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Lest You Forget

Tuesday, November 26 — LSA, 7-8 p.m., DHA; Dana Players, 8 p.m., DHA; Men's Dorm Council, 10 p.m., Living units.

Wednesday, November 27 — Thanksgiving Holiday begins at 5 p.m.

Monday, December 2 — Classes resume at 8 a.m. Chi Rho, 7-8 p.m., PM 207; Intramurals, 7-10 p.m., BC; Women's gym team, 6:30-7:30 p.m., BC 214.

Tuesday, December 3 — LSA, 7-8 p.m., DHA; Dana Players, 8 p.m., DHA; Men's Dorm Council, 10 p.m., Living units.

Wednesday, December 4 — Intramurals, 7-10 p.m., BC.

Thursday, December 5 — Student Council, 7 p.m., DHA; Women's Gym team, 6:30-7:30 p.m., BC 214.

Friday, December 6 — Basketball with Wesleyan, Borup Coliseum.

Saturday, December 7 — Basketball at Doane College.

Sunday, December 8 — Handel's Messiah, Dana College Choir, AMA.

Monday, December 9 — Intramurals, 7-10 p.m., BC; Women's Gym team, 6:30-7:30 p.m., BC 214.

Tuesday, December 10 — LSA, 7-8 p.m., DHA; Dana Players, 8 p.m., DHA; Men's Dorm Council, 10 p.m., Living units

Alpha Chi Holds Initiation Tomorrow

Initiation ceremonies for Alpha Chi will be on November 27 during the regular chapel hour.

The faculty nominations for Junior Members, nominated for the first time, are Judy Dose, Donald Dreyer, Nanette Eklund, James Hansen, Robert Hansen, Pamela Huss, J. Jane Jensen, Bonnie Kruse, Sharon Messer, Janet Myer, Kathryn Olsen, Norma Rummel, Nancy TeSelle and William Thompson.

The Senior Members being promoted from junior standing are Janet Francis, Richard Jorgensen, Thomas Lange, Sidney Larson, Judith Losh, Elizabeth Nielsen, Phyllis Rasmussen and JoAnn Urie.

Prerequisites to membership nominations, which are made by the faculty, are to rank in the top ten per cent of the class and to be of good character.

Dr. Donald Lehmer is the Alpha Chi Faculty Sponsor and Miss Luella Nielsen and Dr. C. Arthur Christiansen are the Assistant Faculty Sponsors.

Your problems, my good friend, are simple compared to mine, so please listen while I tell you my troubles.

Choir Presents Handel's 'Messiah'; Appear On TV

On December 8, the Dana College Choir directed by Paul A. Neve, will present its annual concert in Alumni Memorial Auditorium at 8 p.m. Featured on this year's concert program will be the music of Handel's *The Messiah*.

Appearing as soloists during the concert will be Clayton Nietfeld, tenor; Karl Petersen and Charles Jorgensen, basses; Elizabeth Nielsen, contralto; Marjorie Kathmann, Marlene Toft, Marilyn Michel, and Rosalyn Ehmen, sopranos.

Accompanists will be Vivian Jenkins and Cheryl Dietz, pianists. Naomi Petersen will be the organist.

Some of the numbers scheduled for the program are "And the Glory of the Lord", "For Unto Us a Child Is Born", "Glory to God in the Highest", "All We Like Sheep", the "Hallelujah Chorus", "Blessing and Honor" and the "Amen".

This concert will be open to the public.

TV Appearance

A special Christmas concert by the Dana College Choir will be presented on station KMTV on Sunday afternoon, December 8, from 1:30-2:00 p.m.

The Choir will present a variety of Christmas music including excerpts from *The Messiah* and a group of well-known Christmas carols. The Dana Folk Dancers and several vocal soloists will also appear on this special telecast.

CLASSES
RESUME
Dec. 2
8 a.m.

Folk Dancers Give Exhibition at Ralston

This morning, Tuesday, the Dana Folk Dancers presented a special exhibition of folk dancing at Ralston High School.

A special program of folk dances is being added to the physical education program at Ralston and administrators of the school intend to introduce it to their students through this special Dana exhibition.

No Hermes

Hermes will not be published again until December 10, due to the break that Thanksgiving vacation makes in our schedule.



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DRIVE**SAFELY**

So we will
have you back
as readers
after Thanksgiving

THE STAFF

What can't be said in a few words is often said with a frown or a well-placed kick.

Q. Why do hummingbirds hum?
A. Because they don't know the words.

EDITORIAL . . .**JFK: Who Would Have Thought . . . ?**

Yesterday, a great man, great in many ways, was laid to rest. John Fitzgerald Kennedy did much for his country in the two years and ten months that he served as its president. It will be hard to forget the friendliness and concern the young president displayed to everyone, regardless of race, color, or creed.

The horrible manner in which his death came about was a deep shock to the whole world. So many of us in this United States think that our country is so perfect, so 'innocent' that nothing of the kind could possibly happen here. Yet it did. We are now experiencing the grief and sorrow which other countries have experienced, countries to whom we have sent our condolences but never fully felt the impact of their tragedy.

President Kennedy's assassination will remain vivid in the minds of people of the world for a long time to come. He had strived for peace among all nations; it was one of the things in which he firmly believed and for which he finally gave his life.

Let us hope that John F. Kennedy has not died for no purpose. The progress our country has made under his leadership must continue to move forward. May the ideals for which he lived be carried on by our new president.

BLR

Assassins' Bullets Have Killed Four Presidents

November 22, 1963, will long be remembered as a day of national sorrow. Shortly after noon on that day the nation was stunned by the announcement that President John F. Kennedy and the Governor of Texas had been shot by a sniper while riding in a motorcade through Dallas, Texas.

While the nation still reeled with the shock came the announcement of the death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the thirty-fifth President of the United States of America.

This is the fourth time in the history of our country that the President has been assassinated.

Nearly 100 years ago, the Civil War-torn nation suffered the loss of Abraham Lincoln. On April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, an actor, while attending a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington, D. C. The next morning Lincoln died.

Garfield, the twentieth President of the United States, was shot on the morning of July 2, 1881, in the railway station at Washington, D. C. He was on his way to deliver the commencement address at Williams College when he was shot by Charles J. Guiteau, a disappointed office seeker. President Garfield suffered great agony until his death on September 19 of 1881.

In 1901, the twenty-fourth President of the United States, William McKinley, was assassinated. On September 6, while holding a reception in the Music Hall of the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York, he was shot twice by Leon Czolgosz, an anarchist. He died on September 14, 1901.

History records who and where but not always why.

Teacher Education Ranks High On Dana Campus

If you want to be in a select group at Dana College, you should get into the Teacher Education program. This seems to be a correct statement on the basis of evidence that has been gathered by the faculty committee that is preparing a report for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education on the status of teacher education at Dana College.

Their report will cover all aspects of the program beginning with objectives of teacher education at Dana and including programs offered, selection and advising of students entering the program, instructional, staff, facilities and laboratory experiences provided, as well as information about the students that enter the program.

"Those who can, do; those who can't, teach" is an expression heard in many places and implies that those who enter teaching are inferior to other students. This is certainly not true at Dana. For example, in comparing members of this year's junior class at Dana this year, one finds that the median rank in the high school class of those going into teaching is at the 74th percentile (with 99th as the highest) compared with the 61.5th percentile for the median of non-Education members of the class. Rank in class is the one best predictor academically. In the same junior class we find also both the aptitude level and the grade point average based on the first two years of college (mainly non-professional courses) higher for the Education than for the non-Education students.

That this is not an exception can be seen by noting that in the graduating class of May, 1963, the median rank in the high school class of those prepared to teach was also at the 74th percentile compared with the 60th percentile for those not prepared to teach. Also, among the 1963 graduates, the mean aptitude score is higher for Education than for non-Education.

On the Area Tests of the Graduate Record Examination, the Elementary Education graduates were below the non-Education graduates in the areas of Social Science and Natural Science but above them in the Humanities area. The Secondary Education graduates were above the non-Education graduates in both the Social Science and the Humanities areas but below in the Natural Science area. It must be remembered that the Secondary Education graduates had spent over a semester in professional education courses and the Elementary Education graduates a full year in professional education courses which non-Education students had spent in science, social science, and humanities.

In professional education background, we have also two comparisons of Dana graduates in Education with those of other institutions. The Advanced Test in Education of the Graduate Record Examinations is a measure of professional knowledge. While Dana graduates in teacher education are required to major in a subject matter area rather than in Education, the 22 Elementary Education graduates who took that test averaged at approximately the 70th percentile on national norms compared with Education majors in other colleges. Dana Education students also ranked above the average of over 48,000 graduates of 582 other institutions for teacher education in the Teacher Education Survey conducted by the Educational Testing Service last spring.

It is not surprising that the teachers who are graduates of Dana are establishing an excellent reputation for themselves and for their college in the schools of the nation.

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Lettvin Received Well By Audience

Probably the best program in the current lyceum series was presented by concert pianist Theodore Lettvin last Monday evening.

Works by Beethoven, Bach, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Bartok and Liszt were performed and in the opinion of N. Gene Savage of the Dana music department, they were presented in a "commanding style which compelled the audience to participate in the music that he played."

Mr. Lettvin played two encores, Schubert's "Moment Musical" and Chopin's "Nocturne in D Minor," as a result of a standing ovation, further evidencing the audience's overwhelming enthusiasm for this superb artist.

Commenting further on Mr. Lettvin's presentation, Mr. Savage stated that Dana was "extremely fortunate to have him for the master class in the afternoon, the evening performance and the reception which followed the concert."

After hearing such exciting musicians as Mr. Lettvin, one feels that such maestros are almost superhuman. However, after visiting with Mr. Lettvin for a few minutes backstage following his concert, we found that he was very human and not only a tremendous musician, but also a very charming and interesting person with whom to visit.

The people of Blair and surrounding communities, as well as the students and faculty of Dana, are indebted to the Blair Friends of Performing Arts and the College Lyceum Committee for bringing to the campus this fine concert. Thanks is also due the Dana players for relinquishing the stage at such a crucial time.

The only sour note of the concert was our embarrassment at the poor showing of Dana students. It is a real shame that so many students failed to seize such an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with one of the great artists of today.

Jon Jensen : Bob Rademacher

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Memorial Services Held Saturday

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." This is a quote from a speech made by the late President John F. Kennedy. He gave his life for the country.

Saturday afternoon, November 23, a solemn group of students, faculty and townspeople gathered in Alumni Memorial Auditorium to pay tribute to the memory of and mourn the loss of President Kennedy.

Dr. Madsen and Rev. Nielsen, campus pastor, were in charge of the services.

'Inherit the Wind' Performance Brings Favorable Reviews

In spite of national mourning of the loss of the President, the fall play INHERIT THE WIND went on as scheduled this past weekend.

Friday night the actors working under a great handicap did something less than a perfect job according to the directors. However, on Saturday night the cast threw themselves into it and really put on a performance. Comments overheard among the audience ranged from "Terrific" to "Adequate", the latter being said in such a manner as was highly complimentary.

There was some question as to whether the performances should be cancelled or not. It was decided that the nature of the play was such that it would not be disrespectful to go on. Many found a high parallel between the ideas presented in the play and the ideals of the late President—the right of every person to think and believe what he chooses.

L.M.K.

A GREAT NECESSITY

A sixth grade pupil was experiencing more and more difficulty with arithmetic.

"I want to give it up, pop", he pleaded. It's not any use anyway."

The father was properly horrified.

"No use!" he exclaimed. "Do you want to grow up an ignoramus and not be able to figure football scores, batting averages and race-track odds?"

MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY

White House

Washington, D. C.

In this time of great sorrow, we extend to you and your family our deepest sympathy. There is no way we can express our own grief at this moment. We pray that God may comfort and sustain you, and that He will give us courage to face the challenges ahead.

DANA COLLEGE STUDENT BODY

(Above is the text of the telegram sent to the White House on Saturday, November 23.)

Thanksgiving Traditions Have American Origin

Foods having thoroughly American origins are the turkey, the cranberry, and the pumpkin. And Thanksgiving Day is the best time of the year to find Americans feasting on native foods of the New World.

Indians ate turkey, cranberries, and pumpkins before the first European colonists arrived. At their first Thanksgiving feast in 1621, the Pilgrims may have nibbled at cranberries gathered in nearby bogs, but they didn't have enough sugar to make sauce. They may also have sampled pumpkin, though they probably did not know how to cook the formidable-looking vegetable.

Historians doubt that cranberry sauce and pumpkin were on the 1621 menu, but turkey most certainly was. The menu for the three-day feast probably included: deer, turkeys, wild geese and ducks, lobsters, eels, clams, oysters and fish; dried gooseberries, strawberries, plums, and cherries; white and red wine made from wild grapes; biscuits and bread of English wheat; parched and roasted corn, hoe cakes and ash cakes — Indian meal baked before the fire or in the ashes, originally on a hoe — and Indian pudding made of corn meal and molasses boiled in a bag.

The turkey on present-day Thanksgiving tables is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey. Though entirely American in breed, the bird acquired a name indicating a foreign origin. This happened because the gobbler was once mistakenly identified with the guinea cock, a bird imported from Africa by way of Turkey.

If anyone wants to choose his Thanksgiving vegetables and salads by their pure American pedigrees, the choice is fairly wide. Potatoes, corn, lima beans, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, and garden peppers can claim to be American born and bred, though some first grew in South America rather than North America.

Dear Lord and Father . . .

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise . . .*

*. . . Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!*

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

Just For Today

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except for myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Anonymous

(This meditation was printed in Hermes last year. In current situations we thought that it might be appropriate to print it again.)



Who's putting you through school?

If you're "working your way", it's tough — not enough hours in the day. If someone else is footing the bills, they cared enough to start saving a long time ago. And now is the perfect time for *you* to start saving — for your own retirement, or to provide a college education for the children you will have some day. Rates for your Lutheran Mutual insurance are lower now than they will ever be again for you. Every insurance dollar buys more security and provides more savings. Why not see your Lutheran Mutual agent and get all the details . . . soon.

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Chatter In The Locker Room

Brup Coliseum has been buzzing with activity as varsity basketball candidates prepare for the season's opener against nationally ranked Nebraska Wesleyan of Lincoln on December 6. Dana's team is beginning to take shape and Coach Dale Lemon is pleased by the progress his young team has made thus far.

Knowing full well that a rough schedule lies ahead for the inexperienced squad, the coach points readily to the Vikings' most glaring weakness—"We need depth in forward and center positions; we don't have enough strength and power in these areas."

Coach Lemon, in his first year as Dana's head basketball coach, is convinced that the team has great potential and is improving with each practice.

He points to the pre-season labors of Owen Vasby, Ken Kemish and Jim Fluckey, a group that provides a deceptive and experienced trio-performance at the guard position. He also pointed out that freshmen Bill Weigel and Tim Brown "look promising" as out-court men in pre-season workouts.

Several new play patterns have been added to the squad's repertoire which Lemon states "should allow us to get some good shots and at the same time control the ball."

At this point in the season the Vikings look as if they can execute a good fast break and are adept at setting up patterns after a rebound while quickly moving the ball around in a five man assault.

Workouts this year have emphasized conditioning and tough defensive play which Coach Lemon feels could develop into one of the team's strong points.

Sixteen games are in line for the squad and if they can acquire some polish early and capitalize on their strong points the team should have a good season.

Barry Tuttle

Meet the Grapplers

CLIFF STABEN — From Blair, Nebraska, comes a valuable man to the squad—Staben. A junior, he is 5' 9" tall and competes in the 167 lb. class. Cliff had no experience before coming to Dana, but has won some very important bouts. He is a business major.

LOWELL LARSON — From Northfield, Minnesota, comes the 177 lb. Tri-State Conference champion for the past two years. He is Lowell Larson, a 6' junior. Lowell is an English major.

LARRY MASON — From Rifle, Colorado, comes 5' 7" Larry Mason. He is a senior and competes in the 123 lb. class. He has had four years' experience. Larry is a sociology major.

THOMAS LANGE — A competitor in the 157 lb. class is Tom Lange from Racine, Wisconsin. He is a 5' 8" senior. He had two years' experience in high school. Tom is majoring in biology.

RON THORNGREN — From the neighboring city of Omaha comes Ron Thorngren, a 5' 9", 160 lb. junior. He won second place in the Inner-City matches while in high school in Omaha. Ron is a sociology major.

MARK BONDO — A 167 lb. grappler comes from Racine, Wisconsin. He is 5' 9" Mark Bondo, a senior. He has had two years' experience. Mark is a four year letterman in football as well as being a wrestler. He is majoring in math.

MAX BENTLEY — A sophomore wrestler comes from Pierre, South Dakota. He is 5' 6", 135 lb. Max Bentley. He was South Dakota state high school champion in the 138 lb. class for two years. Max is a biology major.

ROGER HOWLAND — From Council Bluffs, Iowa, comes Roger Howland, a senior. He is 5' 5" tall and competes in the 137 lb. class. He is a three year letterman at Dana. He was the Tri-State Conference champion for two consecutive years in the 130 lb. class and at the 137 lb. class. Roger is an accounting major.

ERNIE ABARIOTES — A competitor in the 147 lb. class comes from Omaha, Nebraska. He is 5' 7" Ernie Abariotes, a junior. He was Tri-State Champion in the 157 lb. class one year and earned a Dana letter. He is a social science major.

RONALD HOUGH — Another one year letterman comes from Underwood, Iowa. He is Ronald Hough. He is 5' 9" tall and competes in the 130 lb. class. Ronald is a junior and is majoring in business administration.

PHIL DYNNESON — Phil, a 5' 7" junior comes to us from Sidney, Montana. He competes in the 137 lb. class. He has had three years' experience. "Pinky" is a sociology major.

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