

We Give Our
Fair Share

The Hermes

For a Greater
Dana

Folk Dancers Will Perform This Eve.

Making their debut this evening at 8:15 in the gym are the Dana Folk Dancers. The 16 students will present a public program of folk dances, most of which are of Danish origin.

The group is sponsored by the Dana Chapter of the American-Scandinavian Foundation.

Student director of the dancers is Sandra Thomsen, a junior from Omaha. Miss Thomsen appeared publicly at Omaha's Festival of Nations in 1954 as a member of the Danish Folk Dancers.

The Dana Folk Dancers, permanently organized this year, will appear in new costumes which are adaptations of Danish regional dress.

Work on the costumes was under the direction of Miss Thomsen and Donna Byriell, president of the Home Economics Club. Ladies at the Good Shepherd Home in Blair crocheted special designs for the women's bonnets and aprons.

Contributions in cash and materials for the costumes have come from as far away as Minnesota and Illinois.

Musical selections by soloists and members of the Danish class will also be a part of the evening program. In addition, there will be community singing of songs in translation.

Mass Chorus to Present Third Annual "Messiah"

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented in its entirety by a 90-voice chorus Sunday evening beginning at 7:30 in the auditorium.

The performance will mark the third consecutive season that the entire oratorio has been given at Dana.

Directing the performance is Prof. Paul E. Neve, head of Dana's music department and conductor of the a cappella choir.

Accompanists for the "Messiah" are Pat Andersen, pianist, who is a junior from Ferndale, California, and Joanne West, organist, a sophomore, from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Miss Andersen has also served as rehearsal accompanist during the weeks that the choir has been practicing the work. She has provided the accompaniment for all rehearsals and performances of the "Messiah" since the annual tradition was revived in 1955.

Sunday evening will be the second performance that Miss West has accompanied at the organ.

Soloists this year are the following students: Tom Christensen, freshman; William Ellis, freshman; Carol Hansen, junior; Joyce Hansen, sophomore; Karen Jensen, sophomore; Everett Johnson, sophomore; Larry Jorgensen, junior.

Gail Koldenborg, junior; Elliott Nielsen, freshman; Donna and Duane Petersen, sophomores; Harlan Petersen, junior; and Camilla Watt, senior.

Background for the presentation of the "Messiah" is being made through the cooperation of the art department, The Rev. F. William Thomsen, instructor.

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Dana Plans Million - Dollar Program to Expand Campus

"We give our fair share for a greater Dana."

That will be the slogan for the Development Program that will be conducted on campus between now and the beginning of the Christmas holidays December 20.

Dr. Elmer Rasmussen has been named general chairman of the Faculty "Braintrust" Division and William Himmeler, student body president, is general chairman of the Student "Viking" Division. Carol E. Petersen, Graettinger, Iowa, is chairman of the Coed "Whites" Division in the student campaign and Peter Smith, Portland, Maine, is chairman of the Men's "Reds" Division.

The College Division is one of six that will be solicited in the Dana Development Program. The campaign is being conducted to raise funds for the Dana expansion program. It includes:

Construction of a new dormitory for women.

Construction of a new physical education building and gymnasium.

Construction of a football field and track.

Improvement and renovation of the campus.

Continuing improvement of the academic program.

Members of the UELC, citizens of Blair, people of Danish descent, alumni, and other friends of Dana will be asked to contribute to the fund for a greater Dana. The Development Program will be in celebration of Dana's 75th year in 1959. The expansion program is slated to be completed by 1960.

More than 70 student and faculty members will be involved in the work of organizing and soliciting the student body and faculty and staff.

Dr. Rasmussen said that a "Greater Dana Rally" is scheduled for 7 p.m. December 12 when the kick-off for the Student Division will be held. It will be held in the Dining Hall.

The kick-off of the Faculty Division will be held at a breakfast at 6:45 a.m. December 12 in the Dining Hall.

Vocalists Present Musical Programs

Vocalists from the Dana campus presented a program at a meeting of the Monday Club held at the Simon Korshoj home in Blair.

Camilla Watt, Karen Jensen, Everett Johnson, Duane Petersen, and Tom Christensen sang musical selections. Accompanists were Pat Andersen and Carol Petersen.

Another program was presented in Lincoln recently by a quartet consisting of Camilla Watt, Carol Petersen, Everett Johnson, and Tom Christensen.

Faculty to Eat And Talk Turkey Tonite

Gathering for their annual Christmas dinner, members of the faculty will meet this evening at 6:30 in the social hall of First Lutheran Church.

General Chairman Mrs. Paul Neve has revealed that it will be a turkey dinner.

Following the meal, the faculty

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Poem by John Klug Merits Recognition

John Klug, senior from Green Bay, Wisconsin, is the author of a poem which has been accepted for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

The anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every section of the country.

Klug's poem entitled "Sunrise" was selected for publication from among thousands of poems submitted.

An English major, Klug edited the 1957 Sower.

David R. Larsen Is New Pres. of LSA

Elected by the LSA to serve as president for the coming term is David R. Larsen, sophomore from Elk Horn, Iowa.

Carol Madsen, a junior, was named vice-president. Sophomore Nancy Horton was reelected secretary.

Handling the finances will be freshman Sharon Mardesen.

Sophomores Alyce Nelson, Noel Petersen, and Stanley Larsen were named to the offices of social director, deputation team chairman, and LSA Action chairman, respectively.

The newly elected slate of officers will begin its duties in January. The installation will take place Tuesday, January 7, in PM chapel.

Reserve Seats Now For Xmas Banquet

Tickets for the annual Christmas banquet to be held December 16 will go on sale next week.

Students with full five-day or seven-day meal tickets are admitted without charge to the banquet. However, they must make a seat reservation in advance with the committee.

To carry out the theme of the banquet, "Dansk Jul," decorations of a Danish nature will be used. The decoration committee under the direction of Willa Houtwed is receiving assistance from a lady connected with the Jocelyn Memorial art museum in Omaha.

A menu featuring several Danish dishes will be served, according to Pat Baron, chairman of the food committee.

Universal Language . . . Music Thrills at Christmastide

December has a music all its own, a joy not found in other months. In the great symphony of the universe, the season of Christmas rings with a melody unequalled by the gaiety of spring or the sunlit brilliance of summer.

Music is so richly interwoven with the history and tradition of Christmas that it provides one of the greatest joys of the celebration.

Music Is Universal Language

The voices of the choir, overheard as they practice for perfection of the "Messiah," the energetic voices of the carolers as they sing in the dormitory halls, and the warm voices of family and friends around the tree on Christmas Eve all speak a universal language more eloquent than mere words.

Christmas is a season of significant reflecting, a time when men turn to the stars of heaven and renew their faith with a fuller understanding of the message given by Him who was born in an obscure manger so long ago.

Song of Christmas

Christmas is a thrilling, exciting, heart-warming time of year that touches each one of us, regardless of creed, color, or church affiliation.

As Dana observes Christmas—1957, take note of the music of Christmas. Christmas is a carol!

Hats Off to Worm!

To the Editor:

Response to the exchange program presented at Midland November 23 has been tremendous. Hats off to Larry J. for all the work he did as director of the talent show!

The Extra-Curricular
Activities Committee

Hermes Mystery

Help wanted!

Recently members of the **Hermes** staff were classifying material in the underground archives of Dana publications. After many painstaking hours were spent in organizing various items this lone picture remained unidentified.

Perhaps there is someone on campus who recognizes this picture. If anyone can enlighten us as to who this individual



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Tabulation of Campus Grades Reveals 5.48 Student Average

What does college mean to you? Are you working and studying to the capacity and potential with which God has blessed you?

Stop a moment to compare your mid-semester grade averages with those of your classmates and associates.

Sophomores 5.57
Freshmen 5.24
Juniors 5.48
Seniors 6.02

Grades in the Women's Dormitory tend to rank higher than those in the Men's Dormitory with statistics as follows:

Men
Second Floor 5.02

Third Floor 4.93
Fourth Floor 5.41
Women
First Floor 6.03
Second Floor 6.18
Third Floor 5.75

Our off-campus students also compare in this statistical survey, with the married students averaging 5.38, and unmarried students attaining 5.68.

Dana men achieved an average of 5.12, but the women came out ahead with 6.08. An interesting fact to note is that the survey included 178 men and 107 women.

Students living in the dorm-
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Prof. Pays Tribute To Deserving Class

To the Editor:

It is seldom that anything but the desire to air scathing criticism can bring me to write a letter. My departure from a role of rapier-wielding critic is in itself a tribute to those responsible for the splendid Dana College exchange program presented at neighboring Midland College on November 23.

Again and again that evening I was proud to be identified as part of the Dana contingent. It was good to see such a large representation of the Dana family in a new setting; it was equally pleasant to see the Midlanders present in force.

Well Organized

I have always appreciated programs that show evidence of careful advance planning and adequate rehearsal. The Saturday night presentation of "Around the World in Eighty Days" was a show of that type. The variety and the balance of serious and light numbers added much to audience enjoyment.

While the applause from Midland was heartwarmingly generous, I am sure that many a Danish felt as I did: "I must sacrifice modesty and decorum and applaud vigorously."

Showmanship Present

From the serious music of the English past presented by the madrigal singers and the serious approach to contemporary jazz of the combo and soloists to the buoyant rambunctiousness of the Parisiennes and the slapstick and fantastic music of the Lower Slobovians, there was always evidence of showmanship: the good taste to stop before the audience had become surfeited.

The very internationalism of the show made it the more American. Someone has said that "the American is half-brother to all the world."

To see Dana students in an effective West Indian calypso setting or to see them looking to the special heritage of this college and there finding gay Danish folk dances was but to underscore the fact that Dana is a place where all the world has been and is still meeting.

Many Nations

The show was truly a light-hearted, if indirect, tribute to the value of a liberal arts education. Thoughts such as these made the blazing-torch finale a moving experience. Here were Danians costumed to represent nations the world over, and here, too, in the veins of these young students flowed the blood of many nations.

What more appropriate setting for the singing of "God Bless

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Support Dana Drive To Expand College!

In the near future, the drive for our campus fund-raising operation will whip into high gear.

The immediate reaction to such a statement may result in everyone making a mad dash for cover. We hope not, for we feel that the enthusiasm shown here on campus will inspire or deflate the interest of the off-campus donors.

We realize that everyone who can possibly afford to pledge a donation will do so out of his or her personal interest in helping the Dana Development Program get started.

Beginning Thursday, members of the student body will distribute pledge cards on which you may volunteer an annual pledge.

Pete Smith and Carol Petersen have agreed to serve as vice-chairmen over the Red and White Groups of the Student Viking Division. Faculty vice-chairmen are Norman C. Bansen and C. Arthur Christiansen.

Working with the Red Group of the Student Viking Division are Dave Bidstrup, Keith Elliott,
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America?"

"Around the World in Eighty Days" reminded me of the words of Tagore: "Happy am I that I was born to this land and that I had the luck to love her." And happy am I that Dana is also my college.

Norman C. Bansen

Dana Basketball Season To Start Tomorrow With Tarkio

Tomorrow at 8 p.m., Dana opens the '57-'58 basketball season against the Owls from Tarkio, Missouri. Tarkio College will travel some 200 miles to take on Dana for our opening home game.

The Vikings last year split with Tarkio, losing the first game 81-79 and winning the second by the score of 99-80.

Little is known about the team Tarkio will bring here, but Dana will undoubtedly face a height problem, as the tallest Viking player measures 6'4".

Vikes Scrimmage, Conference Ahead

Dana Vikings held their last major scrimmage Wednesday before their opening game against Tarkio here tomorrow night.

The candidates were divided into two teams, the whites and the reds. Playing under game conditions, the white team dominated the play from the opening tip-off. They scored 35 points to their opponents 20 points during the first half of play.

The second half of the game again saw the white team in command, as they finished the game by winning 82-41.

Keen shooting proved the difference as the white team hit on 43% of their shots; while the younger red team could manage to connect on only 23% of their shots.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

By Dick Bibler



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