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J. Olsen's Grant To Buy Foundry

Mr. James Olsen of the Dana art department has received a research grant of \$500 from the U.S.O.E. humanities and social science development program.

The research grant is theoretically for a faculty member to continue his study but through Mr. Olsen's goodwill Dana will receive a double advantage. The grant is by the Federal Government through the National Foundation of Humanities.

The grant will be incorporated into the departmental budget and used to build a campus foundry. The blast furnace and incidental equipment will cost approximately \$1100 with the old boiler house as the proposed site for the kiln.

After the completion of the foundry Dana will be one of three schools in Nebraska to have such an operation, Hastings College and the University of Nebraska being the other two. There are only about 30 schools with foundries throughout the nation and this equipment will enable art students to cast in bronze whereas only plaster work has been done before.

Mr. Olsen explained that it would now be possible to cast up to 200 pounds or approximately a 4 to 5 foot high figure.

It is hoped the foundry will be in operation by next semester. The use of the furnace would then be included in second semester sculpture class.

Chapel Schedule

January 3
Miss Nielsen

January 4
Dr. Hanson

January 6
Pastor Jensen

January 9
Dr. Madsen

January 10
Hymn Sing

January 11
Mr. Warman

January 13
Mr. Hutton

Merry Christmas



Ruth Rysta, Alvina Chow and Bill Andersen are shown decorating Washington County's tallest indoor Christmas tree. The 20 ft. tree is the largest indoor tree Dana has ever had.

Dana Nears 50,000 Books In Library

The Dana College library is rapidly nearing a total of 50,000 books and periodicals. Librarian Ronald Johnson expects to pass that mark by the end of the 1966-67 academic year.

The circulating collection is over 30,000 volumes already, with the largest holdings in history and literature. There are also more than 4,000 bound periodicals and as many government documents in the reference collection.

Among the special collections are 664 rare books, 172 hymn books, and 1,299 books from the Lutheran Publishing House which was formerly located in Blair. Many of these books are in the Danish language.

The Dana College Library has received 230 books in excellent condition from the late Miss Elja P. McCullough's personal collection. The majority of these books are on education. Other topics in the collection include Nebraska folklore and science.

The library already has about one-third of these books. Miss McCullough's books will be kept as a second copy if Dana already has the books. All the books in this collection will be placed on the stacks.

Faculty Attend Conferences

President C. C. Madsen will make a trip to California in January to represent Dana College in the annual meetings of the National Lutheran Educational Conference and the Association of American Colleges.

In connection with the NLEC meetings at Los Angeles, the college presidents of the American Lutheran Church will make further plans for the \$20 million fund raising program called LIFE (Lutheran Ingathering for Education.)

Dr. Madsen will also visit Dana alumni meetings in the Los An-

geles, San Francisco "Bay area," and northern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Warman will attend a conference of the American History Association on December 28-30. The convention will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Three members of the Dana English Department attended the National Council of Teachers of English conference at Houston, Texas, during the Thanksgiving holidays. They were Dr. Herta Engelman, Miss Luella Nielsen, and Mr. Norman Bansen.

A complete physical count of the library's holdings was taken last month with the aid of 20 student and faculty volunteers. Each volunteer contributed the equivalent of 30 working hours to make the count.

These students helped to make the count: Sherry Beales, Marsha Degner, Ruthann Knoell, Susan Rodda, Donna Thomas, Peggy Vogel, Conrad Warner, Barbara Wheatley, and Janet Winkel. Great Danes who helped were Arnold Beerenstrauch, Robert Hinrichs, David Kjeldgaard; members of Chi Rho who helped were Stanley Nielsen and Henry Thorberg.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

Can Commercialism Spoil Christmas?

"Well! Here we go again! The Christmas season is off and running. They sure got off to a good start this year. Was it one week or two weeks before Thanksgiving the Christmas decorations were going up? How long have the newspapers been running special sections for Christmas shoppers? How long has Santa been in the stores and on the street corners?"

How often have you heard this line? Doesn't it happen that every year many, many proclaim that we are commercializing Christmas? How often have you heard pastors haranging their congregation about taking the Christ out of Christmas? How many thousands of editorials are written about the exploitation of the Christ child by money-grubbing American businessmen? How many people have you heard complaining about the earlier and ever earlier display of Christmas gifts?

Why can't we learn to overlook such things? In our strong criticism . . . in our passionate hatred of being exploited by shop owners . . . in our hatred of seeing the Christ child taken advantage of for material gain, don't we miss the meaning of Christmas? We can become so engrossed with the sordid side of gift giving that we completely overlook Christmas, and it is gone and forgotten, except for those who ask, "How early will they begin next year?"

I'm sick of these cynical pseudo-intellectuals who can find no good in Christmas. Instead of ranting and raving about being exploited, why can't we allow ourselves to be caught up by Christmas. Instead of hurling curses at the men who install

the decorations, why can't we simply be overjoyed because the happy time will be prolonged, because we will see how good it is to give? When we hear Christmas music coming from loudspeakers in every store, why must we be nauseated? Why can't we instead allow ourselves to be picked up by the feeling of the music, to be carried by it out of our usual drab self-centered existence into the inn of Bethlehem and there to see the greatest gift of all? Why can't we forget about the earliness of the Christmas commercials and instead anticipate our own privilege to give these items to others? Why can't pastors stop pounding their pulpits in rage because they see Christ slipping out of Christmas, and instead begin, each in his own way, to put Him back—stop proclaiming the evils of commercialism and proclaim instead the gift of life in Christ?

It is my prayer that this Christmas each of us, Christians, non-Christians, agnostics, atheists, athletes, scholars, philosophers, intellectuals, children — people — may find something we will never forget. This may not be the answer to all our problems; it may, in fact, create greater problems inside. But, may we all allow ourselves to be swept into the spirit of Christmas. May we all forget for a while the bad side we can see in the world around us, and bow in deepest reverence before the babe in Bethlehem. And then may we accept him for what he is, may we accept ourselves for what we are, and may we accept Christmas for what it can be and is and not for what some have tried to make it.

Steve Bohling

Job Directory Available

Summer jobs of many kinds are available for college students; in fact, there are many kinds of summer work for which college students are especially sought. These include business and industry, ranches, restaurants, motels and hotels, national parks, camps, resorts, and such groups as YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Also included are positions overseas.

Bulletins and directories of such summer jobs may be found in the Reading Room on second floor of the Library at the desk. Perhaps the best of all that are available is the **Summer Employment Directory** listing summer jobs for 1967 in all states of the

nation. Listings include salary paid, work available, location, and where to apply. Inside the front cover are found suggestions for applying, with some sample letters. Thousands of jobs are listed, in alphabetical order by states.

Another excellent directory, the **World-Wide Summer Placement Directory**, is not available until January 15 but will be placed with the others on arrival. Students using these directories in January or early February to supplement applications near home should be assured of summer work next summer. Apply early!

World Of Fantasy Reigns In Annual Children's Play

Nearly 2,000 elementary school pupils from around Blair attended the annual children's play at Dana this week. There was so much interest this year that four performances of "Once Upon A Clothesline" were given. Children came from school for matinees on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and parents were also invited for an evening performance Wednesday.

"Once Upon A Clothesline" involved the sinister plans of a Black Widow Spider to obtain the golden hairs of a young clothespin girl, Pinnette. The three golden hairs were a matter of life and death to Pinnette but the evil designs of the spider

seem to be conquering good until Pinno, the young male clothespin, heroically rallies his insect friends and rescues Pinnette and the evil Spider evaporates in a puff of smoke.

James Black, Chuck Emmons, Connie Derry, Kay Ringhand, Kathy Reisner, Jan Thomas, Norma Wilkens, Margaret Wold, John Thomsen and Dick Zion entered a world of giant mushrooms and talking clothespins to portray the characters of the play. They were directed by Ben Talley. Bill Anderson and Carol Johnson served as technical director and set designer respectively.

Opportunity For Summer Work In Archaeology

John C. Wouters of Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey, is excavating at Ludgershall Castle, former Royal residence dating from 12th century.

An exciting opportunity in England is now offered to College students wanting to spend next summer in Europe.

You may help in this important work, earn credits, make international friends and receive valuable training in archaeology, by joining a program sponsored by the Association for Cultural Exchange, the British non-profit organization.

You may help to reveal the secrets of a Roman villa, an iron-age hill fort or the structure of a medieval town or Anglo-Saxon cathedral before they disappear, perhaps for ever. Expanding housing programs, city center redevelopment and new highway projects in Britain to-day have opened up many new possibilities for archaeological investigation.

Volunteers first join a three-week seminar for training in British archaeology and excavation techniques at Westminster College, Oxford. They then split up into small groups for three or more weeks "digging" on an archaeological site. Total cost of the program is 685 dollars, including round-trip air transportation from New York. Part scholarships are available to suitable students with a B plus average.

Write now for further details to United States Representative: Association for Cultural Exchange, 539 West 112th Street, New York 10025. Closing application date is expected to be the beginning of January 1967.

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VIKING SPORTS

Matmen Lose To Wesleyan Plainsmen Down Vikings, 95-70

In the first wrestling match of the season the Dana matmen were overpowered by Nebraska Wesleyan.

Wesleyan got off to an early lead when Dana forfeited its first three weight classes, 123, 130, and 152. The wrestlers from Lincoln forged ahead to take two more matches by decision and one by a pin.

Dana's only points came from three pins by Marv Staben, Geo. MacTosh and Paul Staby. This left the final score Wesleyan 26 and Dana 15.

The next match will be held December 16, 3:00 at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska.

The Nebraska Wesleyan basketball team defeated Dana 95 to 70 Wednesday night.

The Plainsmen led throughout the game, but the Vikings were within 10 points with about six minutes remaining in the game.

Dana played a come from behind game Saturday night to lose a close one to Doane 66-64.

The 66-67 Vikings have lettermen and several new faces working with hopes of improving last season's conference and all game record. Dana won 5 and lost 16 in 1965-66 overall and had 2 wins and 10 losses to end last season in the Tri-State cellar. Coach Lemon feels certain these two records can be bettered.

The Vikings will travel to Doane on December 16.



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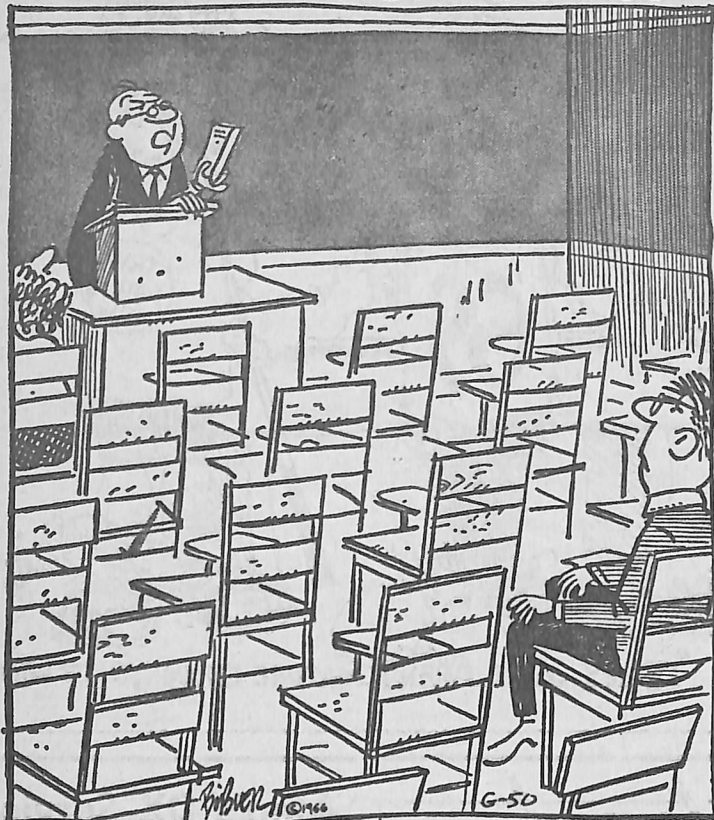
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Placement Bureau Helps Find Jobs

Many of the students here at Dana are only vaguely aware of a placement bureau on campus.

This service is available primarily to the Senior students in education and business. Although assistance is available in other academic fields also.

The purpose of the bureau is to keep the interested student alerted to the supply and demand of job openings by means of bulletins, brochures, announcements and personal interviews

Mrs. Lemon is in charge of interviews and Mr. Weckmueller aids the education majors in keeping students tuned to available job openings and for post graduate work.

Any one interested in this service should see his department head as to procuring proper credentials and advice which may help him find a job easier.

The Bureau is located on the third floor of Old Main.

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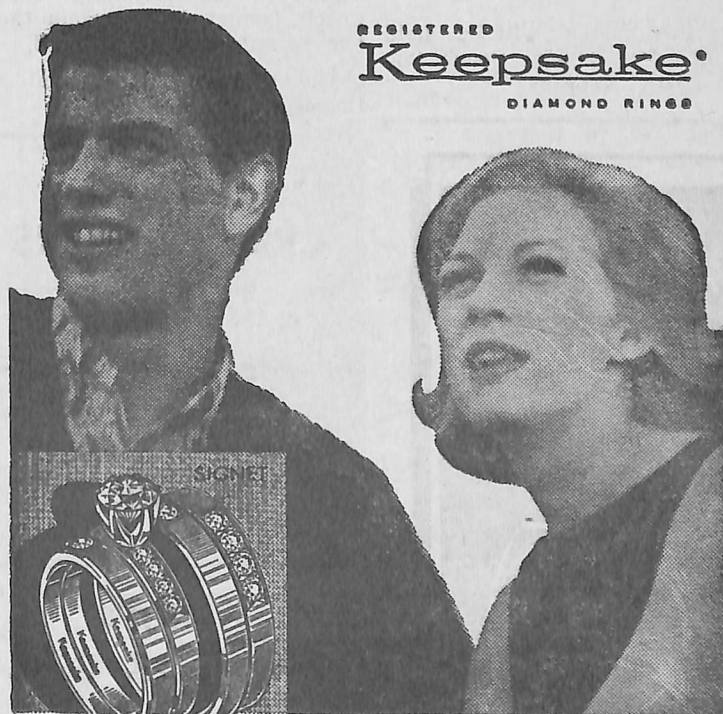
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