growing collection of books. **Cassell's Encyclopedia of World Literature** by Steinberg is one of the volumes which was purchased with money from the library gift fund. Two other recent encyclopedias which can also now be found on the reference shelves are Lueker, **Lutheran Encyclopedia** and Menke, **The Encyclopedia of Sports**.

A new policy of the library regarding new books is to display the book jackets on the bulletin board just outside the library. These books will be available for inspection on a special shelf in the reading room.

Several physics, play, music, and education books, as well as thirty-six fiction books are also among the November acquisitions. Some of the titles are: Trygvie Lie, **In the Cause of Peace**; Marshall, **Two Sides to a Teacher's Desk**; Woodgate, **The Choral Conductor**; Krone, **Expressive Conducting**; Holberg, **Four Plays**; O'Neill, **The Long Voyage Home**; Wilson, **Leaders of Men**; Wright, **The Old Testament Against its Environment**; Costain, **The Black Rose**; Goude, **Green Dolphin Street**; and Turgenov, **Fathers and Sons**. All these volumes are now available for student use.

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Danians Rate High At Speech Meet

Dana speech students, under the sponsorship of Prof. Jack F. Benson, showed up quite well at last Saturday's speech contest at Wayne State Teachers college. Those participating were Dick Jensen, Phil Pagel and Pete Smith.

Dick Jensen and Phil Pagel received "Excellent" ratings on their interpretations of Mark Twain's "On New England Weather" and John Gould Fletcher's "Burning Mountain." Dana was the only school to receive two top ratings in interpretive reading.

In the extemporaneous speaking division, Pete Smith was rated "Good" on his ten-minute dissertation on Wall Street securities fluctuations. Due to an error in scheduling the drawings for topics, Smith had only half an hour to prepare his talk, while the other contestants received about three hours each.

At least twelve colleges were represented at the speech contest.

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