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Debate Squad Wins Three In Midland Speech Tourney

Dana debate teams faced opposition from Creighton, Omaha University, Augustana, Doane, Kansas State, Kansas University, Midland, Northern State, South Dakota State, South Dakota University, St. Olaf, Wesleyan, Wichita and Yankton at last week's Midland debate tournament in Fremont.

Two teams from Dana competed in the tournament. Al Hansen and Geraldine Beatty made up one team and Peter Smith and Paul Kaldahl comprised the other.

The topic of debate was "Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Recognition to the Communist Government of China." The topic has been a-

bandoned by several colleges, universities and academies in the United States when school officials refused to let students discuss the controversial issues involved. (See the Dec. 10, 1954 edition of the **Hermes**.)

The Viking debaters defeated Doane, Omaha U. and Kansas U., and tied St. Olaf, but Bob Kimball and John Fields of Kansas U. went on to win the match by downing Nebraska Wesleyan in the final round.

More than 125 students from 19 colleges and universities participated in the two-day event.

Midland debate coach Donald Wolfarth was tournament director, and coaches from the participating schools acted as judges.

Sports Volumes Increase Library

Illustrated sections on baseball, football, basketball, track and field comprise **Major Sports Techniques** now to be found in the Dana library. "Each sport is covered by a well-recognized coach in the field, who tells how to select and use equipment, how to train and practice, how to master the basic fundamentals and how to build advanced skills."

One of the Dana library's new editions—"Primarily a book of superb photographs, it has also enough biographical and factual text to provide a clear understanding of Dr. Schweitzer's thought and activity"—is **The World of Albert Schweitzer** by Erica Anderson. The book is divided into three parts: "Africa and the Jungle Hospital," "Europe and the Alsation Homeland" and "Return Voyage"—each section portraying a portion of Dr. Schweitzer's life.

Willis Thornton's **Almanac for Americans** has also recently been added to the library shelves. This book gives a day-by-day account of every event that has occurred in American history. Each year's events are listed under one day, and the handling makes "each day appear grand and exciting."

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Choir Tour Cancelled; Personnel 'Inadequate'

1955 concert tour plans for the a cappella choir have been cancelled, it was announced last Friday by the administration.

Original plans called for a two-week tour of communities throughout Iowa, with a cross-over into Illinois and Wisconsin to present concerts in Chicago and Racine. The choir tour was set for the first two weeks in March.

The administration's decision to cancel the tour was based upon considerations expressed in the following statement made to the editor by President Morton:

"It became necessary to cancel the 1955 tour of the a cappella choir because the choir lacked adequate personnel in all sections to give it the proper balance. Without this balance, it would be impossible to prepare and present a concert consistent with good musical standards and in line with the quality of performance usually associated with the Dana choir."

Spring appearances of the choir will include concerts in near-by churches and appearances in campus musical programs.

Open House Date Set

"February Holiday" is the theme which has been chosen for woman's Dormitory Open house scheduled to be held Friday evening, Feb. 11. The program will begin at 7:30 in the gymnasium with a variety-type show based on the Washington, Lincoln and Valentine holidays. After the show, the doors of the dormitory will be opened for all visitors.

The women's dormitory council is in charge of the program with Dormitory president, Lois ohnson directing the proceedings. Refreshments will be served.

Luther League Executives Meet

Over 300 Luther Leaguers from all parts of the United States will be on the campus from April 28 through May 1 for the national convention. The last convention, also held here at Dana, was in 1953.

The executive board of the national Luther League will meet on the campus next Wednesday, Feb. 9, to discuss plans for the convention.

The aid of college students will again be enlisted to prepare for the convention and to carry out its many phases, including the problems of housing, registration, banquet preparation and clean-up.

News Notes

The St. Olaf choir will appear at the City Auditorium in Fremont Sunday, Feb. 6, at 4 p. m. Tickets are 50c each, and will be available until tomorrow noon (Saturday) in the Business Office.

Clean-up Day Planned

Student council projects currently under consideration include plans for the annual clean-up day in the spring.

Student body president Jim Nelson urges students to come forth with suggestions for clean-up day projects.

Nyholm To New York

Dr. Paul C. Nyholm will attend a mission board meeting of the United Lutheran Church in New York Feb. 8-10. Dr. Nyholm is the UELC representative on the board, and serves on four of its committees.

Constitution Changes Complete

Phil Wittig, Ray Petersen and Larry Pedersen, members of the constitutional revision committee, have completed the first draft of the proposed changes in the old student body constitution.

The new constitution will be posted in Pioneer Memorial for a week or ten days before it is voted upon in a student body meeting.

Sower Editor Picks Staff

Sower editor Gunnar Mengers has completed selections for the staff of the 1955 literary anthology. Associate editors will be Jim Clemon and Derol Valder, with Pete Smith handling the business end of the publication.

Sower covers will be silk-screened by the college art department, and the Lutheran Publishing House will handle printing of the stories and poems contained in the anthology.

Four awards will be granted to writers in the 1955 **Sower**—two Joseph Langland awards for prose and poetry and the Hal Cole Memorial Awards for art and essays.

Manuscripts and original drawings should be submitted to members of the editorial staff before March 1.

LSA Teams Visit Area

Ten deputation teams were sent to nearby congregations during the first semester of this school year, according to Beverly Eriksen, 1954 LSA deputation chairman. The teams conducted services at Staplehurst, Cordova, Plainview and Laurel, Nebr.; Humboldt, Graettinger, Moorhead, Underwood, Marcus, Neola and Storm Lake, Iowa and in Kansas City, Kansas.

Speakers at the various services were Gordon Christiansen, Ralph Spear, Dick Jensen, Bill Lawson, Fritz Youra, Alvin Hansen, Orvan Petersen and Keith Jensen.

Plans are being made to send teams to Audubon, Hampton and Harlan, Ia. during the current semester, according to newly-installed 1955 deputation chairman Nadine Johnson.

Campus Calendar

Friday, Feb. 4

Seminary family dinner, First Lutheran Church.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Basketball, Tarkio here.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Basketball, Westmar there.

Friday, Feb. 11

Women's open house program at 7 in Gym.

Trinity-Central exchange lecture by Dr. Gerhard Gieschen.

Choir Members Hit Cancellation of Tour

To the editor:

In regard to the unexpected announcement given to the choir concerning the cancellation of the choir tour, we think the following comments are in order:

1. First we wish to express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Lund for all the hard work he has done for the choir to date. We appreciate his work and patience as we rehearsed our choir tour program. His selection of music was that which would be enjoyed by everyone who heard it. The choir sincerely enjoyed working on these selections. Thanks, Mr. Lund!

2. We wish to thank most of the former choir members not in this year's choir or those who have quit, for making this announcement possible.

3. Several members of the play gave up positions in the play that is to be given in March simply because they would then be able to go on choir tour. This was a hard choice to make but they felt that the choir was more important.

4. As choir members, we are wondering if the decision was based upon the fact that certain people did not think the choir is good enough, or for financial reasons which they did not want to bring up. A schedule was proposed that we sing at the Rotary's anniversary, to give an Easter program, spring concert, etc., none of which will take us

farther than Blair. We sincerely hope we will not have to walk to these engagements.

5. The announcement was based upon the thought that the choir was just plain "not good enough," which reminds us of several comments we have heard from old choir members that this year's choir has sounded as good or better than past choirs at Dana. You will remember that last year's choir went to California and the year before to Canada. Members of the Administration have commented to the choir members that this present choir gave one of the most outstanding Christmas programs of music ever given on campus. Were these comments to stand as spoken or just passing statements to catch in the breeze?

- Carl Morgensen
- Gary Jessen
- Walter Petersen
- Charles Colburn
- Bruce Mortensen
- Bob Ostergaard
- Bob Christiansen
- Eugene Jacoby
- Bonnie Jacob
- Dottie Jensen
- Marlene Paulsen
- Helen M. Videbeck
- Carol Olsen
- Virginia Hansen
- Arliss Petersen
- Marlys Nelson
- Carlene Petersen
- Ada Andersen
- Bette Miller
- George Johnston

Socialism Advances In United States

(The following article is one which recently appeared in **Human Events**, Frank C. Hanighen, editor. Entitled "Socialism: Sleeping or Creeping?" it attempts briefly to describe the increasing tide of the Federal Government's "welfare activities." Views are those of the writer of the original article and are not necessarily those of the **Hermes**. The reader may interpret it as he wishes.)

Although the U.S.A. is proud of its free-enterprise system and the 1952 Presidential election put a roadblock in the path of welfare staters, viewed in historical perspective, the advance of socialism in this country should give us all pause. The point is well made in an article, "The Lengthening Shadow of Government," by Edmund A. Opitz, published by the Foundation for

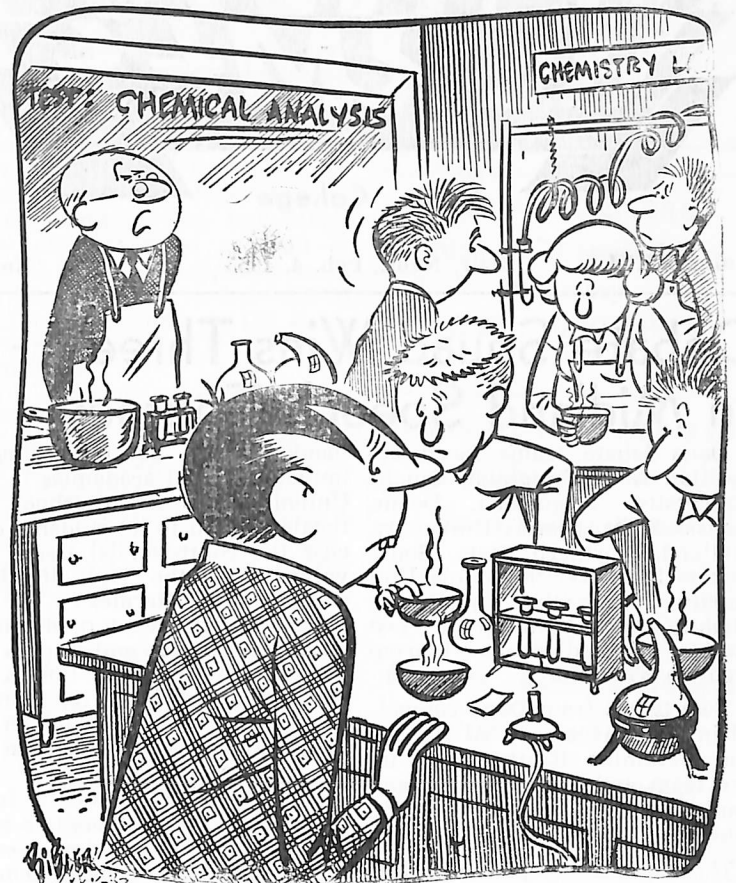
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'Old' It Is Indeed, And 'Main' It Shall Ever Be

A visitor at our college invariably asks about the convent-like structure which is located in the center of our campus. We politely inform him that this building is the center of our campus with the auditorium, Pioneer Memorial, Men's Hall, and Ladies' Hall "scattered" around it. Because of its position and its age, we call this building Old Main. He again inquired about how this structure has been able to remain standing for so many years. We bluntly state "sentiment is all that holds up Old Main. He again inquires about aren't.

Old it is, and Main it shall remain. Admittedly the students at times use this building for purposes for which it had not originally been intended, but some-

how this structure has a most significant place in the beginning of Dana college. Though it sways in the breeze today, it was a mighty structure when your grandfather attended it some fifty years ago. Where did your grandfather live in the dorm when he was here? Maybe it's where "Lightnin" (Jim Nielsen, senior, from Albert Lea, Minn.) has his **Hermes** office. Maybe where "Hummingbird" (Bob Hemmingsen, senior from Racine, Wis.) executes his presidential responsibilities, or perhaps it is where George Demant. "trims the mops" or "lowers the ears." We aren't sure, but we do know that your grandfather studied beside a "pot-bellied" stove learning theories in sciences which have now been



"The only clue I'll give you is that it came from the dining hall."

Editor's Note . . .

We just want to say, for the record, that the opinions expressed in the letter to the editor on this page are strictly those of the persons who signed the letter, and do not necessarily reflect the views of either the **Hermes** or of the choir and campus as a whole.

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discredited. He learned many facts which are today untruths. Nevertheless, when he looked heavenwards, his understanding was at least as great as ours today.

He didn't worry as much about

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Tarkio Romps, 45-29, To Take Girls' Tourney

Dana held its second annual women's invitational basketball tournament last Saturday afternoon and evening, Jan. 29.

In the afternoon contest the girls from Tarkio defeated the Golden Links of Council Bluffs, 46-30. In the other afternoon game Coach Wayne Armer's Vikettes edged Concordia 33-28 in an overtime period after being tied up at the end of the regulation period, 26-26. Arliss Petersen led the Dana scoring with 17 points, with Bonita Petersen sinking 9 for the Red and White.

Tarkio Wins

In the battle for third place, the two losers of the afternoon games played at 7:30 in the evening. Council Bluffs downed Concordia's Bulldogs, 42-32.

The feature attraction of the tourney was the final game between Dana and Tarkio. Tarkio, after leading only 20-15 at the half, really applied the pressure, and finished out with a 45-29 win. Bonita Petersen tallied 16 of the Vikettes' 29 points and Arliss Petersen was runner-up with 4 counters.

Vikes Play Tarkio Here

Dana's Vikings will attempt to even their conference record and maintain their unbroken string of home victories as they entertain league-leading Tarkio tomorrow night. The Owls have defeated all three of their conference foes on the Tarkio maples and lost only to Concordia in an early season contest, at Concordia.

Dana has dropped two narrow decisions to Tarkio, at Tarkio, already this season. The first was a 62-57 setback in the first round of the Christmas tournament, and the second was a 72-64 jolting in the Vikes' second conference outing.

Tarkio standouts include Carl Davis, diminutive all-conference guard; his blond counterpart, Bob Bacon and newcomer Stan Sienkowski.

Play Westmar Tuesday

Next Tuesday the Vikings journey to Lemars, Iowa for a conference game with Westmar college.

The Iowans were the last team to beat the Vikes here at Dana, as they nipped the Red and White 76-71 last Feb. 10. In that contest, Westmar was sparked by their scoring ace, Eldon Nolte, who poured in 30 points. Nolte and center Rex Browning have been pacing the Westmar attack so far this season.

Concordia Hands Dana 90-77 Loss

Concordia avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of Coach Paul Peterson's Dana squad by trimming the Vikings 90-77 last Thursday night.

The game, played on Concordia's home court, was close and hard-fought all the way, with the Teachers pulling away in the last few minutes for the victory. Dana held the upper hand through most of the first three quarters, but the fourth-quarter loss of center Art Sanders, coupled with the superb clutch shooting of Concordia's Bob Otte, proved to be just too much for the Viking quint. Otte collected 28 points, mostly in the second half, and was high man for the evening.

Jim Thomsen led the Dana scoring with 19 points and also turned in an excellent floor game. Following Thomsen in scoring were Sanders, Bob Jensen and Fritz Youra with 15 each.

The loss gave Dana a 1-2 record in the CCCC and raised the Concordia mark to 2-2.

In Intramurals . . .

Preseason favorites continued to win in intramural games played last week as the Firehouse Five downed Lacy's Lushes, 59-29; the Lampouri upended Milt's Maniacs, 30-20; and the Kool Kats stopped the Windless Five, 39-31.

Dick Hibbeler netted 21 points and Charles Colburn added 16 as the Firehouse Five picked up their third win. Hilmar Krueger topped Lacy's with 16.

The Maniacs saw defeat for the second time this season as they allowed the defending champion Lampouroi to build up a 13-1 half time advantage. Milan Johnson's 13 points were high for the champs and Eugene Jacoby once again paced the Maniacs, this time with eight markers.

The Kool Kats found the Seminars unexpectedly tough, even though Mark Thomsen managed only a below-par ten points in topping the scoring for the losers. Dick Jensen dumped in 15 for the victors.



Viking center Vordyn Nelsen gets the second half tip-off as the Red and White blast Midland, 79-69.

On the Rebound . . .

with Tom

4-C Forecast . . .

The home court advantage has never been more apparent than it has been so far in this year's CCCC race. All four conference teams are very evenly matched and comparatively strong. Dana and Concordia have beaten and come close to beating several NCC schools, while Westmar has had very little trouble downing supposedly powerful Iowa Conference foes. And Tarkio, who hasn't beaten any "big time" competition, is currently in first place in the conference race.

Of course, Tarkio has played three out of four conference games on its home floor, winning those three by narrow margins and losing the fourth at Concordia by 20 points. Similarly, Concordia has won two at home but lost at Westmar, Tarkio and Dana.

Westmar, still looking like the loop favorite from here, has dropped one game at Tarkio—by a single point. The Iowans got their win at home over Concordia, beating a Bulldog five which was playing its third league game in four days.

Likewise, Dana's lone conference win was a home floor victory over Concordia. Now the Vikes must attempt to avenge their earlier losses to Tarkio as they test the home floor advantage against the Owls tomorrow night. The Red and White have yet to meet Westmar, but if last season's tilt is any indication, this year's two scheduled contests should be thrillers.

We Can Do It, Why Can't They? . . .

Now that Dana has staged its second successful women's invitational basketball tourney, we can't help but sneer a little at some of the other state colleges that just can't quite make a go of the feminine version of the sport. In this case we say what's good for college men is good for college women.

Schedule

Home

Feb. 5	Tarkio
Feb. 12	Luther
Feb. 21	Buena Vista
Feb. 26	Westmar

Away

Feb. 8	Westmar
Feb. 19	Luther

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'What Is A Christian College? . . .'

(Reprinted from the Augustana Observer, Rock Island, Ill.)

"A Christian college is a community of Christian scholars, free in organization and committed in purpose to discovering and interpreting the truths of the world and of human life in the light of faith and in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ."

With this definition, Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, president of Augustana College, began his talk in the panel discussion "What is a Christian College?" Dr. Edward Hamming, professor of geography, and Don Knudsen, Student Union President, also took part in the discussion, held Friday evening in the chapel.

"Although the Christian college recognizes the revelation of

God in Christ as the framework of academic work, it does not limit the student in his search for truth," asserted Dr. Bergendoff. Each scholar must study deeply and widely, trying to relate truth to human life and to the Christian faith.

Worship, fellowship and scholarship should be included in the life of a student at a church college, according to Don Knudsen.

Worship should be the center of a student's life, giving significance to the rest of his work.

Study, which is the calling of a student, is a disciplined search for understanding, characterized by openmindedness.

Fellowship in the church community should be intellectual, social and spiritual.

A teacher's attitude toward his work is determined by his attitude towards people, said Dr. Hamming, the third speaker of the evening.

A teacher in a Christian college should think of his students as creatures of God, individuals who need spiritual as well as mental development. He must have a sense of love for them at all times, although, as Dr. Hamming admitted, this is sometimes hard to do.

The teacher should not be afraid to speak his convictions on occasion, Dr. Hamming asserted. However, he should also teach Christianity indirectly, so that when a student completes a course he has a greater knowledge of God as well as of the subject matter.

SOCIALISM

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Economic Education, Inc., Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Opitz reports that in 1902, three per cent of our national wealth was owned by government; in 1922, nine per cent; in 1939, thirteen per cent; in 1946, 22 per cent and today about 27 per cent. And the trend continues.

Electric Power and Education Examples

Take electric power. In 1903, Federal power production began. Today it is almost 11 per cent of the total and, with the completion of present construction projects, will be 15.4 per cent by the end of 1955. Add state and local government ownership and the percentage is 23.8—almost a fourth. Atomic power will be 100 per cent a Federal monopoly.

In education, Rev. Opitz notes, the Federal Government, in 1947, spent just about half of what it cost our colleges to operate. Of the nation's total educational budget, taking in all levels of government, the percentage is 90. "In nearly every line of endeavor," he adds, "there is a repetition of the same story . . . Government encroaches more and more upon the area of personal relations . . . no matter what our occupation or station in life."

All Sorts of Activities

That the Federal Government is engaged in all sorts of "welfare" activities—including building and operation of golf courses for the military, running grocery stores, recapping tires, providing life insurance, supplying free hospital and medical services, constructing public housing, etc.—is due to the power of groups of voters exercised through the Congress or often simply to the careless delegation of power by Congress to the Executive branch. Thus socialism is advanced.

OLD MAIN

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social activities as we do, and many are now complaining for fear they lose some of the social graces which took them so long to develop. We cannot pass judgment, but our works must not control the way of our mind. There is something unique about Old Main, for the vigorous sentiment that "holds it up" can be found when we attend chapel in the aged structure. A personal longing, not a college requirement, causes us to attend so we receive that felt need.

The singing in the canteen, the arguments during coffee time, the music of the choir practice and the many classes in that physically deteriorating structure keep it alive. Sentiment keeps it standing, but the principles for which it was built are the guiding lights which makes Dana college that which it is today.

(Ed. note: The above article is reprinted from the March, 1953 issue of the Alumni Quarterly. Owners of the unfamiliar names graduated in 1953.)

LIBRARY

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Another thoroughly-illustrated book new to the library is **Signs and Symbols in Christian Art** by George Ferguson. The book is divided into fourteen sections and covers material such as: animals, birds, insects, the earth and sky, religious dress and religious objects. Each is dealt with concerning its meaning in Christianity and use in religious painting.

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