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Thalians Cast Crucible

Arthur Miller's *Crucible*, now in the initial stages of production, is scheduled to be staged at Dordt on May 3, 5, and 6. The newly-selected cast and crews are under the direction of Mr. Koldenhoven with John Strikwerda as student director.

Twenty characters stage a poignant situation based on the Salem witch trials which mar early American history. Abigail Williams, played by Mamie Haan, manages to bewitch several of her comrades as well as to involve John Proctor (John Schuurman) in the scheme. Jeri Brower plays Proctor's wife Elizabeth while Glenda Harthoorn assumes the role of Mary Warren.

The two clerical roles of Rev. Paris and Rev. Hale are played by John Byker and Jim Vanden Bosch respec-

Frank Gaebelein to be Commencement Speaker

Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein from Arlington, Virginia, a nationally known educator associated with Stony Brook School on Long Island, is to be the commencement speaker this year.

Dr. Gaebelein is deeply interested in Christian education and has given many lectures across the United States. He was the main speaker at the National Union of Christian Schools Convention held at Purdue University several years ago. Dr. Gaebelein is also the author of several books and of many articles in periodicals on Christian education.

tively. Dave Bloemendaal takes the part of Deputy-Governor Danforth.

Vital to the progression of the theme are roles played by Carol De Jong, Betty Vreeman, Vivian Boxum, Betty Vink, Ron Rynders, Micki Louters, and Lorna Van Gilst. Other essential supporting characters are acted by Charles Vander Hart, Bob Hoekstra, John Hofland, Dave Sinclair, Gerry Ebbers, Evelyn Dykstra, Mary Medema, and Sharon Nieuwsma.

Seminary Choir Tours Sioux Center

Last Wednesday evening the Calvin Theological Seminary Choir presented a sacred concert in First Christian Reformed Church. The 20-voice male choir was directed by Art Van Wyhe, a '65 graduate of Dordt. Four other choir members, Leroy Christoffels, Curt Roelofs, John Rozeboom, and Harold De Jong are graduates of Dordt.

The concert was presented under the theme of the Apostles' Creed. Songs were sung under the headings of "I Believe in God the Father," "God the Son," and "God the Holy Spirit." Four of the selections sung were arranged by Dale Grotenhuis, Dordt's own musical leader.

The seminary choir also performed in chapel Thursday morning. Other tour stops included: Oak Lawn, Illinois; Pella, Iowa; Hull Western Christian, Hull, Iowa; and Edgerton, Minnesota.

Calendar of Events

Fri., March 31—Spring Vacation begins, 2:00 p.m.
Tues., April 11—Classes resume 7:35 a.m.
Thurs., April 13—Arete entries due
Fri., April 14—Travelogue, "Yucatan Trails"
Sat., April 15—Talent Contest.

ARSS Director Conducts Lecture Series

Dordt tradition was again carried on in respect to the presentation of the annual lecture series. The individual chosen to deliver the series this year was Dr. H. Hart, a graduate of Calvin College and the Free University of Amsterdam. In fact, Dr. Hart spent seven years at the Free University, studying various courses in philosophy, graduating in 1966 with cum laude honors.

Presently, Dr. Hart is the executive director of the ARSS (Association of Reformed Scientific Studies). His appearance on Campus gave Dordt students an opportunity to analyze a philosophical Christian approach to matters of pertinent interest to them.

There were four separate lectures by Dr. Hart during his three-day appearance at Dordt College.

His initial appearance was made at the chapel on March 21, where he made remarks from John 5. The same evening Dr. Hart addressed the public as well as college students in the auditorium. The topic for this lecture was "Dordt and the American Way of Life." This stirring presentation was followed by a discussion session. Several individuals raised related questions, enlightening the entire audience.

A faculty meeting with the guest lecturer was conducted on March 22. A discussion of what is meant by the Truth was carried on at that time.

Dr. Hart's final appearance occurred
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Critique Of Thaliens Activity Night

Theatre is essentially communication—of concepts, of mood, whatever. Thaliens Activity Night attempted, with mixed degrees of success, to bridge the communications gap that exists between the actors, who know what's going on before the production, and the audience, who ought to by the end of the performance.

The first things that met our eye were Mere and Zuet, giving a pantomime introduction to each act. They were in all cases clever, in one humorous and in another—The Wasteland—profound.

The bill opened with Mr. Bloemendaal's suspenseful and artistic rendition of Steinbeck's The Snake. We were entertained and captivated throughout by Mr. Bloemendaal's silky, flexible voice. He seemed to know exactly what he was doing, both in selection and reading. *Tres bien!*

Trojan Women selections were not quite so successful, and for two reasons. First, there was insufficient background material for most of the audience. Second, while Miss Haan, Mr. Vanden Bosch and especially Miss Van Gilst gave excellent interpretations, we believe Miss Hart-hoorn, though doing her usual excellent acting job, missed the proper interpretation of Hecuba. Nonetheless, a very superior piece. The favorable audience reception Trojan

Women received should encourage the Thaliens to do more Greek drama.

Hats off to Miss Medema for a clever beautifully done act. Though reminiscent of Peter Paul and Mary, Miss Medema's interpretation of both pieces was original and attractive.

We are afraid there is still a communications gap between us and Messrs. Eliot and Strikwerda. The Wasteland was well done, tastefully done, but the selection of this piece we found pretentious. The Wasteland is far too much to expect an audience to comprehend at first hearing. There were often very large moments when the audience was totally lost. A more judicious selection of material is in order. After all, the audience is there to be edified, not confused.

Miss Brower's readings from Dickens and Weiss made us doubt the existence of the communications gap. Her superb selection and skilled performance impressed us. The mood and tone were beautifully captured. We found them expressive and beautifully expressed. A stunning climax.

On the whole, the biggest fault of the evening was lack of comic-tragic balance. The mood throughout was too heavy, occasionally becoming stifling and tiresome. Thaliens Activity Night was, nevertheless, a reasonably worthwhile experience.

Discussion Groups Thrive Although Small

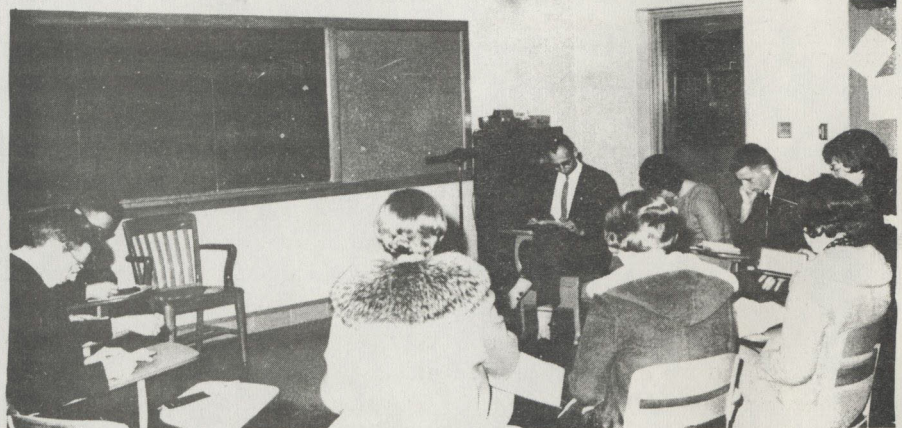
Sunday afternoon at Dordt College offers a time of spiritual stimulation for the one tenth of the student body that forgoes Sunday afternoon naps.

Following several minutes of group singing, prayer, and reading from God's Word, the members, along with a faculty advisor, divide into groups of ten to fifteen students. Student-led discussions follow a book entitled Basic Christianity, the book of I Peter, or the Gospel of John as outlined by The Federation Messenger.

Some critics on this campus have doubted the value and usefulness of these Bible discussions. However, any active member agrees that they have achieved a definite success. Although the Bible discussions are not attended by large numbers of students, they certainly help those who attend to understand the Bible better. Sometimes vital passages are studied over verse by verse; sometimes important Christian issues are brought up and thoroughly discussed. The informal atmosphere gives every member a chance to participate, voicing his own opinions and learning from those of others. The important combination of critical analysis and personal involvement make these Bible discussions very worthwhile. Members are stimulated to clarify their own beliefs and to understand and appreciate God's Word more.



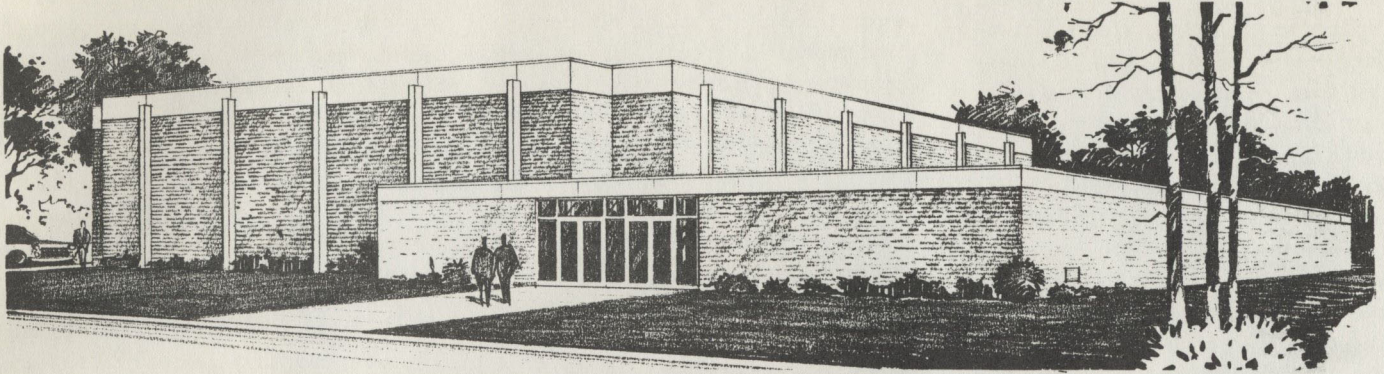
Jeri's Reading—Thaliens' Night



A Sunday Discussion

CONSTRUCTION: PHYS. ED. BUILDING AND HEATING PLANT

Dordt Receives Finances for New Phys. Ed. Plant



The Administration has been notified that Dordt will receive a federal grant and a federal loan to help finance a new physical education building. The date for letting the new physical education building has been set for April 27. Presently plans and specifications are being sent out to interested contractors scheduled to bid. At the same time, a bid letting will be held for an addition to the present heating plant.



—by Betty Vreeman

He wasn't such a big rabbit. In fact, he was a rather small Easter bunny. He was almost entirely white except for a small black spot around one eye and a black patch on his right front feet while speaking. He was a young Easter bunny and didn't know as much as he should have perhaps.

He was terribly excited about Easter this year because he was entirely on his own for the first time. He determined to hunt for eggs as he had never done before and be an outstanding Easter bunny champion. His enthusiasm was slightly dampened by the attitudes of many of the other young rabbits who didn't care at all about hunting for eggs this year because they were disgusted or unhappy or lazy or angry or because they just plain didn't care. But he did care, and he insisted on following the example of older, dedicated Easter rabbits.

For weeks he had been hearing and studying and thinking about the Bunny Ceremony that would take place two days before the great Morning

Festival. The most beautiful, perfect Easter Egg which was displayed at all times in the bunny colony would go through a strange change. On that Friday afternoon, the egg would crack and splinter and fall to pieces in the sight of everyone. This always made all the rabbits very sad even though they knew what would happen on The Morning. It was the most important ceremony before Easter and he was waiting for it.

But somehow, something happened that day. He didn't know exactly how it came about but he had been assigned to hunt for some eggs that couldn't be found. While he was rushing around trying to finish his task before the ceremony, he heard the other Easter bunnies crying and he knew the Egg had already cracked. He was terribly unhappy about missing it and it just wasn't the same even though he went to view the Egg that night with the other rabbits. He was so wound up in the failure of his assignment that he just couldn't feel the mood.

And when the Great Morning came and the shattered Egg suddenly became whole and perfect and beautiful again, he was impressed and happy and anxious to go out and hunt for eggs. But he didn't find nearly as many as last year, and something was missing somewhere. He wished he knew what it was.

Don't Stack The BOWLS So High

The Dishwashers and the Mr. De Wit met in the Commons—4:30—Tuesday for some camaraderie. Two matters disturbed the Junior Business Executive. First: Breakage. Second: Dirty Dishes.

Following the presentation of griefs, a Dishwasher peeped out that the cause of the broken dishes lay with the falling of the Bowl Towers which careless students had crudely erected. "Blame the Students..." was the implication of harried dish crew. So students, Don't Stack the Bowls so High! Following the conclusion of Part I of the meeting, several tardy members appeared and were informally briefed.

Part II dealt with tainted dishes. De Wit spurred the hushed audience to better performance by creating new laws and reinterrupting old laws: viz. Laws of Expurgation, Laws of Exsiccation, Laws of Purification, and Laws of Taciturnity to the head lady.

In Pella, a small college town where educators of the Reformed Church in America want students to know more about social responsibility, a capacity crowd of 1300 gave a standing ovation to Dr. Martin Luther King, the Negro civil rights leader. —Sioux City Journal

HARTBEAT

LECTURE SERIES REVIEW

In the first formal lecture of the Dordt 1967 Lecture Week a compact, but, as it proved, a highly edified audience heard Dr. Hendrick Hart speak on "Dordt and the American Way of Life." An innocuous and obscure title apparently. But Dr. Hart shone a great deal of light on the obscurity (of which there was perhaps more in our minds than in the title of the speech) and, to those who cherished a naively prejudiced infatuation with the wonderful religious freedom under the distinctly Christian form of democratic government which they think they have in this country, the speech was anything but innocuous. And even for those to whom Dr. Hart's ideas were not entirely foreign, his vivid statement and illustration of Biblical principles was indeed edifying.

To begin his lecture, which basically demonstrated the incompatibility of the Way of life which Dordt represents and the democratic way of life, Dr. Hart showed that "way of life" is essentially synonymous with "religion," at least in so far as both make a total claim on life, and both are accepted by faith.

He then gave a historical sketch which showed how the many conflicting ideas of absolute truth led to an emphasis on individual freedom, especially after the mid nineteenth century. But then if every free individual exercised his freedom according to his own inclinations, the resulting anarchy would make a society, a community impossible. And so there came the idea of a democratic community of free individuals on the basis of what they supposedly have in common. Furthermore, because people were infatuated with the idea of political democracy, democracy was extended to other spheres such as education and labor, with the result that democracy became a way of life which demanded full allegiance. In essence, then, the democratic way of life became an attempt to throw off the rule of God and an assertion that man is subject to no one. And the human-

istic brotherhood of man is substituted for the rule of God.

In this democratic community (a common unity, unity of heart is implied) there is no room for those who demonstrate that they do not confess the democratic ideals. By its very nature the community emphasizes the things which its members supposedly have in common and suppresses the differences among them, which include the vital issues, for instance, dividing the sons of God from the sons of men. Therefore anyone who openly holds any ideal in higher regard than the democratic ideals which the community holds in common, anyone, for instance, who demonstrates that he does not believe that the highest criterion for ethics is a majority of John Q. Publics, is excommunicated from the community. That is why the religious freedom of Jews, Christians, and Buddhists to educate their children freely according to their beliefs without financial discrimination is denied. They are not part of the community, of the public; therefore they cannot have their share of public funds. That is also why there can be no religion in the public schools other than the religion which confesses the democratic ideals. That democratic religion demands all of life, leaving no room for others to assert themselves. Strikingly, therefore, Hart said that the U.S., Canada, and the U.S.S.R. are the only countries of which he is aware which do not have a free educational system. And later he added that for a school which already has the non-Christian religion of democracy, it is not as sad if it honestly expells Christianity as if it preserves a false Christian front so that its secularism is not evident.

But what kind of society should we have then? A pluralistic society, said Hart. That is, each community of believers—Buddhist, Jewish, Catholics, Christian etc.—should be free to assert itself and contribute in the government. We should have freedom of religion instead of mere freedom of worship which confines religion to church buildings and home devotions.

And what then is the task of Dordt? It is to urge a recognition of the

plurality of communities which already exists, that is, there already are common unities of Socialists, Jews, etc. But more important is the task to expose Christianity,—to reveal that the American, the democratic way of life is really the way of death. To do this, the Christian community must be stimulated to a dynamic faith and obedience to God as the basis for its dedicated work.

Sylvan Gerritsma

Dordt's Concert Choir Sings At Northwestern

Tuesday morning, March 21st, the Dordt College Concert Choir sang at Northwestern College as part of Northwestern's passion week chapel exercises. From their Spring tour selection the Choir chose to sing:

"Plorati Filee Israel"

"Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies"

"Shout To The Lord"

"Praise the Savior"

After the concert the choir was invited to a social coffee hour, hosted by Northwestern's Choir.

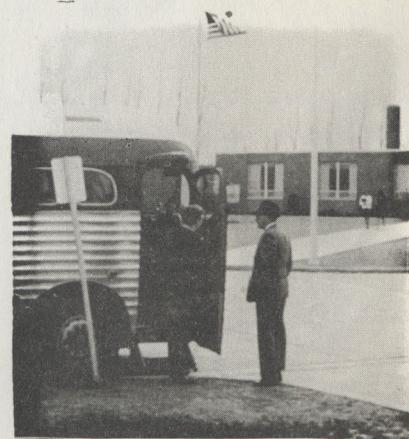
Sometime in May Northwestern's Choir will give a return performance in Dordt's chapel.

ARSS DIRECTOR CONDUCTS LECTURE SERIES

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ed on Thursday, March 23, where he confronted the students with his views on the Kingdom of God.

The lectures of Dr. Hart renewed the much-needed emphasis of entering life totally while listening obediently to Scripture.



Rev. Haan Bids Seminary Choir Farewell

I-M GEMS

—by Stephen J. Arends

Men's Volleyball has started off with a slam. In League A the legendary Theologians are title contenders, although dropping a set to an up-and-coming Frosh team, the Franks. The Spikemen seem to be the last great hope of the JR's. Point to Ponder: The Participation Points have won three (that's right, 3) sets of V-Ball and are in contention for the title. It seems to me to be un-American for the P. Points to win. In League B, SR Nads have slipped to an unfavorable 2 loss position, but remain title hopefuls. JR Rinky Dings are improving, and are still in there pitching. The Cannons of Dordt, defending champs, are still THE TEAM to beat. One thing about the Cannons—you fear Preston Moerman's slam, but when he's in the back row, there's always Hospers, Mulder, and Vander Wal to slam it down your throat just as hard. Another up-and-coming Frosh team, the Shimmey, Shimmey, Ko Ko Pops are in there battling for a tournament spot.

The Girls V-Ball teams are much better to watch than the guys (and I hope I need not explain why!). One thing is sure in Girls' V-Ball, you're never sure what will happen (a team loses 15-0, and then wins 15-0). From experience this writer has learned not to predict the girls' sports. The 23 girls' teams are quite evenly matched in 3 leagues with no outstanding teams (except outstandingly bad).

Some individual sports are coming up soon. April 29, is the Track and Field Day. May 10, the Indians will attack, but Will Tell and Robin Hood will defend the Archery Trophy. The first of May will find about 15 softball teams eager for the errors to start. This spring should prove interesting—every point is going to be important to the I-M Trophy race.

Notice of Challenge to the Faculty: The I-M V-Ball Teams are sharpening up their slams and devotedly playing for that honored(?) right to face the fierce faculty slams. Al-

though in years past the second and third teams of the faculty have been able to psych-out and trounce any student team, beware faculty! The League winners promise to be of a stiffer competition, but they will not be familiar with the faculty's subtle rules and larger court. One question puzzles me: Does the faculty dare to play the smaller court against the students?

The Bare Truth

Distinguished guests more than a few
Have come our library to view.
From princess Prins to Lyons bold
They have their autographs enrolled
Upon our guest book's blemished
leaves
With comments written in caprice
Entirely foolish and inane
Put down in awkward trivial vein.

But one John Hancock stands aloof,
The product of some roguish spoof.
Without a comment to betray
Anything out of the way
There proudly stands the name alone
Of Yogi Bear from Yellowstone.

Anonymous

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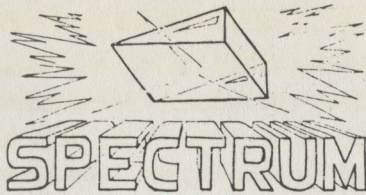
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"My strategy on getting in didn't work! How about trying your plan this time?"



—by Jack Van Vliet

(Ed. note: First of a two-part article dealing with the U.S. and international relations.)

BUYING SECURITY

While almost every American is completely absorbed in the dilemma of Viet Nam, in the recent series of senatorial investigations, and in our personality contest elections, dangerous developments are threatening to affect seriously our security in the world.

An area of primary concern is Europe, especially its core, Germany. When World War II ended, the victors stood in the rubble and solemnly proclaimed that Germany was finished forever. Germany was divided between the democratic and communist blocs, and she has been attempting to recoup her losses ever since. Repeated claims have been made by Bonn, not only on East Germany, but on East Prussia as well. These claims have been largely supported by the U.S. which has been, and still is, one of the strongest advocates of German reunification. In 1948, the Americans began an orgy of generosity and instituted the Marshall Plan—a scheme which would eventually, it was hoped, "buy" back the freedom of Europe.

To be sure, America has built up the European nations to the extent that Germany can now ignore the U.S.S.R. in establishing diplomatic relations with Romania, her former war-time ally, who wants to share in the economic prosperity produced by the Marshall Plan.

Russia Fears Germany

Kosygin, on his recent visit to Britain, reiterated his country's grave fears about a possible resurgence of Germany, and therefore does not intend ever to give the Germans access to the nuclear trigger. The Russians are presently pressing for a nuclear non-proliferation treaty for precisely this reason.

What causes Russia to be so afraid of Germany? Two World Wars and 18 million lives are sufficient reasons. The erosion of the Iron Curtain, mainly by means of initiatives from Bonn, about which Russia can do seemingly little, is another excellent reason. To top it all off, Germany, which has a long history of strong-man rule, has been increasingly aggressive, and hold on the diplomatic front since the formation of the coalition that brought the duumvirate of Kiesinger (an ex-Nazi) and Brandt (an ardent socialist) to power. No wonder. These two men have the combined support of 90 percent of the voters. West Germany has been probing behind the Iron Curtain with adept, enticing fingers, and she is being successful. Although Romania is the sole eastern European nation to have formally established diplomatic relations with Bonn so far, it should be noted that Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have also expressed interest.

Of course, Germany's successes have been greatly facilitated by her membership in the European Economic Community, whose declared objective is economic and political unity. This organization has significant agricultural (French) and industrial (German) strength, and Romania will probably provide the oil in the future. For years, there has been talk of establishing an effective European Parliament. The Europe of the foreseeable future will be practically self-sufficient, as she was before America was even discovered.

Will NATO Survive

Many will say that American security is adequately safe-guarded in N.A.T.O. But the organization may disband in 1969 if it so chooses. France has already withdrawn. Germany would have sufficient cause for withdrawal, since American efforts under the auspices of N.A.T.O. have not resulted in German reunification. Europe is an entity. She will probably not surrender her newly-found individuality and renew her subjection to American domination, but rather attempt to assert herself increasingly for the purpose of even-

tually unifying herself.

Evidently we cannot buy security, nor can we continue to ignore the trend in Europe, which is a direct result of our attempt to do so. The U.S. has often experienced that gratefulness and loyalty on the part of the recipients varies inversely as the amount of money spent. The Yankees are going home, whether they like it or not.

Delta Sigma Kappa

(Dordt Service Club)

—by Donna Van Zee

Of the many clubs found on campus, there is one club in particular which does not stand out. This club has no scheduled meetings, no sponsored night of activity, no applause; it simply exists on campus. It does have officers, members, and a purpose. And in its purpose, there is a compensation for all the other "club aspects" that it lacks.

The sole purpose of Delta Sigma Kappa is to serve—and this it does

wholeheartedly and in full force. If you have bought tickets, had them punched, had your hand stamped, or perhaps bought something to eat at a basketball game, you've been served by a Delta Sigma Kappa member. If you have been ushered to your seat at various activities, especially travelogues, your usher was probably a Delta Sigma Kappa member. Perhaps you've had the pleasure of being served at the Athletic Banquet by one of the energetic personalities of Delta Sigma Kappa. Or maybe you have noticed the special lights on the big spruce on campus during the Christmas season—Delta Sigma Kappa made it possible. This club has been busy—busy serving others and in so doing, serving God. It does not need recognition to exist; it is vibrant in itself by fulfilling its purpose—it serves.

It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the policy makers of the W.C.C., having adopted the Marxist analysis of the human problem and the Marxist solution for it, are enemies of the Gospel in precisely the same sense that Marxists are.

—Ronald Brown

SCOPE

—by Glenda Harthoorn

OBSTACALITY

Sometime during our educational careers we are forced to stop and ask, "What is Christian education all about?" Perhaps a stimulating lecture forces us to this question, perhaps facing a public education system in practice teaching, or perhaps a provocative article in the *Diamond*. This is a question we have all answered long ago apparently, because we are here at Dordt College. Nevertheless, since we tend to become lost in education trivia, the answer to this question must be constantly and consciously restated.

In looking at the progress of Christian education we notice obstacles. Perhaps the first one we face and stumble over is a values decision: "How important is the g.p.a.? Should I stay home from the lecture tonight to study for that test tomorrow?" Too often grades receive the the primary consideration in education. We sacrifice a non-graded educational opportunity for one that is graded. We stumble at this point by making that device which supposedly measures our degree of educational success the chief goal of our educational effort. We memorize the facts for tomorrow's test, forgetting that the understanding gained from a non-graded educational opportunity might be exactly what is needed to make those facts vital and relevant. Not getting the right answer to this question of value stifles the progress of our Christian education.

But perhaps we get beyond this obstacle. Perhaps we realize that a head full of facts is worthless by itself; that each of these facts must have a place within a Christian context of meaning. Progress has been made in this realization at Dordt. Our courses are becoming more firmly based on and more completely infused with Biblical principles. Students who have taken such courses cannot help realizing that they are at a Christian college.

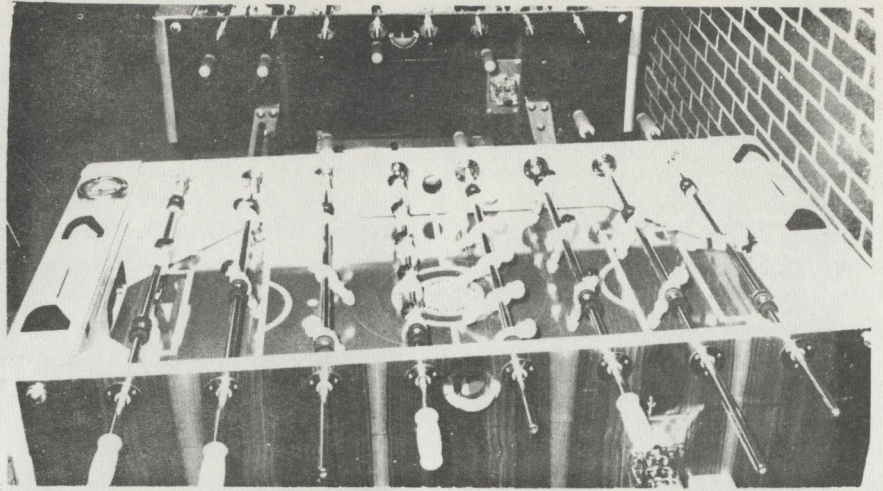
We are lighting a place already well lit. We do a beautiful job of justifying our study of God's crea-

tion on the basis of the cultural mandate. We are even generous enough to want to pass this knowledge on to our children. But we forget to confront unbelievers with our Christ-based knowledge. It is time we re-evaluate the importance of the cultural mandate or our interpretation of it. We have made it the main purpose of our Christian education and ignored the fact that commandments like "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world" might also be relevant to Christian education.

Dr. Hart spoke of our duty to the humanistic community. As members of a Christian academic community we must have something to say to secular academic communities concerning the common ground—knowledge and learning—that we share.

Coercion, after all, merely captures man. Freedom captivates him.

—Robert McNamara



FOOSBALL IN THE COMMONS

The introduction of the "Foosball" machines in the Commons is a new adventure for campus recreation.

No additional projects are planned for the immediate future, but if the "Foosball" machines are a success, more recreational developments might become a reality.

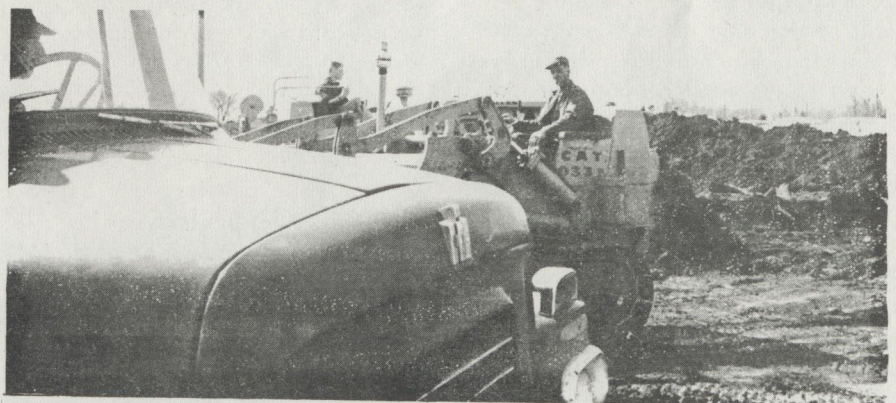
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There is a question I would like to submit to Mr. Hans Altena about his article *Speaking Up* (*Diamond* Volume X, No. 12, March 13, 1967). He first gives us a good definition of what it is to be a Christian, fine—I agree with him.

Mr. Altena states that "I feel that an orthodox norm must regulate our studies." What is this orthodox norm? Is it as narrow as Mr. Altena seems to think it is? Before I write any more I would like your opinion of an orthodox norm.

Frank Pott



Science Building Underway

Editorial

—by Jim Vanden Bosch

BE YE COMFORTABLE

Wouldn't it be great if some super-electrician would come to Dordt College—students, faculty, administration, constituency—and wire all of us to a power line and turn us on? Shocking question? Yes. Necessary? Many well-wired and some unwired individuals looking for all the good at Dordt would say no to that. And that's good. If everyone only criticized, Dordt might blow a fuse.

But then, please, let's allow the opposite view too. Because, if no one criticizes, Dordt might just corrode. It seems like we always have to be justifying criticism, for some turned off people are saying now already, "Here we go again. More of this negative junk. Nothing's ever good enough at Dordt. We can never stop criticizing."

That last statement is exactly true. The moment we stop criticizing, it probably means we don't care, we have arrived.

With the magnificent turnout of students at Dr. Hart's lecture Tuesday evening, we could well start looking for that electrician. Before anyone gets a guilt complex, let's share the blame a bit. The lecturers are limited to chapel services, and an evening where they must address more than the academic body. Apparently, chapel isn't the place for a "pure" lecture; consequently many students get a bad impression. And in addressing more than a select academic body, the lecturer must broaden his topic. Certainly the public should not be barred, but the student body should receive more consideration by receiving exclusive treatment other than chapel speeches.

And it does show a sign of short-wiredness in students when they are so turned off in chapel that they refuse to come to the evening lecture. Dr. Hart's lecture was education—fodder for students. And most of Dordt's "students" were eating at the troughs of daily assignments and nightly activities.

But Eve-like it can be argued that students are merely the products of their upbringing. Supposedly, finger pointing is a depraved prerogative, and striking back resentfully, a naturally depraved reaction. Yet, finger-pointing may be done responsibly, concernedly. We can level at our tight, strait-jacketed culture, but must have a holier purpose than merely condemning. Criticism should not point at, but point out. Then, those whose faults are pointed out must act reformingly; this does not exclude the pointers.

We have been reared on a diet of don'ts and educated on principles of negativism. Now, quite naturally we have accepted our lot as just, proper, and really, quite comfortable. For, not to do, is easier than to do. With all of this emphasis on patty-slapping restraint toward things of the world, we have slipped into the error of rejecting the world totally.

The net result of this cocooned development is quite opposite from the desired result. The good that we should, we sometimes do by rote, more times we don't. The evil that we shouldn't, we mostly don't do by rote, sometimes we do by rationalization. Unfortunately, the walls of isolation are usually thick enough to lock in the good, and thin enough to let in the evil.

Perhaps we can safely conclude that it's easier to be a Christian where we are forced to be one, than where it's natural to be one. Principles tend to remain theoretic until they are forced into active practice. Christianity becomes so comfortable when it's categorized for us, when we are told what we may do and may not do.

As long as we don't have to plunge in and use our heads, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream. Sit on your cushion, rowing your boat; don't let anybody rock it, let the problems for someone else. (After all we've got a student council haven't we? Sure, the meetings are open to us students, but why go? That's their business; they're doing okay.)

Like film, a life should never be

over-exposed. But unlike film, a life should never be developed in the dark. If it is, it will always remain a negative.

Proper exposure comes through searching for the why behind the do and don't. It comes through an open mind based on a Spirit-fresh, subject-to-Scripture heart. Exposure comes through a curiosity that kills a devil. And exposure, properly done, is one of those vital ingredients that makes a living Christian. It might even take the place of an electrician.

Students Raise Money For Hospitalized Alumna



In a project initiated by the Student government, \$137.50 was contributed as a financial gift to former student Kathy Moos (Ruis), now hospitalized. Kathy is remembered by almost all the sophomores, juniors, and seniors as a cheerful, Christian young woman. She attended Dordt the last two years and only this past summer married another former Dordt student, Paul Moos. The pair have been teaching currently in Volga, South Dakota.

Kathy is afflicted with a disease, periarteritis nodosa, an inflammation of the arteries. They tend to swell, harden, close off, and sometimes rupture, which causes dangerous hemorrhage. There is no known cure for this disease, but she does receive extensive medication which her doctor (and all of us) hope will control it.

At present she is showing some improvement; however, she is still under intensive care. Kathy has been in the hospital in Rochester, Minn. for two months and prior to that, she has been in and out of the hospital since Thanksgiving. We are thankful to our God for His answer to the many prayers for Kathy's improvement.