

## Eskimo Speaker Nutchuk Brings Lyceum Program

On Wednesday, December 16th, the Dana College Lyceum will present as one of its numbers, NUTCHUK, well known in music, art and lecturing as Simeon Oliver. The Library has on display two of the books written by NUTCHUK, and which he has also illustrated. SON OF THE SMOKY SEA, is a vivid, absorbing tale of a half-Eskimo and half-Norwegian boy brought up in Unalaska and Dutch Harbor who went "outside" to the United States from his bleak Aleutian home to find a place for himself in the civilized world. In the States he wanted to study medicine but found that the career he really wanted was in music. It is a personal record told graphically with humor. It shows the impact of civilization in the "States" on a fine primitive mind, and it is revealed with "modesty and charm." It is full of hardy masculine adventure and sincerity of a youth trying to find himself.

In "Back to the Smoky Sea," Nutchuk tells about his life in the United States where he became a well-known pianist on the radio and concert stage, an artist, a lecturer, and it also tells of his romance and the part he took in the BATTLE OF THE ALEUTIANS. He was a Sergeant in the Alaska Intelligence at Fort Richardson and was in charge of information so secret and important that he kept a can of gasoline and a grenade always at hand with orders that if it became necessary, he was to "pour the gasoline over everything, pull the pin of the grenade and run." Nutchuk's special knowledge of the Aleutians played no small part in the victory of the Americans over the Japanese.

Simeon Oliver now lives in Anchorage, Alaska, but makes occasional trips to the United States to lecture and visit his many friends there.

## December 15 Chapel Program Features Band

The Dana band will present a concert during the the regular chapel hour on Tuesday, December 15. The band has received numerous compliments for their excellent performances this fall. One of the highest of these was received from the director of the Omaha Symphony, Mr. Joseph Levine.

Some of the compositions to be featured will be: Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival," "National Emblem March," and "Winter Wonderland."

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## CHOIR TELLS UNSUSPECTING AUDIENCE OF BABY'S BIRTH

Things couldn't have been more unorganized at the 4:00 o'clock rehearsal Sunday afternoon for the Christmas Program which was to be given that night. For some reason, Mr. Neve's mind was not on his work. We found out why. Just minutes before the performance that night, Mrs. Neve gave birth to an 8 pound baby girl, about an hour after the rehearsal. All previous remarks made by members of the Choir were immediately retracted.

The show went on as scheduled with a very nice crowd and many compliments to both Mr. Neve and Dr. Wise for the outstanding performances of Choir and Band, but who would really want to vouch that Mr. Neve had his mind completely on what was going on as the Choir sang "Born Today," "For Unto Us a Child is Born," and the baby lullaby, "Song of Mary?" We, of the choir, know better, and what's more can't blame him a bit because as a matter of fact we were thinking the same thing too. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Neve, we hope the choir added an extra special touch to the birthday of your daughter.

## Women's Dormitory Decorated Ready For Saturday Night Inspection

Preparations for Christmas have begun early in the Women's dormitory. Already the tree is trimmed, and many doors have been decorated. To give more incentive to the holiday, the Dorm Council is again presenting prizes for the most outstanding and creative door decorations. Already beautiful ornaments don the doors.

Since the girls have gone to so much work in making the Christmas at Dana brighter, the council has declared an Open House after the Christmas Banquet so that other students and faculty can admire the decorations.

The girls of the Dorm would therefore like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to everyone to come up for a visit on Saturday night. They'll be looking for you.

## MENC Chapter Chooses Menninga For President

A student chapter of the MENC (Music Educators National Conference) has recently been formed on the Dana campus. This is a professional organization oriented towards self-improvement in the music teaching profession; and as a result the chapter consists entirely of music education majors. Members have the privilege of attending all state, regional, and national conventions, and also receive all MENC publications.

The chapter also plans to have guest speakers at its local meetings. These speakers will be experienced in various categories which are related to the music teaching profession.

Officers in the Dana chapter of the MENC are: Gene Menninga, president; Elliott Nielsen, vice-president; Donna Petersen, secretary; Joanne Hess, corresponding secretary.

## Campus Calendar

December 10th—Basketball at Wayne

December 11th—Fun Night, Gymnasium, Faculty Christmas Dinner at First Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.

December 12th—Christmas Banquet, Dining Hall, 6:30 p.m. Girls' Open House, following

December 13th—L.S.A. Caroling, 6:30 p.m.

December 15th—Basketball with Hastings in the Gym, 8:00 p.m.

December 16th—Simeon Oliver Nutchuk in the Gym, 9:35 a.m.; Dorm Christmas Parties

December 17th—Basketball at Chadron; Candlelight Service in PM Chapel, 9:00 p.m.

December 18th—Basketball at Chadron;

Christmas Recess begins at 6:00 p.m.

## Seven Plan To Attend Athens, Ohio Conference

Freshmen Ellen Larsen, Janice Larsen, Judith Mayland and Robert Hansen, Sophomore Donna Layton and Junior Myrv Christopherson are making plans for and preparing to attend the 18th Quadriennial Ecumenical student conference on the Christian World Mission. It will be held from December 27 to January 2 in Athens, Ohio.

The group is presently studying a book by Charles C. West called **Outside the Camp**, which will help prepare them for their various discussions and learning sessions.

Three thousand students, about half of them from overseas, will gather for this international, inter-racial and interdenominational conference. Leaders will be Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, General Secretary of the International Missionary Council, and Martin Luther King, pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. They will seek to understand what God is doing in the midst of the complex, explosive forces that throw men into conflict all over the world today.

The conference is called by the Commission on World Mission (formerly Student Volunteer Movement) of the National Student Christian Federation and sponsored by the World's Student Christian Federation.

Total cost per student will be more than \$100. The L. S. A. is providing \$150 to help sponsor four of the students.

## Crew Has Deadline To Meet Soon

The 1959-60 Danian staff was organized recently and is already hard at work to meet its first deadline.

Serving as editor for the second year is Dave Wulf. Lois Lorenzen is associate editor. The advisor is Dr. Herta Engelman.

The four members of the business staff are: Paul Scott, business manager; Jim Schaeffer, advertising manager; Lowell Jacobsen, circulation manager; and George Landbo.

The art staff consists of: Dale Brink, Roger (Bud) Christensen, Priscilla Robertson, Margaret Nielsen, Sue Hansen, and Carol Krenzke.

Working on the feature staff are: JoAnn Larsen, Rosie Petersen, Janet Middendorf, Patsi Jensen, Carol Christensen, Ruby Hansen, and Gary Brockelsby.

Emory Andersen, Lee Barney, Gary Biesecker, and Larry Morrow are on the sports staff.

Janet Francis and Nena Wegener are assisting with the typing. The proofreaders are Melba Junker and Linda Buchfink.

## DEAR EDITOR

Recently some question has been raised as to the ethical quality of certain paper-back editions on sale in the student book store. Several books have already been removed, including *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, and recently the administration circulated a notice to all professors as to their suggestions for further books that should be removed. As a provoked student, I would question, why are we not allowed to purchase such books?

Possibly the immediate answer would be, in reference to the above mentioned book, because of the stark realism and profuse usage of four letter words.

This same argument was brought up by the postmaster general and he, therefore, prohibited this book from the mails as "obscene" literature. The publishers took their case against the post office to the Supreme Court which ruled that the book **should be allowed** to be sent through the U. S. Postal System. The arguments presented in defense of the book were that the realism and use of language was necessary for the development of the individual character and, therefore, the fullness of the plot.

### Realism Guide To Life

This principle of censorship is now taken up by our administration on many books. Are we, as young adults to be prohibited from knowing of the realism of life which takes place outside of these "sheltered walls?"

Lately many people have opined that America's morals have degenerated to a great degree, since the two world wars, and they further state that literature has a great deal to do with it. But if common sense is used, one will realize that the greatest number of the people that bring these facts to being are illiterate themselves. It has been further pointed out that "juvenile delinquents spend very little time with books, obscene or otherwise; they do not live in the world of the printed word."

Realization of people's living and speaking habits, although it may not be a majority of the people, have been kept from the younger set in America in hopes of building a stronger ethical country. But this is a fallacy in our teaching, and especially so when they are hidden from Christian individuals who will one day cope with the "wilds" of civilization. In a recent class, a professor pointed out that he was taking a course at a large university, and one of the teachers there openly declared his disgust with the Bible. This professor brought a pastor friend to class one day, a man 30 years old, and he later admitted that he had never in his life heard the Bible ridiculed before. Could such a man, who did not know that such forms of thinking and ways of life exist, properly lead a congregation of people who may themselves have been of this nature? Certainly if a person has been brought up with only a one-sided view of life, when he learns of these "unicities," he will **doubt** everything that has formally been taught him.

### Four Letter Words Necessary

Why the reason for the sudden emphasis on four letter words and the free use of obscenity? If we will look back, we will find that it is not recent. "Up to and through the time of Shakespeare and the King James Bible, the four-letter words were not secret." And, by the way, many scholars have criticized the new translation of the Bible for their replacement of strong words with those that sound "nicer." But their suppression in the 17th century by Puritans, who hated the body, created a linguistic problem, not only for authors who write in English but for the hundreds of millions of people who read and speak it. We must face the extraordinary fact that, alone among the languages of the world, ours simply has **no** decent, respectable words to express the daily acts of excretion and procreation upon which all life rests."

Many books have been written hiding little, but in each of them, that has ranked as respectable literature, the so-called obscenity has been for a purpose. It is used quite fluently in *The Naked and The Dead*, a war story, but because war is an ugly thing and cannot be described in glowing terms. Also the writings of Jack Kerouac contain it. In reference to *Lady Chatterly's Lover*, it was pointed out that the book is not "an approval of promiscuous sexual relationship." It is rather, that sex without love is a sin against humanity."

## Campus Chuckles

By the time a man gets old enough to watch his step, he isn't going anywhere.

These days, a bargain is anything you have enough money to buy.

Inflation: Something that cost \$5 to buy a few years ago and now costs \$10 to repair.

Scientists tell us the average man now lives 32 years longer than in 1800. The poor guy has to—in order to get his bills paid.

No one can deny that a yawn may be bad manners—but at least it's an honest opinion.

Two things in life I've had and ample: Good advice and bad example.

First cat: "Hey, man, dig that crazy."

Second cat: "That crazy what?"

First cat: "I dunno. I left my glasses at home."

Try to forget yourself in the service of others. When we think too much of ourselves and our own interests, we easily become despondent. But when we work for others, our efforts return to bless us. —Sidney Powell

T. S. Eliot has made the statement that no word is unpoetic, it is the way in which it is used that makes it so. These books will do more harm if they are restricted from college students than if they are allowed, for they will be sought out for their singular evil, not their general good. If we are to become adults, and certainly college students approach this, we must be allowed to have such reading material so that we will not be in the darkness of life as it truly is and be forced to learn of it from bitter experiences. Although a steady diet of this type of literature is not recommended, it is necessary for the standpoint of the total outlook of the individual, insofar as may be obtained from literature.

Therefore, censorship of this type of book is "control of learning by ignorance, of wisdom by stupidity." John Milton wrote, "As good almost kill a man as kill a good book. Who kills a man kills a reasonable creature...but he who destroys a good book kills reason itself."

Let us have our reason, let us have these books!

(For quotations see: *Coronet*, December, 1959, p. 144 ff.)

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## P. V. Hansen Jr. Receives Stipend Award In Science

Mr. Paul V. Hansen, Jr., assistant professor of chemistry at Dana College in Blair is the recipient of a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship for a tenure period of twelve months beginning in September, 1960.

The National Science Foundation each year awards a number of fellowships to people now in the field of science teaching in order to encourage them to do advanced study. Mr. Hansen will continue his studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, working towards the completion of the PhD degree. The stipend associated with this award has been set at \$5,850.00.

P. V. Hansen, Jr., represents the third generation of this particular Hansen family to be closely connected with Dana College. His grandfather, Dr. C. X. Hansen, was one of the early pioneers who founded Dana College and also served as one of the first presidents of the college. His father, Paul Hansen, has been closely related to the college through his many business ventures in the city of Blair. And now, P. V. Jr., is completing his third year of teaching in the Dana chemistry department.

## Snow Fantasy Theme For 1959 Home Economics Banquet

Greetings from the Home Economics Club during this season will be presented at the "Snow Fantasy" banquet Saturday.

The banquet begins at 6:30 and will be held in the dining hall. Food will be served by waitresses.

Following the banquet will be a program that will present the light, the bright and the serious.

Tonight is the deadline for securing tickets. For people who do not have a 7-day meal ticket the charge is \$1.25.

## Dana's Girls Squeeze By Mercy

Dana's girls squeezed by Mercy Nurses last night 33-24. Except for the first quarter, the Red and White lacked the spark and enthusiasm they exhibited in last week's contest.

Donna Layton continued to lead the Vikingettes with 16 points while June Santage contributed 10.

Alice Blum with her wild hook shot and Carmen Cordes led the Council Bluffs nurses with 11 and 9 respectively.

Dana just couldn't get organized against a pressing man to man defense. They threw the ball away too many times because of being rattled.

In the opening period the home squad outclassed the visitors 15-0. From then on it was

24-16 for the Mercy six.

Fouls hurt the red and white considerably. They committed 26 as compared to 12 for their opponents.

On top of this Dana made 3 of their charity tosses while Mercy tallied 7 of theirs. If either team had shown more accuracy at the line, it would have been anybody's ball game.

Defensive honors go to Joyce Nielsen, Miriam Petersen and Dixie Hagadorn for their determination.

Tonight Dana meets Wilsons at the Jewish Community Center. So far the Red and White have been undefeated and are tied for upper honors in league competition.

## Christmas Chimes For Sale By L.S.A. Members

The 1959 **Christmas Chimes** is one of the most inspiring collections of Christmas artistry, prose, and poetry ever published. This year two Dana students, Ellen Andrews and Lowell Jacobsen, have entries in the **Chimes**.

A few of this year's especially interesting articles are **A Christian Witness in an Age of Insecurity**, a nine page article on how to improve our worship, **What Does Christmas Mean to Me?**, and a Danish version of Huckleberry Finn.

For only \$1.00 this Christmas anthology will bring much joy and happiness into your Christmas season.

Copies of the **CHIMES** are available from several members of the Lutheran Student Association.

## CANTEEN COUNTER SPYING

Christmas Gift suggestions are displayed in the Canteen. Toys, books, sweatshirts, plaques and many other items are available for the people on your Christmas list. Stop in and get the idea for that gift that will be "something different."

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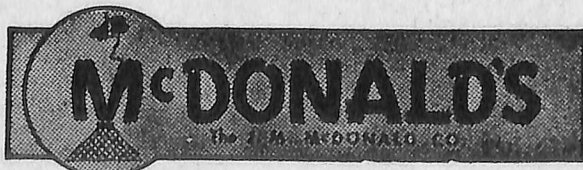
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