

# The Hermes

Dana College

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## Graduates Comprise Class Of Nearly Record Size

One of the largest graduating classes in Dana's history will receive diplomas on Sunday, May 27. Equal to it in size was the class of 1952 which also numbered forty-three.

Although the male graduates outnumber the girls more than three to one, this class has the largest percentage of girls of any class thus far.

About one-third of the group will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree; a slightly larger fraction will have the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education conferred upon them. The others will receive either the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Twelve members of the class are business majors, with biology majors numbering ten. This is the largest group of business majors of any senior class. Other majors are in music, English, mathematics, chemistry, physical education, economics, social science, social service, general science, psychology, philosophy, and business education.

## Headlines Recall Events As School Year Closes

During the school year which is now drawing to a close, many things happened on the campus which for approximately nine months we call home. And, most of the important events have found their way into **Hermes** headlines.

Looking back over the past issues of the year, each headline brings to mind some memory. The news made headlines, whether it was good, bad, or in-between. This year saw all types, and the **Hermes** printed it.

Here they are—a brief summary of the important events of 1955-56—the headlines in review:

The first **Hermes** announced: "Danish Ambassador to Visit Dana Campus on Monday," and in the same issue, "Band to March in New Uniforms." Two weeks later, we read "KFGT to Air Revived College Radio Program."

Homecoming, with its floats

Nearly one-half of the senior class will enter the teaching profession. Several will enter the seminary this fall, others will go into graduate work immediately, and several will enter the armed forces. About fifteen per cent will go directly into the business field.

## Fireplace Building Nearly Completed

A fireplace in the area east of the gym and south of the tennis courts will be ready for student and faculty use this weekend.

Dean William Thomsen, with the help of Dave Bidstrup and Russ Moseman, built the fireplace at a cost of approximately \$30 to the student body. Public relations secretary Edie Skobo was instrumental in making plans to have the fireplace built.

Two stone slabs which support the grill were donated by Edwin Jipp and Philip Larsen, contractors. The stone of which the fireplace is made is from the Coffey family.

and returning alumni, brought a **Hermes** with "Millie Laursen Reigns as 1955 Homecoming Queen" across the front page.

In November, the freshmen made news with their talent show — "Freshmen Production Goes on Stage Tonight At 7:30." December brought news of varying impact . . . "Eighty Voice Choir Will Sing Complete Messiah Sunday" and, the next week, "Dr. Swansen Dies Following Surgery in Omaha Hospital." Memorable headlines, indeed.

The first semester drew to a close as did 1955 with the words "Peace on Earth" at the top of the front page, and we all hoped for a more peaceful year to come.

"Choir to Appear on CBS 'Church of the Air' Sunday" appeared as the first headline of 1956 and was followed by "Men With White Canes Hold Benefit for Armer" as the second.

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## Concert, Ice Cream Social Held In Quadrangle At 7

This evening at 7:00, in the quadrangle between the dorms, the band will give its last performance of the year. The outdoor concert is being presented jointly with the senior class ice cream social.

"Vincent Youmans Fantasy," an arrangement of top popular

tunes including "Great Day," "Without a Song," "More Than You Know," "Time on My Hands," and "Drums In My Heart," is one of the outstanding features of the program. This number features a vocal solo by Nadine Johnson in "More Than You Know," and a drum solo by Jim Clemon.

Two of the numbers, "Copa Cabana" and "Ampartio Roca," are a repeat from the band's spring concert. The other selections are new to the Dana campus.

A program of senior talent will be given in connection with the band concert. Following the program, the seniors will sell ice cream, cake, coffee, and punch. Harold Laursen is in charge of the ice cream social, with Dick Jensen as program chairman and Edna Skobo and Dorothy Kloth in charge of refreshments.

## David Larsen Wins Brotherhood Award

David Larsen, junior from Chicago, Illinois, is the recipient of a \$300 Lutheran Brotherhood scholarship program award. The scholarship is awarded to a Dana junior each year. The award is given on the basis of scholarship, leadership, Christian character, and faculty recommendation.

Twenty-eight Lutheran senior colleges in the United States and Canada are eligible to receive the Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship. Those colleges with an enrollment of 750 or more are entitled to two awards annually. A number of junior colleges receive a \$150 scholarship for one senior.

The Lutheran Brotherhood also awards a \$1000 scholarship annually to eight seminaries. Nine seminaries, including Trinity, receive the scholarship every third year.

## Bulletin Board Is Class of '56 Gift

A bulletin board on which to display posters is the gift of the 1956 graduating class. The bulletin board will be placed along the sidewalk across the road from Pioneer Memorial.

The bulletin board will be made of brick to match Pioneer Memorial, will be eight feet wide and six feet high, and will be lighted.

## Campus Calendar

**Friday, May 18**

Outdoor band concert and senior class ice cream social in the quadrangle between the dorms. 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 20**

President's senior class tea.

**Monday, May 21**

Senior convocation. 9:50 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 22 to Friday, May 25**

Second semester examinations.

**Saturday, May 26**

Senior recital in auditorium.

**Sunday, May 27**

Baccalaureate service in First Lutheran Church, 11:00 a.m.

Commencement in auditorium, 3:00 p.m.

## Music Majors Will Appear In Recital

Music majors Dorothy Jensen and Kenneth Fehl will be presented in a senior recital Saturday evening, May 26, in the auditorium. Pat Andersen will accompany the vocalists.

Miss Jensen will open the program with "When I Am Laid in Earth" from **Dido and Aeneas** by Purcell. She will continue with "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" from Handel's **Messiah**. Her second group of numbers will include "Verschwiegene Liebe" (Silent Love) by Wolf, "L'Invitation Au Voyage" by Duparc, and "Dove Sono" from **Le Nozze di Figaro** by Mozart. Her final selection will be Hagemann's "At the Well," Edwards' "Awake, Beloved" and "O Noble Sir" from "The Bat" by Strauss.

Fehl will begin with "Where'er You Walk" from Handel's **Semele**. Other selections in the first part of his program will be Schumann's "Die Lotosblume" (The Lotus Flower), "Ich Grolle Nicht" (I Chide Thee Not), and "Der Nussbaum" (The Nut Tree). Concluding numbers will be "Ich Wandte mich" (So I Returned) by Brahms, "Fussreise" (Wandering) by Wolf, and "An Old Song Resung" by Griffis.

## News Notes

Voice students of Mrs. Mildred Slocum presented a studio recital in Pioneer Memorial chapel Thursday afternoon, May 10. Mr. Paul Neve's piano, organ, and voice pupils were heard in recital in the auditorium Tuesday, May 15.

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## As School Year Ends, Consider What Is Ahead

For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy feet from being caught. Proverbs 3:26.

As the school year comes to its end, we must think of the summer and year ahead. Most of us will be returning to Dana. Some will be stepping into their life's work. However, all of us carry fear in our hearts.

The Lord wants us to place our confidence and trust in Him. He would like us to follow the plan He has for us. Whether our life is fruitful and successful or not depends upon our confidence in Him. God does not forsake anyone. He keeps trying to direct our paths.

We, as Christians, cannot be satisfied with thinking we are Christians. We must live so that others know we are Christians. We must be living examples of our Christian training.

### Dana Helps

Dana College shows us the relationship that must exist between religion and a career. The Lord needs strong Christians in every walk of life. While attending Dana, we have received the knowledge of God's power. This power can be used to our benefit if we place our lives in His hands.

As we depart from school, remember that the Lord wants to help all of us. We, however, must co-operate and place our confidence in Him.

Betty Christensen

## Class Of 1956 Expresses Views

We want to thank somebody for four good years at Dana College, but we don't exactly know whom we should thank.

We are thankful for fun, education, a few growth-stimulating troubles, and a large realization of our place in the Christian world.

We will carry something good away with us, and we hope that when we have gone, we will have left an equal amount of good behind us in the things we have accomplished in four years.

The Class of 1956

## Library's Future Depends On You

Dana's library has made great strides in the past few years, particularly in adding new and useful books to the stacks and in keeping up-to-date records of all the books, magazines, pamphlets, recordings, and other materials that are for student use.

However, there are certain areas which need building up, and it is well for those of us who will soon be alumni to remember these needs when making

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## A Thank You And A Forward Glance

There is nothing more vital nor interesting than working with people, especially young people who are to be future leaders.

We have only to stop for a moment in order to realize that we are living in an age filled with potentials for good and evil such as we have never known before.

In order to walk on the path that leads to a better life we will need the guidance of a higher power—God. If we betray Him life will unexpectedly betray us.

With these things in mind I find my work as professor of art and religion and dean of men a tremendous challenge. The work in the men's dorm has been gratifying. We have had problems, but the overall response has been good.

We look forward to an even better year in 1956-57.

Thank you, young men, for the fine fellowship. May God bless and keep you.

Dean Thomsen

## Crystal Ball Outlook

### A Bigger And Better Dana

Crystal balls have come in for a lot of bad publicity through their unfortunate use by sports writers, weather forecasters, and Presidential opinion pollsters. But we feel that this is a good time to take ours out of moth balls, give it a perfunctory polish with our threadbare coat sleeve, and gaze into it myopically.

And what do we see? We see a rosy future for Dana College.

#### Future Mottled

The rosy future, of course, is slightly mottled with black and grey spots. We see dissension, griping, filibustering, hair-splitting, and a small element of near-sighted pessimism.

But the overall picture is of quite a different hue.

We see such heartening developments as NCA accreditation . . . a new women's dormitory . . . more financial backing from synod and alumni. . . a larger enrollment . . . better student spirit . . . a better-paid teaching staff . . . and a new era of growth and optimism.

#### A Natural Outgrowth?

Perhaps, as you are probably thinking, this forecast is just a natural outgrowth of end-of-semester optimism.

Such is not entirely the case. All the signposts point to a good future for Dana. We see many students coming from Omaha and the strong ALC district in southeastern Nebraska. This factor alone will contribute strongly to the accomplishment of the above ends. Another factor is the ultimate merger of the four Lutheran churches.

In short, now is the time to look up. We've been looking down and backward for too long.

Jim Clemon

## Letter To The Editor Progress Is Appreciated

In all the excitement about the new dormitory and the possible danger of being uprooted, we seem to have forgotten about one of the most important things that has happened at Dana in recent years.

This is it: we are nearer now than we have ever been to North Central accreditation. This long-cherished goal will probably be attained within the next few years.

#### Credit Given

And proper credit must be given for the progress that has been made in this direction. Most of the work has been behind the scenes and without much publicity. But many months and hours of work and planning have

gone into the NCA drive, and the people responsible deserve a round of applause.

These people, principally, are Drs. Morton and Rasmussen and business manager A. J. Snowbeck.

#### Foundation Laid

Through years of disappointment and frustration they have kept digging away, laying a strong foundation for future NCA membership. Their work has been largely thankless and unheralded.

So when the big day finally comes, let's not forget who did most of the pulling and tugging and sweating.

Appreciative Students

## Students Conscious Of Building Program Needs

Ever since the announcement that a new girls' dormitory headed the agenda for a future building program, speculation has been made regarding the date when students will be able to move in.

This may be "jumping the gun," so to speak, but the need for a bigger building has created feelings of anticipation for expansion in that direction.

#### Dorm Crowded

Those of us who live in the dorm realize how uncomfortable it can be when eighty-five girls

are living where only sixty-four were intended to live. And, without the Kline House, which houses eight girls, the dorm would be even more crowded.

But, this temporary relief cannot go on long, for the Kline House itself is not a good safe building—even those who are in a position to know admit that.

#### Next Year

And, indications for next year are that the dorm will be forced to accommodate more students than ever before. Although we all look forward to having more Danians, no one looks forward to the thought of having four girls in each corner room and possibly three in rooms designed for two.

The dormitory which is being considered would relieve the situation, provide more comfortable living quarters, and perhaps add more drawing power for prospective students.

#### P. E. Building

Another addition to the campus that students are looking for is a phy. ed. building. Many times comments are made about the relative inadequacy of the present building which is used for this purpose. A new and modern replacement would be greatly appreciated—and, perhaps more important, used.

All in all, the future building program looks good in the eyes of those of us who are here now. Our only hope is that it does not become bogged down between now and completion.

There is a need for what is being planned—for the sake of Dana and of all future students!

Marilyn Ward

# Hudson Tops Five Events In Lutheran College Meet

Coach Wayne Armer took only six trackmen to Concordia for the Nebraska Lutheran College track meet last Friday. Only four of the six managed to place, but the Vikings led for most of the meet and scored 51 points before falling behind Midland and Concordia in the final three events. Midland led with 60 points and Concordia scored 58.

Marion Hudson set an all-time Dana individual scoring mark as he won seven events and placed second in an eighth for a total

## Lawson, Johnson Retain 4-C Crown

Dana's number one doubles combination of Jim Thomsen and Dick Jensen successfully defended their CCCC doubles title in the conference tennis championship held on the Omaha Benson High School courts Thursday, May 10.

Concordia and Westmar shut the Vikings out of the singles scoring. Tarkio did not compete.

of 38 points. John Hollenbach got back into the win column with a victory in the mile run. He later added a second in the 880-yard run.

Ron Petrick and Tom Langenfeld rounded out the scoring for the Vikes on seconds in the shot put and high jump respectively.

Hudson's victories came in the 100-yard dash, high hurdles, broad jump, high jump, shot put, discus throw and javelin throw. He was second in the low hurdles. He snapped meet marks in the discus (142' 10 1/2") and javelin (194') events.

His time of 10 seconds in the century and 16.3 in the high hurdles were top season marks for the senior flash.

# Viking Nine Drops Final Tilts To Jays and Bulldogs

While Dana's track forces were losing at Concordia Friday, the Viking Baseballers were being defeated, 11-4, by Creighton at Vet's Field.

Frosh Bluejay hurler Jim Berry struck out 11 Vikes, picking up his second league win against no losses. He gave up six hits.

Loser Roger Jensen allowed 13 Bluejay hits. Ted Thull, visiting second baseman, connected for three two base smashes. Jensen managed to fan Bob Gibson twice.

Jim Kruse and Bill Davis each had two hits, but Gunnar Nyholm was the Viking hitting hero with a homerun in the third with one on base.

A two run homer by Joe Hennig put Monday's game at Concordia into extra innings and the Bulldogs went on to win the contest with an 11th inning score, 15-14.

Dana led 14-12 going into the ninth, with Bill Davis and Roger Jensen splitting the pitching duties.

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## Pep Club Elects Officers For '56

Mary Ann Effken was named president of the Viking Pep Club at a meeting held last week. She will serve as head of the group for the 1956-57 school year.

Other officers for the group are: Pat Olson, vice-president; Shirley Chandler, secretary-treasurer; Joan Coffey, recording secretary; Janice Plath, uniforms chairman; and Jean Coffey, pep chairman.

The club, organized in October of 1955, was successful in raising money for club sweaters and was active in fostering school spirit during 1955-56.

### LIBRARY'S FUTURE

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ing donations to our alma mater in the future.

Records of both instrumental and vocal music, as well as speech records of the French, German, Spanish, and English languages are needed. Recordings of Shakesperian and other plays, essays, poetry, and play readings would be valuable in the English department.

Film strips and slides in the basic sciences, scenic films, and films dealing with the culture of the Scandinavian countries are requisite.

In looking toward the future, the library staff hopes to have proper equipment for taking care of microfilms and for using them. They would like to place the file of pamphlets in the reading room to make them more accessible to the students, but they lack the steel cabinets at the present time. As a decorative measure, it is hoped one day to have a piece of Danish-American tapistry hanging on the east wall of the reading room.

Margaret Meyer

### NEWS NOTES

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#### New Furniture

A student planning committee is working with Mr. A. J. Snowbeck to select the type of furniture to be purchased for the girls' dorm. New furniture will be in all of the rooms of the girls' dorm this fall semester.

Plans are also being made to replace some of the furniture in the men's dorm. Lounge chairs will also be purchased for the men's reception room.

#### Appreciation Dinner

An Appreciation dinner for the R. E. Morton family was given last Monday evening by the faculty. The dinner was held in First Lutheran Church social hall.

A desk set was presented to Dr. Morton by the faculty.

#### Senior Dinner

Seniors will be guests of the Dana College Foundation and the

### LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



## Snooping Around Other Campuses

### From Around the Country . . .

Corvallis, Ore. — (ACP) — These were picked from the Campus Clippings column of the Oregon State Daily Barometer:

"Members of a fraternity at the University of Oklahoma are still looking for the pledge who was instrumental in the night they spent in jail. Seems the members were busy depositing pledges around the countryside when the police received an anonymous report that four hitchhikers had stolen a car of the description (even to the license plate) of the member's car. Four patrol cars cornered the fraternity members and they spent the night trying to explain the situation."

"From Iowa State comes this method of escaping ROTC drill. Each week the class votes for one person to come to drill in a torn and dirty uniform. The instructor is then so busy figuring out demerits that drill is temporarily forgotten."

"The New Zealand school system recently destroyed 20,999 copies of their school certificates exam because the 21,000th copy was missing. Seems like you find the same problems all over the world."

Dana College And Trinity Seminary Alumni Association on Monday, May 21, at the Fontanelle Hotel for a Senior Dinner.

### HEADLINES RECALL EVENTS

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February began with "Spiritual Emphasis Days Begin Sunday Morning" in bold print on the front page. That same month saw "College Dean Releases Semester Registration," revealing the number of returning Danians.

In March, the **Hermes** featured such headlines as "Science Panel-lecture Is Slated Here Wednesday," "Moseman, Valder Enter Council Presidency Race," "Men's Open House Slated for Occurence Tonight," and "Choir Leaves Next Month on Sixteen-Concert Tour."

The big news in April unquestionably read "Dr. Morton Announces He Will Not Seek Re-Election." Even such things as "May Fest Royalty Chosen In Yesterday's Election" could not compare with the impact felt when this news was released.

As the second semester drew to a close, last minute activities were heralded . . . "Blithe Spirit Production Opens Week-end Activities," "Royal Crowning Highlights May Festival Celebration," and "Sophomore Class Sponsor of Sunday Evening Picnic."

This issue's headline brings an end to the history of 1955-56— it has been a good year.

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