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## Elizabethan Performance To Begin At 8:15 Tonight

Shades of Shakespeare will come alive tonight in the auditorium when students from three English classes present scenes from some of the famed playwright's greatest plays. Portions of "Othello," **The Merchant of Venice**, and **Romeo and Juliet** will be offered.

Prof. Norman Bansen's English 201 class will stage four scenes from **Romeo and Juliet**. Leading roles are: Romeo; Stanley Larsen; Juliet, Joanne West; Friar Laurence, Eugene Menninga. Other parts will be played by Karen Jensen, the nurse, and Howard Lyons, Escalus. Willa Houtwed will provide the narrative.

Jim Heiser will narrate as scenes from **Othello** appear on stage. Parts will be taken by students from Dr. Herta Engelmann's English Literature class. The cast is: Othello, David Larsen; Desdemona, Joyce Arnold; Iago, Jim Sorensen; Emilia, Dr. Engelmann; Montano, Dick Jensen; Gratiano, Tom Sick; and Cassio, Ernest Andersen.

Scene one of Act four in **The Merchant of Venice** will be narrated by Tom Langenfeld. Students of Dr. Engelmann's Shakespeare class will perform. They are: Portia, Delores Petersen; Shylock, William Himmler; Antonio, Melvin Rogers; Duke, Ted Lathrop; Bassanio, Peter Smith; Gratiano, John Klug; Nerissa, Marilyn Ward; and Clerk, Tom Langenfeld.

Students from the classes have been working together on such things as staging and costumes. All the costumes are being made by members of the classes, and will be in typical Elizabethan style.

Larry Jorgensen, speech major,

## Debators Record Includes A Win

Debaters Tom Langenfeld and Pete Smith won one round of debate over Morningside in a tournament held at Wayne State Teachers' College last week-end.

Other teams engaged by the two include the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan, and Kearney. Another team composed of Duane Spong and Charlie Sjoberg took on Wayne State, Kearney, and Buena Vista.

Twenty schools participated in the debates, including schools from as far away as Mankato State in Minnesota and Washburn University in Kansas.

The next debate will be held at Midland College in Fremont, and is scheduled for the month of January.

is serving as Production Manager and student director of all three plays.

In addition to the scenes from the plays, numbers from the Elizabethan period will be sung by the Madrigal singers. Solos of well-known Elizabethan lyrics will also have a part in the program.

Admission price is twenty cents per person.

## Christmas Banquet Is Next Saturday

"N Ole Fashioned Christmas," annual Christmas banquet sponsored by the Home Ec Club, will be held in the dining hall Saturday evening, Dec. 15 at 7:00. Co-chairmen for the event are Donna Byriel and Margaret Meyer.

Students who have seven-day meal tickets will be admitted to the banquet without charge. However, they are asked to make a table reservation with Grace Jensen and her ticket committee by Wednesday, Dec. 12. This is to make it possible for friends to have a table together for the evening and for the students to be ushered into the dining hall in an orderly manner. The ticket committee will hand out reservation slips Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, Dec. 10-12, after chapel at the table near the post office. Each student will receive a reservation slip with his name and table number on it to be presented at the door the evening of the banquet. Every table will seat eight persons.

Faculty and students who do not have the seven-day meal ticket may purchase banquet tickets from the committee for one dollar each. They also are asked to make a table reservation.

The program committee has revealed that the banquet will

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## Massed Choir To Present Complete Messiah Sunday

Handel's **Messiah** will be presented this Sunday, December 9, at First Lutheran Church in Blair. Part I, "The Birth of Christ," will be presented at 4:30 p.m. while Parts II and III will be given at 8 p.m.

The performance of **The Messiah** by a massed choir will open the Christmas festivities on campus this year. Last year **The Messiah** was also presented, and revived a Christmas tradition. It is hoped that the presentation will continue each Christmas season from now on.

In addition to the regular choir members, several students with choir experience are singing with the Chorale. This procedure is also a part of the **Messiah** tradition.

Handel's oratorio is seldom presented in full today, and Sunday's performance marks only the second time that the complete work has been done on this campus.

## Yule Program To Be December 16

Dana's Fine Arts Club will present the 25th annual Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Featured on the program will be a modernized version of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**. The script was written by three students of Prof. Norman Bansen's creative writing class: Harry Landbo, John Klug, and Peter Smith. The play will be directed by speech teacher Mrs. Elaine aWtt and Student director Darol Valder.

The college band and the a cappella choir will present Christmas music during the evening's program.

## English Historian Will Lecture Here

Dr. S. E. Gerard Priestley, historian, will give a lecture on "The Struggle for Power in the Near East" Monday at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. This is the second event in the college-community lyceum series this year.

Dr. Priestley was educated at the University of London, Hartford Seminary, New York University, and the New School for Social Research, New York. He holds six degrees in history, political science, economics, and philosophy.

He has taught history at New York University and has lectured at some 400 colleges in this country and abroad. Dr. Priestley has also spoken before numerous civic, business, and educational organizations. From 1948 to 1953, he served as vice-chairman of the Speaker's Research Committee for the United States.

Born in Windsor, England, not far from Runnymede where King John signed the Magna Charta, Dr. Priestley has traveled in 60 countries on five continents.

Solo parts have been divided between ten students instead of among four soloists as is usually done when the oratorio is presented. Soloists this year are: soprano Doris Madsen and Camilla Watt; contraltos, Joyce Arnold and Nadine Johnson; tenors, Jim Sorensen and Larry Jorgensen; basses John Henningsen, Everett Johnson, and Duane Petersen. Accompanists are: pianist Pat Andersen and organist JoAnn West.

Prof. Paul Neve is directing the group. He has studied privately with Prof. Alfred Greenfield of New York University, an authority on Handel's works and director of the Oratorio Society of New York.

## LSA Is Sponsor Of Season Events

Two Christmas season events sponsored by the LSA include the candlelight service in the auditorium Wednesday evening and the annual caroling in Blair Monday, Dec. 17.

The Rev. James Otterness of Omaha will give the meditation and Dr. C. C. Madsen will serve as liturgist for the candlelight service. The Dana a cappella choir will provide special music.

Luther Leagues from surrounding communities have been invited to attend the worship service. The leaguers will also be conducted on a tour of the campus and refreshments will be served afterward.

## Campus Calendar

Friday, Dec. 7

Faculty Christmas dinner, First Lutheran Church, 6 p.m.  
Elizabethan Night, auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Basketball. Nebraska Wesleyan there.

Sunday, Dec. 9

**Messiah.** First Lutheran Church, 4:30 and 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10

Basketball. Peru there.  
Dr. S. E. Gerard Priestley, visit and lecture, 8:15 p.m. in auditorium.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

## Pre-Christmas Is Quite A Season!

Sometimes I just don't think life is worth living! I feel so small and unwanted, especially during the Christmas season, when the Dana students are packing to go home and they don't even notice me. At any other time of the year, when I enter a room they sit up and take notice, but now, I don't think they even care if I'm here.

Eek! That "crazy girl!" She almost hit me with it that time. You'd think she'd learn to clasp a suitcase without getting the toothpaste tube caught. She's done it so many times this room is beginning to look like a wedding cake.

Whew! They're finally all packed and am I glad. But honestly, they're so busy yelling good-byes out the window they can't even hear the phone ringing. What is this madness? It's not the phone but that "crazy girl" packed a loaded alarm clock. Now to find out which suitcase it's in. You think that's bad? You should have been here when she packed her guppies!

Well, they're finally gone and I have the whole dorm to myself. As my brother Mickey says, "When the girls are away, we mice shall play," and I'm going to have a ball!

Nancy Horton

## Dear Curly Kate-- Cheering Is Dumb!

Thoughts of an Unspirited Dana Student:

Why should I yell my head off for some old basketball game? Isn't it enough that I come and watch?

First I have to dish out my money for the dumb old activity ticket, but that isn't enough, they expect me to hoop and holler around all night besides!!!

I can't see that there is anything to get that excited about. After all, the game is history after a day or so anyway. Besides, I came to get an education and not to exercise my lungs!

**Englebert Hassenfesser**  
My reply to Englebert Hassenfesser:

First of all, it isn't just an "old basketball game." It is one way of showing school spirit and loyalty to your team.

Imagine a ball game without cheerleaders or a cheering section to cheer the team on! It wouldn't really be a ball game at all because something would definitely be missing.

When you come out and cheer real hard and prove to your team  
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## Note The Advent Wreath --A Yuletide Tradition

Chapel attenders during this yuletide season will see a wreath containing four candles on a stand before the altar. As Dr. Madsen explained in chapel Monday, this is an advent wreath used during Advent season.

A product of Scandinavian tradition, a wreath such as this is placed in Scandinavian homes and churches during the Christmas season. Each Sunday during Advent a candle is lighted to celebrate the coming of Christmas. As Christmas arrives, four candles shine from windows around the world to portray the radiance of the Christmas message.

According to an ancient writer the four Advent Sundays are

explained as telling of: 1—our Lord's visible coming from Heaven to become incarnate and redeem the world from sin; 2—His invisible coming in the Spirit to be with His own until time shall end; 3—His invisible coming to each one of His own to take him home to Himself; 4—His visible coming in glory to Judgement.

Since the period of Advent is to prepare for the high and holy joy of the nativity, to welcome the Coming of God's Son in humanity, it has always been considered as a time of great penitence.

So as you enter the chapel, think of the message radiating from the altar with its wreath and candles.

## Is True Christmas Spirit Behind Season's Activities?

Christmas is bursting out all over. The store windows are decorated with the traditional colors of red and green, Santa Claus and his reindeer and the Christmas tree. Everywhere seems to be the feeling that the words "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" are echoing across the land.

Here at Dana the spirit has penetrated into everyone's heart. The outlook of things to come seems to be the talk across campus. Dana is rich in its traditions of Christmas.

On Monday morning one of the first of these traditions was brought out in our chapel service. It was the beautiful advent wreath which helped us set our hearts on the coming season and what this season should mean to us.

### Activity Is Key

Activity seems to be the key word as these traditions are being upheld. Practices of such events as the **Messiah** and **The Christmas Carol** are being held.

**The Messiah** by Handel, which was given by the Dana College Mass Choir last year will be presented again this year on December 9 under the direction of Professor Paul E. Neve. The Fine Arts Club is working hard to put together **The Christmas Carol**, another of Dana's Christmas traditions. This production will be given a week from Sunday as a

part of the annual Christmas program.

The true meaning of Christmas will be brought out in the LSA candle-lighting service which will be held on the evening of December 12 in the auditorium. Speaker will be Pastor James Otterness of Omaha.

These highlights of the Christmas tradition are not a full picture, however. The undertones of these traditions are the caroling which is present in the dorms and the groups which go down to Blair, the lights which will be showing up on the tower of Old Main, and the hope for a soft snow to enclose the world in a blanket of white.

Among all this and the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping there is still one thing which is high in everyone's mind, the thought of going home and spending the holidays with our families.

However, as we work to carry out the traditions in all of their entirety, let us think of the reason for all of our celebration; the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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# Old Rivalry Continues As Midland Falls to Vikings

Dana smashed their bitterest foe, Midland, Tuesday night with a 75-62 performance. Midland, on the other hand, gave Dana an unusually rough game.

There were 60 attempted free throws out of which Dana made 37 or 74 percent. Midland made 22 out of an attempted 37, averaging 60 percent.

Bob Jensen was the Viking sharpshooter with a total of 21 points, he was followed by Bill Davis with 16 and Ron Huston with 15 points each. Carmen Craig and Jan Philby played their usual good games but only managed to pick up six and seven points respectively. Big Dick Jensen played a fine floor game and racked up 10 points while he was in the game.

For the losers, number 11, Keelan, was the top man with 24 points; next came Danner, number 20, with 12 points.

The first half didn't amount to much in the line of scoring, but the floor game was very tight.

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET (Continued from page 1)

feature David Larsen, a senior from Chicago, Illinois as toastmaster. One of the highlights of the program will be the enactment of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" as the musical setting is sung by the madrigal.

except for a few occasions when a man would slip through.

Midland led the first and second quarters with scores of 18 and 38 points, while Dana lagged behind with score of 14 and 35 for each quarter.

The Vikings gained the lead by the end of the third quarter when the score stood 60-55.

Although they didn't always have the poise they are capable of having, there was a lot of smart ball handling on the part of the Vikes. It all paid off with the Dana Vikings winning their first game of the season 75-62 over the Midland Warriors.

## DEAR CURLY KATE

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you are backing them, they will try twice as hard to win. It gives them something to work for if they know that someone really cares if they win or lose!

Secondly, I think school would be pretty dull if all you did was study all the time! Going to basketball games gives you an excellent chance to mix with fellow students and let off a little steam.

Besides that, your lungs do need a little exercising!

So—what do you say, Englebert, let's all go to the games this year and really support our team!?!  
Curly Kate

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# Intramural Basketball Rules Listed By Athletic Director

**Editor's note:** There has been some question and disagreement about the rules for intramural basketball. Therefore, the student athletic director has requested that the *Hermes* print the rules in order to straighten out the difficulty.

1. Any student who is regularly enrolled in the college, may organize a basketball team, consisting of eight players per team.
2. November 30, 1956 was the deadline for entry of a team. There will be no additions or substitutions after this date.
3. The teams will play one complete round, followed by one round within their own divisions. The first round will not count in league standings. Only the round within the division.
4. There will be two divisions. Each division consisting of four teams.
  - A. Division 1: 1. Fire House Five, 2. Milt's Maniacs, 3. Drinking Dominos, 4. Kool Kats.
  - B. Division 2: 1. Worms, 2. Iowa Terrors, 3. Scum Bags, 4. Furbard Five.
5. After the season is completed, a single elimination tournament will be played.
6. The game will consist of two halves, each 25 minutes long. The clock will be stopped only during time outs.
7. The athletic director is responsible for securing competent referees.
8. There will be an advisory board made up of: the captains of the teams the advisor and the athletic director.
9. All players are subject to the following rules:
  - A. Conduct:
    1. Swearing will not be tolerated. After one warning, and the player continues to swear, the referee and/or the athletic director reserves the right to eject the player from the game.
    2. Any form of unsportsman-like conduct will not be tolerated.
    3. No one may contest the referee's call of any play during the game. Anyone who is guilty of repeated conflicts with the referee during the game may not only be removed from the game, but upon the discretion of the advisory board, may be permanently barred from intramurals for the season.
    4. Any person having earned two or more varsity basketball letters here or at any other college will be ineligible for intramurals, unless granted permission by the advisory board.
    5. A student who transfers in during the season, after receiving permission from the athletic director, will be eligible to play with any team that has a vacancy.
10. The referees are required to report all violators to the athletic director.
11. Any player who has been barred from intramurals may apply for re-admittance by appearing before the advisory board.

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