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## LSA 'Lights Up' Student Chapel

During the regular student chapel period (9:30 p.m., AMA) on Monday the LSA will hold its annual Christmas candlelight service.

Guest speaker for the service is Dr. C. C. Madsen. The service itself will include favorite Christmas carols and the familiar Christmas story.

Highlighting the service will be the candlelight service. Each member of the audience will be given a candle as he enters. During the service, the fire from a single candle which has been burning throughout the service will be passed to each person.

The light of the mass of small candles, each adding to the total light, is symbolic of Christ and the lives of true Christians: Christians receive their light from Christ who is the "light of men" and the total light represents the love of God as witnessed by Christians in a dark and sinful world.

On Thursday evening, December 20, the LSA will sponsor Christmas caroling to some of the shut-ins of First Lutheran. The group will leave from Mickelsen Hall at 7:00 p.m. Returning after approximately an hour and a half, the group will enjoy refreshments in Mickelsen Hall lounge.

## ALC Launches Problem Study

Minneapolis — The American Lutheran Church is launching discussions in search of answers to questions involved in the controversial practices of abortion and sterilization. Dr. Fredric M. Norstad, professor of practical theology at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a member of the Commission on Research and Social Action, will organize the study.

Dr. Norstad said that initial exploratory discussion will involve "about one dozen experts representing the disciplines of systematic theology, medicine, the law, sociology, psychology, and the ministry." The commission voted that the "exploratory discussion should look toward a serious, depth study which might provide substance for an official expression of The ALC on the issues of abortion and sterilization."

## Faculty, Library Buy Kellogg Books

Dana College Library has been busy getting book orders prepared for the purchase of over three thousand dollars worth of new books.

The library received \$10,000 from the Kellogg Foundation last spring for the purchase of educational books. Mr. Raymond Weckmuller and a committee are in charge of the project.

Faculty members have had a fine time looking up desirable titles and spending a part of the money. After their work, the library gets into the picture. Librarian Miss A. D. Hoidahl, along with the excellent help of the library aides, have finished the orders. The aides typed orders, shelf list and subject cards and after the holidays they anticipate an avalanche of new books.

Some problems to be solved are shelf space for these books and needed extra help in processing them. When the job is finished, the library will be richer by many fine volumes.

## Dana's Germans Plan 'Gesellschaft'

**Achtung!** The annual German Christmas party of Dana College will be held Sunday evening, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Mickelsen Hall lounge.

Any student or faculty member who either speaks or understands German is invited. The cost is 25c payable to Professor Welsch.

Members of the third year German class are providing the entertainment: skits, laughs, humorous readings, laughs, Christmas songs and more laughs. On the serious side, several favorite Christmas carols will be sung and "die Weihnachts Geschichte" will be read.

Refreshments will consist, among other things, of such German goodies as "Pfeffernusse."

Janice Larsen and Kathy Wollenhaupt are in charge of this traditional custom (German party) and are making the arrangements with the help of Mr. Welsch and several other German students.

Because of so many Christmas activities, there will be no STUDENT CHAPEL until after Christmas.

## Selected Choir Members To Tour Wisconsin In January

Professor Paul Neve has selected the members of the 1962-63 Touring Choir. He has selected a 49-voice choir composed of 29 women and 20 men. The tour is scheduled for January 18-26 during the semester break.

The choir will begin its tour on January 18 with their first concert that evening at Highland Park Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa. The remainder of the tour will be in the state of Wisconsin.

On January 19 they will sing at St. John's Lutheran in Oregon, and at St. Mary's Lutheran in Kenosha on the 20th.

Singing at Galilee Lutheran in Pewaukee on the 21st, the group will move on to Our Savior's Lutheran in Oshkosh. On the 23rd they will be at First Lutheran in Poy Sippi, at St. Matthew's of Palmyra on the 24th and at Bethel Lutheran of Green Bay on the 25th. They return to Dana on Saturday the 26th.

Following are the members chosen for the touring choir:

**Soprano I:** Mary Jane Clausen, Jean Gebhart, Janet Hansen, Lois Hansen, Vivian Jenkins, Judith Johnson, Marjorie Kathman and Marlene Toft.

**Alto I:** Charlene Bridges, Sheila McKinstry, Bonnie Nelson, Joan Nielsen, Rebecca Roesener and Judith Swenson.

**Soprano II:** Ruth Dreyer, Kay Glasnapp, Judith Jensen, Kay McGill, Marilyn Michel, Linda Ocker, Elaine Petersen and Sue Ringhand.

**Alto II:** Clara Birney, Janet Francis, Sidney Larson, Linda Money, Elizabeth Nielsen, Dee Petersen and Kathryn Wollenhaupt.

**Tenor I:** Paul Christiansen, Jack Hill, Wayne Nielsen and Ben Talley.

**Tenor II:** Arden Dorn, Donald Hoffman, Gary Johnson and Holger Schultz.

**Bass I:** Donald Dreyer, Earland Estes, Kenneth Jacobsen, Gary Ramsey, David Rasmussen and Helmut Schaetzle.

**Bass II:** John Cederberg, Charles Jorgensen, Richard S. Jorgensen, Richard Moosmann, Karl Petersen and Larry Riesenche.

## 'Holly Daze' Opens Festive Holidays

Tonight is "Holly Daze," the annual Christmas banquet and program which is being sponsored by the Home Ec. Club.

The banquet is from 5:30-7:15 and the program in Alumni Memorial Auditorium begins at 7:30 p.m.

As **Hermes** goes to press, no information concerning the program is available.

## Dana Takes Part in National Study

Students of Dana College will soon be given an opportunity to take part in a nation-wide study of campus life. The study will be conducted by Columbia University under a grant from the U. S. Office of Education.

About 75 students selected at random from the student body, will participate in this study. Questionnaires will be sent from the university directly to the students. In a random study such as this, it is important that all students receiving questionnaires fill them out completely and return them at once.

The questionnaire is arranged in six sections, including college activities, social life, instructors and courses, general and academic disciplinary problems and general background. Most of the questions can be answered by checking the appropriate blank or by circling a number. The questionnaire can be completed in about an hour. Answers will be kept strictly confidential; no signature is required.

Comparisons of results will be made with other participating colleges, and these will be made available to the college when the research is completed.

# American History Tells of Varied Christmas Customs

Christmas has had its own history in America—a history composed by generations of people from across the seas, from many periods of time and many cultures.

In the colonial period, 1620 to 1776, the festival of Christmas was observed in various ways. In New England settlements, the Pilgrim fathers forbade any celebration of Christmas. Because such celebrations had a heathen origin, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a law in 1659 making the observance of Christmas a penal offense. The Puritans had come here as refugees from religious persecution and their faith could not tolerate the feasts and merry-making of the Christmas season in England. This attitude persisted in New England until the nineteenth century.

A far different attitude prevailed among the Dutch settlers in New York. Here, Christmas eve to the children meant a visit from "Sinterklaas" who filled their wooden shoes with gifts and sweets while they slept. For adults, it meant religious services, visits from friends, and feasts.

In colonial Virginia, Christmas was a twelve-day celebration beginning on Christmas eve with a great supper.

In 1741, a colony of Germans founded the town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on Christmas eve. They introduced a custom originally from Italy—that of setting up in miniature the manger scene.

The Christmas tree, symbolic of everlasting light, did not appear until the middle of the last century. It, too, was a gift of German immigrants. Early in the present century the custom of setting up a community Christmas tree in public squares began to spread.

It was the Irish immigrants who introduced the custom of placing a lighted candle in the window. The candle was originally used to light the way of the priest who came to pray with them on Christmas eve.

All down the Atlantic coast, the observances of Christmas reflected the national origins and religions of the colonists. In some of the southern states, Christmas was and still is celebrated with fireworks, a custom which was introduced by French settlers in Louisiana, and Italians and Spaniards in Florida.

## A Legend of the Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604.

There is a pretty legend in connection with it that makes St. Winfred the inventor of the idea.

"In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, goading as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin a young fir tree, pointing a green spire towards the stars.

"Winfred let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people. 'This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven! Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness.'"

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## By Way of Bob

Little need be said in regard to the Christmas concert presented Sunday and Monday evenings. Even though it is always a pleasure to have professional artists appear on the Dana College stage, it is even more of a thrill to listen to the performances of our own students. A great deal of practice and work went into this production and the performance was evidence of this.

Borup Coliseum really had an initiation last weekend!! With five games in one weekend, many people were afforded the opportunity to view the inside of Dana's newest occupied building. Even though the Dana Vikings didn't come through with victories, spirit was high and enthusiasm soaring.

This weekend will also see some real activity: the Dana-Midland game. I'm already wondering if the bleachers which are supposed to hold 2500 spectators will hold all those who come to see the game.

Christmas isn't far off anymore. This is evidenced by the Christmas decorations being displayed on campus. Several windows of Mickelsen Hall are lighted with colored lights, several trees have been decorated (in the canteen, Mickelsen Hall lounge, and the dining hall) and then the snow the early part of the week added its "holiday touch."

Then, of course, we must not forget to mention the traditional tree on the lawn of Pioneer Memorial. Actually this tree serves a dual purpose: as a Christmas tree and also as lighting for the sidewalk near the road. Maybe we should keep a lighted tree there all year long for the safety of those crossing the street at night!!

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## Editorial . . . 'Glass' Sidewalks Cause 'Sitdowns'

Whoops! Swish—ker-plunk!!  
"It is rather slick here, isn't it?"

"Well, it wouldn't be if the sidewalks wouldn't be as smooth as glass!"

"I wonder how come they made the patios here in front of Old Main and in front of Borup so smooth. Why, it's like sliding on buttered glass!"

"Yea, and this isn't the only time it's slick. Remember when you fell down here when it was raining several weeks ago?"

"I suppose that someone thought that smooth sidewalks were nicer. Well, they certainly aren't—they're more dangerous than walking on thin ice. Why can't they be practical around here; it really is disgusting!!"

"Well, if they can't be practical, I guess we'll have to. We'll each have to carry our little sand bags with us and sprinkle sand in front of us so that we can make it to class without breaking an arm, a leg or even our heads!"

"Or perhaps we should get our coal picks and sort of 'roughen-up' these smooth-as-glass, slick-as-satin sidewalks!!"

Need more be said??

A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out. Anonymous.

# Sneezy? Wheezy? Ah--choo! Common Cold Strikes Again!

Much can and has been said about this sneezing predicament—the common cold! One can even predict when it is going to occur: after a holiday; when one has been doing things in an unexhaustible manner; over emotional problems, such as tests, big dates and at many times just

from another cold sufferer, with whom you have come in contact.

Colds are what society thrives on. They are a joy to our economic problems! Over five billion dollars are lost through production, medical expenses and lost wages. Besides the delight of a cold, other pleasant conditions can arise: laryngitis, bronchitis, sinusitis and pneumonia.

To prevent getting a cold, one should stay up as late as possible, avoid as much sleep as one can, wear wet clothes and stand in drafts, associate with all carriers (this will build up your resistance) and lastly, try to come in contact with as many objects as the carrier has touched.

However, should you already have a cold, avoid fruit juices and tea with lemon (contrary to modern beliefs a warm liquor will do wonders for a cold); partake heavily of gooey foods and sweets and by all means—avoid rest and sleep. Resting is the worst thing one can do for a cold.

—K.L.F.



You'd never guess that I have a cold, would you? Well, I do!

Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the dumb understand.

## Lest You Forget

**Thursday, December 13**—"Holly Daze"—Christmas Banquet and program: 5:30-7:15, Banquet, DH; 7:30, program, AMA.

**Friday, December 14**—Blair High School Basketball, BC. Faculty Women's Club Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m., First Lutheran.

**Saturday, December 15**—Basketball: Midland, BC.

**Sunday, December 16**—Holy Communion, 8:30 and 11 a.m., First Lutheran. AWS Christmas Party, 8:30 p.m., BC. Christmas Caroling, sponsored by Chi Rho, 2:30-4:00 p.m., meet at MH.

**Monday, December 17**—College Intramural Sports, 7-10 p.m., BC. Gymnastic Team, 6:30-7:30 p.m., BC 214. LSA Candlelight Service, 9:30 p.m., AMA.

**Tuesday, December 18**—Basketball: Church College Tournament, Nebraska Wesleyan.

**Wednesday, December 19**—Basketball: Church College Tournament, Nebraska Wesleyan.

**Thursday, December 20**—Basketball: Church College Tournament, Nebraska Wesleyan. Gymnastic Team, 6:30-7:30 p.m., BC 214.

## Council Clips

By Tom Lange

The first order of business at the last meeting was to accept and approve the constitutions of organizations on campus which desire representation on Student Council. The council then approved the faculty section of the Faculty—Student Senate Charter which will now be presented to the student body at a meeting where it will be discussed.

Therm Kaldahl and Tom Lange gave reports of the Nebraska College Conference held at Kearney a few weeks ago. One of the accomplishments of the conference was the organization of a news letter made up of interesting projects and events on campuses of Nebraska colleges. This news letter will be published monthly and sent to any college desiring a subscription.

One of the objectives of this communication is to coordinate the hiring of big name entertainment for colleges of the state so that the price of this entertainment can be reduced if several colleges hire them during the same week.

A canteen committee of Kay McGill, Barry Tuttle, Sue Radloff and Lynn Barnes was organized to continue re-decorating plans begun last year. These plans were appropriated \$30 with which to buy Christmas decorations for the canteen and other areas on campus.

Dr. Rasmussen, Student Council advisor, explained the school's disciplinary policy for the council and for several student body members.

The final order of business was to give President Herb Knudsen approval to appoint an agenda committee to aid him in making out the business agendas and also to see that these agendas along with Student Council minutes are publicly posted.

## Officer Program For College Men

Future college graduates who wish to serve as officers to fulfill their military obligation will be interested in a program developed by the Army. This program is the new Army Officer Candidate School enlistment option. The student may put in his request before graduation as long as he qualifies.

For all information see or write to M/sgt. Claud Davidson, U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Room 8, Post Office Building, Fremont, Nebraska; or phone 721-4130 or 721-8182.

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Of one mound are they all and one God they do praise,  
Who gives His own beauty in marvelous ways.

—Mike Sink

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## Wesleyan, Concordia Send Viking Cagers to Defeat

The Dana College Vikings played their first home games of the season last Friday and Saturday evening as they met defeat at the hands of Nebraska Wesleyan and Concordia.

In the non-conference tilt Friday night, Dana never led. Wesleyan won by a huge margin, 91-55, although they led only 38-33 at halftime. Chet Paul was high scorer for Wesleyan with 23 points; Gary Lebeck led Dana with 10 points.

The Conference inaugural for both Dana and Concordia Saturday night was close all the way. The final score was 71-62 with Concordia leading at halftime, 33-26. Concordia's Buuck was the game's high scorer with 31 points. Gary Lebeck again was high for Dana with 21 and Roger Beck contributed 17.

Although the Vikings are inexperienced and in the process of rebuilding, good potential was shown in both games. Special praise goes to Ken Kemmish, a freshman guard, one of the finest prospects in recent years.

## Dana Vikingettes Take First Victory

After losing their opener, the Dana College Vikingettes came back strong and trounced Mutual of Omaha, 52-41. The girls never trailed and led at halftime, 22-21.

Linda Laursen of Dana was high scorer for the game with 31 points. Teammate Luana Peterson chipped in with 8 points.

The next game for the Vikingettes will be Thursday night, 9:00 p.m., when they play host to Commercial Extension of Omaha.

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## Vikings Clash With Warriors on Saturday

Dana will face the Midland College Warriors in the first of their two annual meetings at Borup Coliseum on Saturday night. With three regulars returning Midland has looked good so far this season. They have good height and also good team balance.

Midland won decisively over Omaha University in their first outing of the year, and like Concordia, should be regarded as one of the powerhouses of the Tri-State Conference.

## INTRAMURAL SCOREBOARD

### INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

#### Standings:

	W.	L.	TP.	OP.
Quickies	4	0	170	139
Stompers	3	0	173	146
Watusi's	3	0	116	89
Floater's	3	1	202	156
Raiders I	3	1	186	155
Carters	2	2	184	205
M 80's	1	2	133	155
Road Runners	1	3	180	200
Panters	0	3	100	126
Dukes	0	4	170	183
Raiders II	0	4	103	183

#### Scores:

Watusi's (38) — Panters (29)  
Stompers (55) — Road Runners (47)  
Raiders I (46) — Raiders II (29)  
Floater's (36) — Carters (24)  
Quickies (39) — Dukes (37)  
M 80's (46) — Road Runners (41)  
Watusi's (33) — Raiders II (17)  
Stompers (63) — Carters (54)  
Raiders I (52) — Dukes (51)  
Quickies (47) — Floater's (43)

#### Leading Scorers:

Wallman (Raiders I)	79
Thorberg (Floater's)	72
Godden (Stompers)	56
Stagmeier (Stompers)	49
Peterson (Dukes)	48
Nielsen (Road Runners)	46
Volkman (Floater's)	46
Paulson (Dukes)	44
Nilmeier (M 80's)	40
Kirkegaard (Raiders I)	39

## Dana's Hill

The hill that stood so tall and high,  
Is now but just a little fry.  
Upon its crest there stands a cross,  
Put there to worship our only loss.

The hill that once took an hour to climb  
Can now be scaled in five minutes time.  
The Ice Age came and is now gone,  
Leaving the hill a green sloping lawn.

Is this hill an instrument of heaven,  
For people around to rise like leaven?  
The fate is decreed for you and me,  
The predetermined is there to see.

All is created with the word of God.  
The stars, the Universe, man, the sod.  
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