

'Christmas Carol' Slated For Sunday

At 8 p.m. Sunday the History Club will present its 24th annual Christmas program in the auditorium-gymnasium. The program is dedicated to the late Dr. H. F. Swansen who guided the 23 previous presentations and planned most of Sunday's effort from his hospital bed in Omaha.

Featured on the traditional program is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and Christmas music by the band, brass choir and a capella choir.

A collection will be taken to be given to the library fund in memory of Dr. Swansen.

Mrs. Elaine Watt will direct the "Christmas Carol" with Derol Valder in the roll of Ebenezer Scrooge. Larry Jorgensen has been cast as Bob Cratchitt and Jim Clemon will narrate the production.

Debaters In Omaha Today and Tomorrow

Peter Smith and Paul Kaldahl teamed today in the opening sessions of a six round practice debate at Omaha University. The event continues tomorrow. Mrs. Elaine Watt is a judge in the tournament, which carries the national debate topic—"Resolved: That non-agricultural industries should guarantee their employees an annual wage."

Several Nebraska and Iowa schools were expected for the meet.

Vets Get Checks Before Christmas

Special effort will be made by the Veterans Administration to effect delivery of the November GI allowance checks to most Korean GI Bill veteran-trainees before they go home for the Christmas holidays.

Since many schools and colleges begin their vacation periods on December 17, the VA announced today that arrangements have been made to release allowance checks to the post office on December 15 for delivery on December 16. The normal mailing date for these checks is the 20th of the month, following the month of training completed. However, before these payments can be authorized to the Treasury Department Disbursing Office, both the schools and the veterans must see that the Certification of Training for the November period is completed promptly and in the hands of the VA by December 12 to allow ample processing time.

Under the law, the VA cannot authorize allowance payments without the proper certification from the school. The VA added, however, that there may be some exceptional cases.

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Dr. Swansen Dies Following Surgery In Omaha Hospital

Dr. H. F. Swansen, 66, head of the Department of History at Dana College, Blair, Neb., for twenty-three years, died early Saturday morning at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha. Death was the result of an embolism following several operations. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and two sisters, Miss Loretta Swansen, Marshfield, Mass., and Mrs. Irving Hedtler, Dorchester, Mass.

Dr. Swansen, known to historians and to thousands of former Dana students throughout the nation, was born Nov. 14, 1889, in Boston, Mass. He held the B.A. degree from Luther College, Decorah, Ia., the M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa. In 1949, following research in this country and in Scandinavia, he published **The Founder of St. Ansgar**, a biography of Claus Lauritz Clausen, Danish-American pioneer leader in the central Midwest and founder of the town of St. Ansgar, Ia. Scholarly articles from Dr. Swansen's hand have appeared in national journals.

Member of Learned Societies

Dr. Swansen is listed in the **Directory of American Scholars** for his work in the field of history. In 1938 he was a member of the Carnegie Foundation on International Law at the University of Michigan. He was a member of a number of national learned societies, including the American Historical Association, the National Council of Geography Teachers, and the Norwegian-American Historical Association; he was a charter member of the Dana Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation. Since its organization in 1954, he served as chairman of the Faculty Senate at Dana.

Defender of Liberal Arts

Throughout his life of service to scholarship and education, he was a defender of the liberal arts tradition.

Prior to joining the faculty at Dana College, Dr. Swansen was principal of Gale College, Galesville, Wis., from 1920-1925, and was a member of the faculty of Luther College, Decorah, Ia., from 1926-1932. In 1943 and in 1944 he was on the faculty of the Iowa State Teachers College summer sessions.

During two of his four trips to Europe he was a tour conductor for the University Travel Association.

'Fantasy In Blue' Is Theme For Banquet

"Fantasy in Blue," also known as the annual Christmas banquet, will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall. Dick Jensen will emcee the affair which is sponsored by the Home Ec Club.

Highlighting the entertainment will be a medley of Christmas carols by the Male Glee Club. and a presentation of the well known "Littlest Angel" with Jean Coffey, Jon Petersen, Jim Andersen, Natalie Nuland, Caarl Madsen and Suzan Jorgensen.

More music will be provided by singers, Doris Madsen, Marion Hudson and Dale Larsen and violinist Judy Wilson. Lee Weismann of "Song of the Sewer" fame will contribute a pantomime.

Dr. Morton will close the program with the Christmas story.

Banquet committee members are Margaret Larsen, Delores Petersen, D'Arlene Morton, Norma Nelson, Janice Moen, Barbara Petersen and Margaret Meyer.

The admission price of one dollar will be waived for students holding dining hall meal tickets.

LSA Plans Caroling; Madsen To Speak

Christmas caroling in downtown Blair will be sponsored by the LSA Tuesday evening at 7.

A candlelight service with Dr. C. C. Madsen as speaker will be held in p.m. chapel at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. An additional feature of the program is the Christmas carols sung by the Dana choir.

Christian College Formed in Formosa

(ACP)—The **Asian Student** reports that Tunghai University, the first Christian institution of higher learning on the Nationalist island of Formosa, has opened its doors to a freshman class. The University was made possible by initial grants from the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, an organization with offices in New York City. The first class at the University included 155 men and 45 women.

Blair Women See Dana Dramatists

"Dust of the Road," a Christmas morality play in a modern setting by Kenneth S. Goodman, was presented Tuesday evening at the Christmas meeting of the Blair Federated Women's Club. The cast included D'Arlene Morton, Paul Kaldahl, Darol Valder, and Jim Sorensen. Miss Hoidahl was in charge of the evening program and directed the play.

Campus Calendar

Friday, December 9

Basketball—here. Dakota Wesleyan.

Sunday, December 11

History Club program, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

Faculty Christmas dinner.

Wednesday, December 14

L. S. A. Christmas candlelight service. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Basketball. Buena Vista—there. Girls Dormitory Christmas party in the lounge, 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Basketball. Tarkio—there. Christmas recess begins, 12:10 p.m.

'Christmas Chimes' Uses Coed's Story

"Out of the Depths," a short story by **Hermes** feature editor Barbara Peterson, has been published in the **Christmas Chimes** 1955. Doris Jacob, D55, also had an article printed in the publication.

Band to Play In Chapel Wednesday

A brass quartet and the college band under the direction of Mr. Robert Campbell will be heard during Wednesday's chapel service in a series of Christmas numbers. Included are "Holiday Tune," "Christmas Suite," and "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring."

Approach Christmas With Broad Outlook, Thankfully

It seems to be human nature to be always looking forward to something. Last summer we were looking forward for school to start again. Less than a month and a half ago we were looking forward to homecoming with all its gay decorations and hard work. We were looking forward to Thanksgiving when some of us could get home to Mom's Thanksgiving dinner. Others of us looked forward to it because it would give us a chance to put away our books for a few days and just relax.

These events are past and we are still looking forward to something. We are now in the holiday season and Christmas and New Years are coming. On the 16th of December we can put the books away and head for Mom's nice warm living room where we can lie around till January 2. Yes, it's the holiday season. There will be the twinkling of lights in the streets and in the big stores, Christmas trees in the living rooms, gifts for the kids and also a big dinner and family reunion. Oh, yes, it's also the birthday of our Saviour.

Baggy Eyes and Sore Heads

After Christmas comes New Year with the tin horns and paper cups, along with whatever other kind of spirit lifters some will choose. Everyone has a gay time and the first day of '56 will be greeted with baggy eyes and sore heads. By the way, why will the New Year be called 1956? Because 1,956 years ago Christ was born.

The Jews were also looking forward to the first Christmas. They had been waiting for centuries for the birth of their Messiah. They had been waiting for this great leader who would make them an important people. Yes, they wanted a colorful earthly leader that would lead them to their rightful place in the world as God's Chosen people. Jesus was to be a King of Kings.

Library Displays Books For Talkers

Featured this week in the library are books for the banquet speaker, the toastmaster, the speech major, and for anyone who wishes to become a more interesting conversationalist.

In **We Have With Us Tonight**, G. Lynn Sumner reveals a few secrets of success at the speaker's table. He stresses the importance of a good introduction and cites examples of speeches that were made to introduce John B. Kennedy, Gertrude Lawrence, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Strickland Gillilan, and other well-known individuals.

More Speeches and Stories for Every Occasion by A. C. Edger-ton is packed with hundreds of

But this wasn't the whole picture. There were some who knew Jesus would not be an earthly king; they knew he would live a humble life here on earth just as he had had a humble birth place. They also knew he would not be an earthly leader of the Jews who would lead them to impressive victories over their enemies, but that Jesus Christ should be the Saviour of the world.

Few Looked Forward

Christ's coming did have great material effects. Our calendar gives us evidence of this. But, are we looking forward to Christmas with as narrow a viewpoint as so many of the Jews looked forward to the coming of the Messiah? They hoped for an earthly freedom and happiness. Only a very few looked forward to a Messiah who would be a spiritual Saviour and King.

Or do we go into the holiday season thanking God for the many spiritual gifts given to us by the sending of His Son to be our Saviour?

Harold Laursen

lively stories and jokes covering many types of events and occasions.

Treasured gems of the baseball diamond are compiled in **Baseball Banter** by Stan W. Carlson. Stories are told on Babe Ruth, Bugs Raymond, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Dizzy Dean, and other baseball greats.

1001 Ways to Improve Your Conversation and Speeches by Herbert V. Prochnow contains hundreds of similes, epigrams, jokes, quotations from literature, and Biblical quotations. It is written for anyone who aspires to become a versatile conversationalist as well as a competent speaker.

Edited by Copeland and Copeland, **10,000 Jokes, Toasts, and Stories** is arranged by subject and completely indexed for easy reference.

Humorous stories dealing with absent-mindedness to fashions to real estate are compiled in **Frederick Meier's The Joke Teller's Joke Book**.

Mac Davis tells three hundred stories of boxers from John L.

Swansen's Gift: A Better Dana . . .

When the winds of whiteness clutched at our coats,
From our hands we let fall
The beauty of autumn remembrances;
Our barren trunks wait
To be clothed by Thee, O Lord.

Part of Dana is gone. Dr. Swansen is dead . . .

For 23 years a man poured himself into this college. He refused to look backward or downward, only forward and upward. He wanted the best for Dana and he gave his best for Dana.

It would be impossible to find a single facet of this institution untouched by his unyielding quest for improvement. Dr. Swansen is dead but his image remains, reflected in all that is Dana.

In 23 years such an image becomes deeply engraved.

Snooping Around Other Campuses

The College Student: A Prof's View

Manhattan, Kansas—(ACP)—There are many quips credited to college profs and here's another of the better ones. It comes from the **Kansas State Collegian** which credits it to an anonymous member of the faculty.

A political science professor who has taught both high school as well as college courses summarized the difference between high school and college students. Here's what he said:

"When you walk into a high school class and say 'good morning,' the students reply 'good morning.' But when you walk into a college class and say 'good morning,' the students write it down."

That's Telling Him!

East Lansing, Mich.—(ACP)—This one comes via the **Michigan State News**, which in turn gleaned it from the Associated Press:

At Albuquerque, New Mexico, when Professor Norton Barr Crowell commented that he served in the last war, a student cracked, "Oh, are you that young?"

Sullivan to Rocky Marciano and of baseball from its early heroes to Yogi Berra in **Say It Ain't So**.

Tips for giving a good talk at an athletic banquet are presented in **The Athletic Banquet Speaker** by Rod Chrisholm.

Appropriate after-dinner stories are related in **Rare Bits of Humor** by T. J. Cahill. Completing the list of books for would-be speakers is Connolly and Ramsey's **Modern Toasts for All Occasions**.

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Replied Crowell breezily, "I'm pretty young. And I'm younger now than I'll be next year when you take this course over again." **Chuckle? No, This Is a Real Gasser**

Auburn, Ala.—(ACP)—Sonny Ogle recorded this one in his column in the **Auburn Plainsman**:

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Dana Meets Dakota Wesleyan Tonight; Beavers Thursday

Tonight the Red and White open a new cage rivalry as they play host to Dakota Wesleyan. The visitors are pretty much an unknown quantity as far as the Vikings are concerned.

Dana's starting lineup will have Bill Davis and Bob Jensen at the forwards, Fritz Youra at center and Jim Thomsen and Larrie Stone at the guards.

Dana hits the road again Thursday when the Vikings travel to Storm Lake, Iowa, for a game with Buena Vista. The Iowans split with Dana in two games last year.

Buena Vista has never lost to the Vikings in a game played at Storm Lake. The Beavers were racked by Creighton, 77-36 in their season opener in Omaha.

Probable starting lineup for the Iowa Conference school has senior Bill Rickard and sophomore Jerry Ibach at the forwards; sophomore Kieth Chapman, center and sophomore Jim Grider and sophomore Jim Edwards or senior Tom Toay at the guards.

Ten Score As Dana Dumps Luther J.C.

Coach Paul Petersen used 12 players in a 83-64 win over Luther Junior College of Wahoo Saturday, and 10 of the 12 scored at least one bucket.

Luther's eager but inexperienced cagers harried the Vikings at times with their unorthodox style of play. 6'2" Bill Thomas, a smooth left handed forward scored 37 of the junior college's points and sparked the host defense.

Dana moved into the lead at the start of the contest and never trailed, but couldn't relax against their upset minded rivals.

Luther has not beaten Dana since 1952.

Bob Jensen led Dana scoring with 19 points, followed by Bill Davis with 16, Jim Thomsen with 14 and freshman Charley Ericksen with 10. Larrie Stone hit four buckets before fouling out. Another freshman, center Carmen Craig, added three two pointers.

Vikes Take Opener From Augustana

Eleven free throws were the difference last Thursday, Dec. 1, as Dana stopped Augustana college of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., 85-74.

The Vikings held an early lead but trailed the visitors by as much as 11 points midway in the first half, before pulling away to a 10 point advantage at intermission.

Three Vikes went to the sidelines on fouls during the second half. Bill Davis was banished after seven minutes of play in the period, followed by Carmen Craig and Marion Hudson. Before Hudson picked up his fifth personal he sparked the Viking fast break to a 17 point lead with some sharp defensive rebounding. Center Bob Jensen and guards Larry Stone and Jim Thomsen provided most of the rapid scoring.

Reserves Charley Ericksen, Orval Harling and Les Jensen combined with Don Kahnk, Jensen, Thomsen and Stone to halt a final Augustana rally.

Jensen led all scorers with 28 markers.

Dana cagers hit on 66.7 per cent of their gift tosses compared to 55 per cent for the visitors.

DANA—85				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Jensen	10	8-12	4	28
Kahnk	0	0-0	1	0
Davis	5	9-11	5	19
Ericksen	0	1-2	1	1
Hudson	2	4-6	5	8
Craig	0	0-1	5	0
Thomsen	4	11-14	4	19
Harling	0	0-0	0	0
L. Jensen	0	0-0	0	0
Stone	5	0-3	1	10

Totals				
AUGUSTANA—74				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lelland	0	0-6	3	0
Ihrke	5	0-6	3	0
Zephier	8	5-8	3	21
Haroldsen	0	2-2	1	2
Heine	7	8-13	0	22
Jednalske	3	0-0	5	6
Falgren	3	2-2	3	8
DeWit	0	0-0	1	0
Eagan	0	2-3	4	2
Brook	0	0-1	1	0
Totals	26	22-49	25	74

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Warriors End Vike Win Streak at Two

Traveling to Midland College Tuesday the Vikings absorbed their first licking of the year, falling before an improved Warrior team, 95-91. The Fremonters based their attack on 6'3" Marshall Farley who cracked his own school scoring record with a 40 point barrage.

Dana hit a paltry 30 per cent of its field goal attempts, but stayed close to Midland throughout the game on Bill Davis' long push shots and Bob Jensen's under-the-basket scoring. Each garnered 27 markers.

Dana trailed Midland during most of the contest but was never out of contention. A second half Viking rally was cooled by a few of Farley's long hook shots and a brief lapse in Dana's defensive rebounding.

Cage Schedule

HOME

Dec. 9	.....	Dakota Wesleyan
Jan. 10	.....	Westmar
Jan. 20	.....	Buena Vista
Jan. 24	.....	Midland
Feb. 4	.....	Sioux Falls
Feb. 11	.....	Concordia
Feb. 20	.....	Luther
Feb. 27	.....	Tarkio

AWAY

Dec. 15	.....	Buena Vista
Dec. 16	Tarkio
Jan. 13	Concordia
Jan. 21	Sterling
Feb. 15	Westmar
Feb. 18	Sioux Falls

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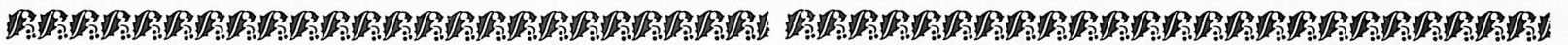
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