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Clowney Addresses Dordt's Largest Grad Class

Dordt College commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Dr. Edmund P. Clowney, president of Westminster Seminary and also Professor of Practical Theology there, has been selected as the commencement speaker for the class of 1968.

The commencement program is as follows:

Prelude — If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee; Prelude and Fugue in D Minor — J. S. Bach

Processional — Trumpet Voluntary — Stanley

Invocation — Rev. Louis Tamminga
Dordt College Concert Choir —
(Dedicated to the Concert Choir of 1967-68)

○ Sing to the Lord — Grotenhuis
○ Lord God — Tschesnokoff

Commencement Address —
Rev. Edmund Clowney

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees — Dr. Douglas Ribbens, Dean of the College

Conferring of Degrees — Rev. B. J. Haan, President of the College

Doxology
Closing Prayer — Rev. Richard R. De Ridder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Alma Mater
Recessional — Now Thank We All Our God — Karg-Elert

Prof. Nick Van Til —
Academic Marshal
Joyce Vander Zee — organist

This year's graduating class is the largest in Dordt's history. There are 102 students who plan to graduate with the four-year liberal arts A.B. degree. Of this group, seventy-nine expect to enter the teaching profession. Five graduates intend to continue studies toward the Christian ministry.

Upperclassmen Dine at Belcaster

The beautiful Banquet at Belcaster was the social event of the year for the Dordt College Juniors and Seniors. Lighted by the lanterns of costumed footmen, guests were transported into Elizabethan England as they entered the huge stone banquet hall of Belcaster Castle. Wine from the Baron's Vineyard was served at the entrance to the banquet hall. Soft music from an unseen orchestra filled the air; candles flickered on rows of red-clothed tables; chandeliers swayed gently bringing the shields, tapestries and coats of arms hanging on the stark walls into shadow relief. As the distinguished guests were seated the court fool (sometimes known as David Sinclair) welcomed them and got in the first words which mainly consisted of "Let that pass!" before the Baron himself could welcome them. The Baron of Belcaster was unable to attend the banquet and Mr. Gerald Ebbers appeared as his stand-in. No one minded the substitution.

The seven-course banquet proceeded—the food was superb and impeccably served by Elizabethan sophomore Servants dressed in the Old English Style complete with tights, ruffs, and bustles. The roasted ham reposing in the huge fireplace in the middle of

the hall was freshly cut and served with sauce in one unique course.

Between each of the courses entertainment was provided. A double quartet sang three English madrigals; the old English tune "Greensleeves" was performed on the recorder, harmonica, and harpsichord in the ancient tradition; the witches from Macbeth appeared out of the thunder and the rain and cackled through the immortal "Double, double toil and trouble: Fire burn and cauldron bubble" scene; the Baron's own players, the Rude Mechanicals, presented "The Most Lamentable Comedy and Most Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisby" from Midsummer Night's Dream leaving the audience in stitches. Following the final course of pastries and sherbets, Rev. John Engbers spoke on the topic "I Woke Up Today." "I woke up today and found laughter, differences and difficulties, goodness and, most important, God in my world". A motionless audience felt the words of the magnificent "Seek Ye the Lord" as Jim Vis sang them; the guests arose and sang the Dordt College Alma Mater, made their way out of the huge hall and the beautiful Banquet of Belcaster was over.

EDITORIAL

by Norman Bomer

I can't stop thinking about the story which I read today in my history book, or the picture of that man the story told about. Let me relate to you a few portions which I especially remember from reading and looking at the picture.

The picture was of a man. He was indeed a smart dresser. His coat was nothing flashy, but its style was so pleasing that it would have been appropriate anywhere at anytime. There was a crest of an eagle on the pocket, and I could plainly see that it had been sewn there with great care and pride. The buttons which held the coat so nicely in place were blood red, but they were only noticeable at second glance because his left hand was adorned with a fabulously beautiful ring which immediately caught my eye.

He held in his right hand a black book entitled HOLY BIBLE, although he didn't seem to be paying much attention to it as I noted the expression on his face.

Looking closely, I could see many scars on his hands, but his eye was trained on the ring, and in his admiration (as I learned from reading about his tragic decline) he forgot completely the scars and how they had gotten there.

It was obvious that an unknowing on-looker would think this man to be accomplished and free from heavy burden. Actually, he was afflicted with a very deadly and contagious disease which was rapidly spreading through his body. When he ate certain foods, his body experienced very little pain, but his doctors informed him that these were the very foods upon which the disease thrived. However, since the pain was so minute as long as he ate this way, he told all his friends that the doctors were either crazy or they were lying because they coveted his

beautiful ring.

Sewn into his coat lining were words which had been handed down in his family for many generations. These words were of great wisdom, and as I read on, I learned that they had protected and guided him and his forefathers through many perils. The words were always over his heart where the disease had not yet taken hold. The title of these words is unknown today, but it is known from remnants that still exist, that it began with the letters CONS. I assume it was his conscience, but since I have been taught that there is no such thing today, I must admit it is only an assumption. Sadly, though his heart was yet strong, the disease was rampant in his brain and it had spread so intensely that his arm and ring hand were no longer very useful.

There are so many things I can't understand about this fascinating person and his story. Up to his death his heart remained strong, and it was the last to be diseased. He was buried with his coat: his book was burned. The beautiful ring was taken from his hand.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The student body owes a special thank-you to those few who have faithfully provided materials for each issue of the Diamond:

Carol Addink
Brad Breems
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John Byker
Peter De Yager
Bernie Drenth
Rodney Van Abbema
Karen Vander Sluis
Nancy Vander Woude
Clarence Van Zanten
Betty Vreeman



Brad Breems

FROM NEXT YEAR'S EDITOR

In a society which clamors for the right of the individual and shrieks for freedom from imposition of cultural blocks, one must stand aside and evaluate his position in respect to some of the more eccentric conceptions.

In the formulatory period of the Christian collegian's personal theories, however, he must not habitually retain that inert stance, lest he fall into the apathetic attitude which prevails in the spineless passiveness of many students.

From the first sermon that one understands, and on to his most recent lecture attendance, the Dordt student has been reminded that only the solidly based Christian holds the link between analytic knowledge and true wisdom. If this attitude is incorporated into his life, the student is positively obliged to state his personal attitudes in regard to every influencing factor which simultaneously touches his life and the life of the non-Christian. If the Christian, for example, does not regard as being correct the position of the student who demands unrestricted free love on any particular campus, God's commission requires that

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he posit his conflicting views as concretely as possible.

I am sure that the Dordt Diamond has always maintained the theory that the person who cares enough about the affairs and issues which are vital to him as a Christian and a student will commit himself to articulating his convictions. This is a position which merits re-emphasis. The necessity for responsible Christian reporting and analysis in the Diamond reappears with more urgent essentiality than previously.

The Christian "warehouse" of ideals and solutions to the difficulties which slap humanity's face must be recurrently and incessantly stocked by individuals. These people are alive—and walking on Dordt's sidewalks.

The Diamond always has been, and must increasingly become, the graphic presentation of the students' communal and individual opinions, attitudes, theories, and solutions. A delay in presenting one's views only results in inactivity. If people do not present their personal views in a Christian manner, someone else will—or, still worse, no one will....



Steve Ahrenholz will assume the position of Assistant Editor on next year's Signet staff. Judy Blankespoor will move up to the editor's chair.

Ballots Favor Breems And Ahrenholz

Exercising its final voting rights of the 1967-68 term, the Dordt student body designated Steve Ahrenholz and Brad Breems as assistant Signet editor and Diamond editor-in-chief respectively. The original election was held on May 20 with decisive voting on the following day.

The final results appeared only after two-person run-offs for each position. The initial field of nominees seeking the Diamond editorial position in the May 20 elections included Carol Adink, Brad Breems, John Strikwerda, Cliff Van Dyken, and Betty Vreeman. The names of John Strikwerda and Brad Breems appeared on the run-off ballots, with Breems receiving the winning votes.

Steve Ahrenholz, Dorothy Boersma, and Karen Bakhoven formed the original ballot list aspiring to the Signet's assistant editor position. Steve Ahrenholz and Karen Bakhoven made the May 21 run-off elections. In this final voting, Ahrenholz edged out Bokhoven. Also appearing on the May 20 ballots was a series of 11 proposals by the constitutional committee of the student council. The proposals, designed to "facilitate election procedures", were adopted by the students without exception.

Ringerwole Students Join Intercollegiate Recital

Two students of Miss Ringerwole participated in a Student American Guild of Organists recital at Morningside College on Saturday evening, May 11. Jenine Prins played Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G Minor and William Bird played Clérambault's Basse et dessus de Trompette. There were four colleges represented: Briar Cliff, Morningside, Westmar, and Dordt.

The Concert Choir will perform for the last time at the graduation exercises, and will sing: (1) O Sing Unto the Lord - Grotenhuis (2) O Lord, God - Tschnekkoff.

REFLECTIONS

Here I sit, pen in hand;
Wondering who, will understand,
The words which with this pen I write,
Here in solitude, this lonesome night.

Spring is here; Why must this be?
That I cannot the beauty see,
Of stars above, and moonbeams bright,
And meet my love again some night.

One may ask me why solitude came.
Well, it started out as just a game.
Seriousness was here a thought,
Till fear was upon us wrought.

The deed was done,
And laughs were many;
The morning dawned,
No trouble yet, no, not any.

Studies came, and fear was stronger,
Till at last we could bear no longer;
Our conscience, which in ourselves
had burned,
Dwindled, as "in" we turned.

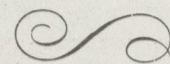
Now again our fear increased,
As with the "judges"
We were soon to meet.

The room was quiet, as in I stepped;
Then soon again there was no rest,
The questions came right and left,
Till soon I wondered what to expect.

The appointed hour had arrived,
For on Doc's answer I would thrive.
Soon his answer was to me wrought,
"Campus and Curfew," was his thought.

So here I sit, pen in hand;
Wondering who, will understand,
The words which with this pen I write,
Here in solitude, this lonesome night.

Nicholas Kameno
May, 1968



NEWLY ELECTED PRE-SEM CLUB OFFICERS

Les Kuiper — President
Cliff Van Dyken — Vice President
Wayne Kobes — Secretary Treasurer

Frosh-Sophs Fly "Up-Up and Away"

Three hundred and fifty students filled the commons for the Freshman-Sophomore party on Thursday, May 16. The dining hall was dressed in bright colored crepe paper and balloons to lend atmosphere for the party theme, "Up, Up, and Away!"

An excellent dinner, served by seniors from Unity and Western Christian High Schools, was a result of special efforts by the commons' cooks.

Students were delighted with the humor and music supplied by the M.C., Burnell Mellema. The presentation of awards to "worthy" students by Jim Schaap and the song "Up, Up, and Away" sung by Charlotte Keller also entertained the students.

The special talent for the evening was the "Master's Melodiers," a vocal group from Morningside College. They presented an hour variety program of fun and music varying from ballads to moderate pop to crusade hymns.

The party ended by singing the Dordt Alma Mater after which many students remained to collect or pop the hundreds of balloons hanging from the ceiling.

Seniors Lead Program Of Fellowship

Sunday evening, May 19, Dordt Commons was the scene of Senior Night, sponsored by the Sunday evening activities committee. Following refreshments the senior class presented the program which consisted of a song service interspersed with various musical numbers from members of the class. Irene Kempers led the singing with Glenda Ver Burg at the piano. Gail Schaap and Jim Vis rendered vocal solos of "God Bless America" and "An Evening Prayer" respectively. An accordion number was Joan Roetcissender's contribution to the evening and Del Vande Kirk and Jim Gabrielse gave a vocal duet.



Entertaining guests from Morningside College just couldn't resist the charms of one of Dordt's fair Dutch maidens.

Karen Vander Sluis Takes Top Honors In Forensics

If you were in the library the evening of May 15 you probably noticed the activity in room 201. Here eight finalists were competing for the top honors in the public speaking contest sponsored by speech class 103.

The five sections of this class participated in this contest and in the first round each section chose by ballot its top three speakers. These fifteen students competed against each other for finalist rankings in the second round of the contest. These speeches were presented to sections other than the original ones to obtain more objective judging audiences. Again the students voted their choices and came up with eight competitors for the final round of the contest.

The results of the final competition, judged by speech minors Orlin Hogan, Jon Stevenson, and Charles Veenstra, are as follows: Karen Vander Sluis--1st place, Charlotte Keller--2nd place, Jim Van Ry--3rd place. They were awarded cash prizes of \$15, \$10, and \$5 respectively. The other finalists included Carol Addink, Harry Fernhout, JoAnn Geshay, Janice Jasper, and Jane Vellenga.

The speaking contest presented some fine competition and was enjoyed by both the audiences and participants.

Seniors Anticipate Grad School

Seven seniors plan to attend graduate school after graduation. Both Ken Homan and Steve Arends have received teaching assistantships in math; Ken Homan from the University of Nebraska in Omaha and Steve Arends from the University of Utah in Logan.

Roy Volskuil, who will graduate from Dordt with a Biology major, plans to attend the School of Cytotechnology in Madison, Wisconsin. After a year of training, he will be a registered cytotechnologist and will work under a pathologist to recognize cell abnormalities as clues to disease.

Two seniors have teaching assistantships for graduate study in chemistry. Keith Ligtenberg plans to attend Michigan State University in Lansing, and Ron Blankespoor will study at Iowa State University in Ames. Bert Polman tentatively plans to attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He will do graduate work in music, concentrating on music history and music literature.

Sylvan Gerritsma has been accepted by the University of Toronto for graduate work in English. He also hopes to take courses at the A.R.S.S. Institute, also located in Toronto.

SPARKLES

by Carol Addink

Dale Dielman, a Sophomore student from Holland, Michigan, has a rather unique hobby. He plays the guitar and sings. Before you conclude that his hobby isn't so unusual, wait! He writes both the words and tunes himself.

Dale's interest in guitar music began when, as a Junior in high school, he was given a classic guitar by his parents. Before this time he had taken piano lessons and played in junior high band, but had lost interest in both. He bought his electric guitar just last summer. He has been a member of two musical groups on campus: The Norman Invasion, a rock-group, and The Sleepless Knights, a Tijuana Brass group. Both groups are inactive at present, mostly because of a lack of rehearsal time.

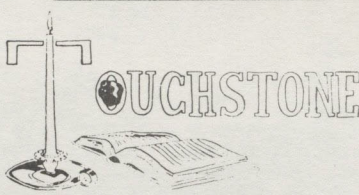
Dale says his family isn't very musical, but it seems to me, with a piano playing mother and brother, a father who used to play the violin, and a baritone playing brother, he certainly hasn't experienced any lack of a musical atmosphere. When I asked Dale what his parents thought of his music, he answered with a slight grin, "They're like average parents. They're not crazy about it, but as long as I don't play too loudly in the house, they don't mind too much."

Shortly after he had taught himself to play, Dale wrote his first song entitled "Song of a Wanderer." He doesn't know why he wrote it; he just sat down and did it. He has written most of his thirty songs in this Quaker fashion - "as the spirit moves me". He gets in a certain mood or has an idea, sits down, and puts it into words. Sometimes he writes the words first, sometimes the music. He writes some of his songs by putting himself into someone else's shoes and imagining how they would look at the world. Thus his topics range from love songs ("some won - some lost") to a desire to be free from society's restrictions to a protest against looking down on minority groups.

One of Dale's most memorable experiences occurred when he was playing for an audience. He had both

hands on his electric guitar and he happened to touch his nose against the microphone. He doesn't know how it happened, but his nose suddenly became a conductor of electrical current. He remarked that for a few seconds the lights in the place went dim, but even today he isn't sure whether they really did or they just seemed to.

He didn't let this scare him, but has kept on writing and singing, and he enjoys doing it. He advises anyone with a liking for music and an urge to create, to get a guitar and work out a few songs for himself. He says he'll have a lot of fun doing it.



by Rodney Van Abbema

Is God Dead?, by Cornelius Van Til. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa., 1966.

When a theologian says that God is dead, he is being more honest with himself than the liberal "Christian" who claims that God lives, but denies the existence of the God of Holy Scripture. For this reason it is worth investigating the claims of the death-of-God theologians, for by so doing we can more clearly understand the goal of humanists everywhere. Dr. Cornelius Van Til explains the beliefs (they would cringe to hear the word applied to them) of the death-of-God theologians in his booklet, Is God Dead?

Although sinful man has tried ever since the Fall to deny the existence of God, modern death-of-God theology had its beginnings with the philosophy of Immanuel Kant, says Van Til. In dividing the world into the phenomenal and the noumenal, Kant removed man's responsibility to God by placing God in the unknowable world of the noumenal. Kant was followed by modern theologians who chopped away the "old" ideas about God in favor of new ones, but even they, says Van Til, did not go far enough to please the death-of-God theologians, who

wanted to deny any validity whatsoever of faith in the Creator-Redeemer God. "They deny the relevancy of God, because they think that belief in God interferes with man's freedom to be himself and, being himself, to seek the freedom and welfare of his fellow man in the only world they know."

The three prominent death-of-God theologians whose theology (or un-theology) is discussed by Van Til are Dr. Thomas J. J. Altizer, Dr. William Hamilton, and Dr. Paul van Buren. Van Til's headings of each discussion indicate each theologian's major emphasis: "Altizer's 'Creative Negation'"; "Hamilton's 'Radical Theology'"; and "Van Buren's Secular Meaning of the Gospel." They are all alike, though, in that they strive for the elimination of the God-myth of the past and the all importance of the present. Van Til summarizes, "If faithful to its purely activist principle the modern ecumenical church will, ere long, together with Altizer and his colleagues, identify Christ with the idea of a cosmic process. More and more this ecumenical church will, with the God-is-dead theologians, negate the remnants of any idea of God or of the Son of God as in any discernible way prior to man." In other words, God is merely what man wants to make Him.

As an additional comment, Van Til rightly belittles the "great debate" between modern theologians and death-of-God theologians. John C. Bennet is a typical modern defender of God. "If now we look at Bennett's defense of God we observe at once that the "God" he is defending is little, if anything, more than a projection of a would-be autonomous man." And, says Van Til, "Bennet, no less than the God-is-dead theologians, is committed to what they call the rational and historical consciousness of man as the final arbiter of what man can call false and true."

Is God Dead?, as a whole, is of great help in understanding the latest in un-theology. All people who "literally believe in all the things they say on Sunday" should read this booklet to make them better understand the danger to Christ's Church that is contained in God-is-dead theology.

Symposium Chops Long Hair

The anticipated seminar, dealing with a Christian inspection of grooming habits attracted nearly 150 students and a few faculty members on Tuesday, May 7.

A study committee with faculty delegates, Mr. John Van Dyk and Mr. Donald Morton, and student representatives, Sylvan Gerritsma and Jim Vanden Bosch, had previously been appointed to draw up the seminar's proposals.

Student body president-elect, Delmar Groen, served as moderator at the 8:00 p.m. meeting. Mr. Morton opened what he termed "a principal discussion on student grooming at Dordt College." As the initial spokesman for the committee, Morton defined the issues involved in the presentation of the committee's views. In his elaboration, Morton pointed out the diametrical differences in the two basic approaches to the legitimacy of a male wearing long hair. He explained that the non-Christian approach finds its basis in what he classified as "apostate individualism". In contrast, Morton also noted the Christian oriented viewpoint, posing the "unity of the body of Christ" as its founded platform. In this connection, he remarked that "Christian individuality is always in organic relation with the Church". He cited, as an example, the ecclesiastical intent or correction through Christian discipline.

Sylvan Gerritsma, a senior German-English major, followed Mr. Morton's comments by enumerating some of the primary Biblical concepts and principles governing the Christian approach to grooming. Gerritsma's comments were divided into the negative and positive poles which appear in a Christian approach to ethics. His proposed negative principle includes a conscious avoidance of offending one's brother. On the positive side, Gerritsma concluded that one must first of all seek God's glory. Further, he must also edify those in his environmental contacts.

Jim Vanden Bosch, also a Dordt senior, concluded the seminar's formal

proceedings with a careful resume' of the committee's studied conclusions. In his analysis, Vanden Bosch reminded the group that the college's primary purpose is to train academically, not to discipline as an arm of the church.

An extended discussion ensued with acumenated questions directed toward the panel. The discussion continued until a decrease in the lively atmosphere became apparent in the number of students slowly filtering through the exit. Following the final adjournment, several stimulated students remained behind to continue debate and discussion of their views.

CHUCK VANDER HART REPORTS FOR PAPER THALIANS

It was 3:30 a.m., May 17, 1968. My alarm went off and though I was tempted to shut it off and go back to sleep, I got up to get ready for a long drive. At 4:10 I picked up Joan, Evy, and Bob and we left for Pella. At 4:30 Joan and Evy were asleep again.

At 8:30 we arrived at Sully Christian Grade School where we gave our first performance. The audience was very responsive and despite a goof here and there, or a misplaced prop, we were fired up and ready to go to Oskaloosa. We were pressed for time, but we made it to Oskaloosa to give our second performance at 11:00 a.m. By then, as you might imagine, we

were getting tired, but we had a noon break, so we went to Pella where I gave a tour of my home town. We then entered the Dutch atmosphere of the Central Park Cafe for dinner.

The afternoon was one of exciting performances in the Pella Christian Grade School. We were feeling freer by this time, and thus, we could tell that our communication with our little friends in the audience improved. We gave three performances that afternoon, one for each group, K-3, grades 3-6, and Jr. High, by petition of the junior high students.

We were very well received at each school, and we found the enthusiasm of the children to be the greatest reward we could want.

At 5:00, after a snack we were on our way back to Sioux Center. This time Bob was driving and of course, Joan and Evy were asleep in the back seat.

Music Briefs

Chorale Choir went Tuesday, May 14, to Oak Grove State Park for their annual choir party. Activities included supper, volleyball, and a waterfight.

Concert Choir had a party Tuesday, May 14, at school. They had lunch, played some games, and viewed pictures of their spring tour.



Left to right: Evy Dykstra, Joan Roetcisoender, Bob Hoekstra, Chuck Vander Hart, in a scene from "The Tale of Custard the Dragon."

THE SECRET
(Revelation 2:17)

I walked one day
Santa Cruz beach
By sandstone caves
Where sea prints mark
Tides highest leap.

The laboring sky
Hung pregnant grey,
Winds wailed to her a lullaby
"Blow to the sea and sleep."

The cloud would not obey,
She saw the dusky
Heaving deep,
rumpled blanket too familiar
hidden shark
Beneath the sudsy crest.

And cliffs squatted
Indifferently employed
dicing for shells
twos and threes
Along the sand.

I remember
Thinking that day how Santa Cruz
guests
With Santa Cruz lie
never tanned
in the mystery
But breathless and still
While the warm stream strides
With his wayward hand
In the nuzzling tides
and the virgin thrill
Of a snow white girl
On the wiser sunburnt sand.

That day was like
The day of birth
Before man stood
Upon the earth
and I wondered
at the Desolate
despairing emulation,
the lonely
revelation--

It matters not but
who am I anyway--
A pillar of sand
In a sandstone cave?
The cancelled command
A father gave
on a picnic
to his sportive son?

Aw skip it I thought,
I'm just a lonely...
Well, just a little lonely...

Somethingorother--
It matters not
That bittercup.

And a little barefoot boy
Started from the rocks nearby
swooped down the sand
Gull-like to the sea

he wandered
Bowed resolutely
Watching the sand in his toes
As if expecting--
Then he stooped
Whooped
and ran,
a treasure in his hand!

I frowned at the pleasure
found in diversion,
But with nothing save my thoughts to do,
I followed the boy,
Asked him curtly I guess,
What have you found?
I meant, you fool, why are you so happy?

And he shouted
It's mine!
God wrote my name
And gave it to me!

God isn't the sea
Kid, I said,
Show me your toy

No! he cried
no, God's not the sea
I know
But He gave it all to me--
in a little white stone
I found it, my name!

He danced like he would never stop,
That boy with his stupid song,
Stone,
I was a fool, it didn't matter
But I asked his name, perhaps
to humor or to threaten him,

He stopped his game
with an open-eyed tumble
and whispered down sea wind

My name is Son--not really--
I mean that's what Dad calls me,
But your life he says

Is all that's known
by anyone else
About the secret name
On your little white stone

Then
That clown asked me for My name!
I think I laughed and told him
My name was never Son at least
And that I'd lost my little stone--
But in fact, I could not recall
an equivalent trifle
I had ever owned enough to lose
Like him and that stone.

For years since then
My pockets have been full
of little stones
--I found in my heart.

But now I'm here again at Santa Cruz
To find--

God gave!

Myself, man, my name, the
whole world!

--That's what I just
picked up by the sea,
That made the bathers frown or laugh
derision
I could be so happy...

C.W.Van Gorkom

Chemistry Projects Presented At Ames

On Saturday, April 27, Ron Blanke-
spoor and Keith Ligtenberg partici-
pated in the Midwest Undergraduate
Research Symposium held at Iowa State
University in Ames. A total of eight
undergraduates participated, the other
six coming from Iowa State University
and University of Iowa in Iowa City.
Each student presented a fifteen-min-
ute talk on the research he had done
in chemistry, describing the problem
undertaken, the methods used, and
the results found. This was followed
by a five-minute questioning period,
in which chemistry professors and stu-
dents in the audience could question
the speaker about some aspect of his
work. The speakers were also given
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written critiques by two of the chemistry professors from Iowa State University.

Ron Blankespoor gave his talk on "The Effect of Alkali and Alkaline-earth Chlorides on a Chromia-alumina Catalyst", and Keith Ligtenberg spoke on "The Dehydrogenation of Cyclohexane over Nickel-alumina Catalyst". Both of them have worked on these projects here at Dordt this past summer and school year.

On Monday, April 22, Ron and Keith presented these talks to those involved in research and other interested chemistry students at Dordt. It is hoped that a similar symposium may be an annual event at Dordt.

Chemistry Students Plan Summer Research

Chemistry research will be in full swing this summer with six students and two high school teachers working under Dr. Geels and Dr. Maatman. Larry Vande Griend, Carol Addink, Mary Stephens, and Philip Hoekstra will be working with catalysis and dehydrogenation reactions under Dr. Maatman. Their work will be financed by grants from the Atomic Energy Commission and the Petroleum Research Corporation. Clarene Van Zanten and Rich Ter Maat will be working with electron transfer reactions under Dr. Geels on a twelve-week National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Participation grant. Also working under Dr. Geels will be two high school chemistry teachers, Mr. Gordan Kamps from Granville, Michigan, and Mr. Vic Vollrath from Holstein, Iowa. Clarene Van Zanten, Larry Vande Griend, and Mr. Kamps have participated in research before; for the others it will be a new experience.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Sobering Question

I was thinking about discipline last night, and now I can't sleep. I haven't really tried because something has to be asked and something has to be said.

So and so was expelled from Dordt. So was he. She too! But why did it

have to be him? Others do it and get away with it. Why him?

Could it be because somebody loves him? Or are Dordt's rules absurd and the discipline committee unreasonable?

I was thinking about life and discipline just a minute ago, and I remember reading that Dr. Arnold DeGraaf of Trinity College said: "Moralism is when the good and perfect laws of Scripture are cut loose from the Law-giver and His great commandment. That is moralism. Making autonomous little rules out of God's Kingdom ordinances that were intended to regulate the fellowship between God and His people."

"To counteract this tendency I am not advocating love without law! Please take note of this, for there is bound to be someone afterwards who going to say: 'Is it not dangerous what you are advocating?' 'Will it not lower the ban?' 'Is it not better for the common church members to have clear rules and regulations that hold for every situation, regardless of the circumstances?' My answer would be: 'No, no, no!' Precisely that is the temptation, don't you see?! to take the law of love that is intended to make life possible and to reduce this law to a set of rules that kills life. A devilish trick indeed!"

Is this moralism present at Dordt? Probably! We all tend to be moralistic in some aspect. Yet, could it be that we are piously pretending to eliminate moralism here by neglecting the rules and by turning our heads when we see someone break them? However, what does the law of love demand of us in respect to Dordt's rules? What must we do?

I am thinking, at this moment, of our lives here at Dordt. Really, do we know the law of love?

Do we love someone who becomes pregnant outside of marriage, or do we turn our backs? Do we love someone who cheats on exams or any assignment, or do we kindle a fire of silent hatred within ourselves? Do we love someone who steals, or do we only check to see if he got something of ours? Do we love someone who comes in stone drunk, or do we let him drown in his own vomit?

Do we see the law of love among us

at Dordt? Honestly, are our rules merely moralistic, or must we as students discipline ourselves and enforce the very laws we seem to neglect now? If we had a student discipline committee, would we enforce Dordt's rules?

Pete De Haan

Political Science Club Reports Active Year

The political Science Club has completed a successful and rewarding club year. During the year many opportunities were offered to the club and many members actively participated in and became informed concerning various phases of political activity. Our members watched and evaluated several films on world and national affairs, listened to speakers like U.S. Senate candidate David Stanley, attended Model United Nation meetings at Fargo, North Dakota and Oskaloosa, Iowa, and sponsored Choice 68 at Dordt.

The club would like to thank the retiring officers, President Gary Halbersma, Vice-President, Ron Ostra, and secretary-treasurer, Del Groen. Our officers for the 1968-69 year will be Ron Oostra President, Willey Verhoef, Vice-president, and Edith Oord, Secretary-Treasurer. Our new reporter is Rene Siebenga. A special "Thank You!" is extended to all club members who helped with Choice 68 and especially to Wendy Veenstra our club reporter, Edith Oord and Ina Smit, our poster makers, and John Stevenson who ran the projector at our club meetings. All Dordt students are encouraged to join our club next year and any suggestions for club action are most welcomed by the officers.

Wm. Penn Becomes Model U.N.

At the unfortunate hour of 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning May 11, Cal Stam, Del Groen and Jon Stevenson collected their sleepless senses and headed for William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Penn was holding a Model United Nations day event, and students from many colleges were asked to represent various countries.

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Del Groen and Cal Stam represented the Netherlands and Jon Stevenson represented the little country of Lesotho. In case you're wondering, Lesotho is situated in the middle of South Africa.

The trip down was pleasant, especially for Del who slept the entire way. His post-banquet activities had kept him out rather late. 8:30 found them registering at William Penn's main building. Then they went out for breakfast but neglected the time, however, and were unable to meet the 9:00 assembly time. At 9:05 they were jammed into a little gas station restroom frantically changing into suits, which, in the rush, always managed to end up on the floor.

Back at the college, with papers and organization in array, the trio flew up three flights of stairs to the assembly meeting, only to find that it too was not on schedule. Once started, it was divided into councils: Security, Social and Economic, and Trusteeship. There was debate all morning in each council on resolutions to be presented to the General Assembly. That afternoon in the Assembly, there arose much dissension. The South African delegate fought with the Netherlands on the matter of the Apartheid, the Philippines questioned the position of Lesotho on the African territories of Portugal and the U.S. delegate never seemed to agree with the so humble representative of Russia.

The highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of the delegate who best represented his country. The smooth talking Russian delegate from Missouri State received the first place plaque and our delegate for the Netherlands, Del Groen was honored with a second place plaque.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the day for the Dordt representatives was the bit of conversation they had with a Penn student during lunch. He was born to a Catholic father, a Methodist mother, but was raised an Episcopalian. Although well read in Scripture and an "A" student in all his Bible courses, he confessed that he was an unbeliever. He didn't see the Gospel message and wouldn't believe in a God who couldn't keep his own commandments. He felt that a poly-

theistic religion was the best answer. His position at the head table cut discussion short, but our delegates were happy for the brief opportunity to tell of their living faith in Christ.

The day ended on a high note as the three headed north to Pella for a Dordt picnic and a tulip festival parade.

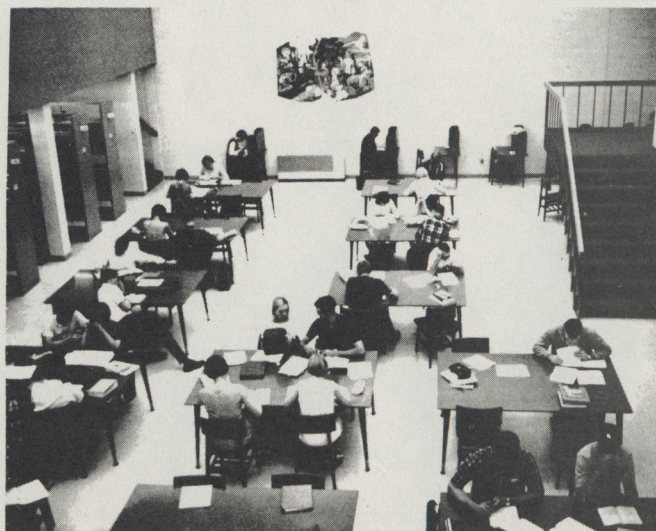
Dordt Choice 68 Picks Nixon

On April 24, 472 Dordt students were part of 1,072,830 students on over 1200 campuses that expressed their presidential preferences and their opinions on key issues. The overwhelming first choice of Dordt students was Republican former Vice-President Richard Nixon who received 350 votes which was 74.63 percent of the votes. Among the other major candidates McCarthy had 43 (9.17%) first place votes, Robert Kennedy 29 (6.18%), and Ronald Reagan 23 (4.90%). Dordt students also expressed their views concerning three national issues. In answer to what course of military action the U.S. should pursue in Vietnam, 4.98% voted for withdrawal, 27.92% for phased reduction, 8.23% for maintenance of the current level, and 28.57% for all out military effort. In respect to the course of action the U.S. should take in regard to the bombing of North Vietnam 7.79% voted for cessation, 20.35% for suspension, 16.23% for maintenance of

the present level, 52.38% to intensify bombing, and 3.25% to use nuclear bombs. The third referendum issue dealing with what areas should receive highest priority in government spending in confronting the urban crisis resulted in 32.62% of the votes for education, 3.00% for housing, .64% for income subsidy, 26.61% for job training, and 37.12% for riot control.

On the national level the results were much different than at Dordt as Senator Eugene McCarthy won Choice 68 with 285,988 first place votes followed by Senator Robert Kennedy with 213,833, Richard Nixon with 197,167, and Governor Nelson Rockefeller with 115,937 first place votes. At Dordt the majority of the students took a "hawk" attitude to the war issues while on the national level the "doves" won with 62% favoring some sort of reduction in the military action and 58% wanting the bombing either temporarily or permanently suspended. On the urban crisis issue 40% thought education should receive the highest priority and 39% chose job training.

Choice 68 stimulated a healthy political awareness on Dordt's campus and those who actively participated found the experience educational, enjoyable, and rewarding. Those students who wish to see a further breakdown of the results are encouraged to consult the posters across from the main bulletin board in the classroom building.



This was a common sight on campus the day before finals.



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Depression Strikes Dordt Baseball

After getting off to an encouraging start this year, Dordt baseball entered a deep depression. They were bombed in a doubleheader with Yankton on May 2 and then defeated in a single game with Westmar May 11. In addition, their road trip games with Huron and General Beadle were cancelled due to schedule conflicts.

In the first game of the Yankton doubleheader each team got four runs in the first inning. From then on Dordt's bats were silent while Yankton's kept right on booming to a 15-4 final score. Starting pitcher, Dan Veldman was relieved in the first by John Kiezer who received the loss and gave up the reins to Jim Schaap in the fifth. The

entire game was blotted with Dordt errors. Dordt managed 10 scattered hits including three by Case DeHaan and two by John Kiezer and Mike Du Mey.

In the second game Van Wieren kept Yankton away from the plate for the first three innings, protecting a one point lead. In the fourth Yankton broke the ice with two runs and in the fifth they cut loose with nine runs off Van Wieren and reliever Veldman. The final score was 11-1.

The Westmar game provided more of the same. Dordt scored one in the first and one in the fourth while Westmar scored four in the third, four in the fifth and two in the sixth. DeHaan was the losing pitcher; Hospers relieved him in the fifth. Once again errors were a big factor as Dordt chalked up five of them.

At this point Mike Du Mey is Dordt's leading hitter batting a .450. Van Wieren and DeHaan follow with .353 and .318 respectively.

Defenders Sweep Two From Northwestern

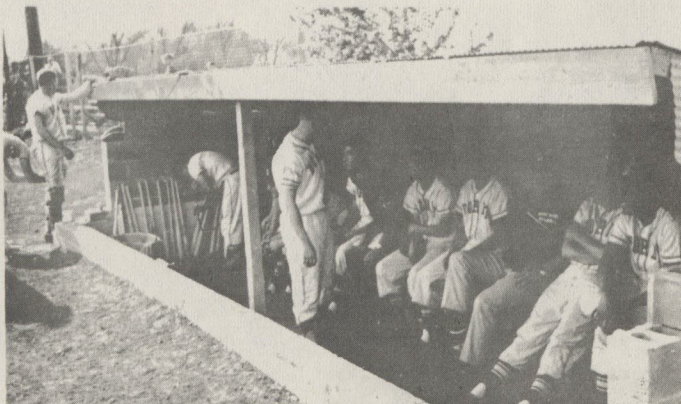
The Dordt Defenders topped off their 1968 season on a high note Monday as they swept both ends of a doubleheader from arch-rival Northwestern College 4 - 1 and 1 - 0.

In the top end of the doubleheader Case DeHaan did extremely effective mound duty, allowing but two hits and impressively fanning thirteen Northwestern batters. Northwestern's sole run came in the third inning on a double, a stolen base and a Dordt throwing error. Dordt came back to tie the score in the fifth with a run from Gene Hospers. In the sixth, Northwestern's Van Es was relieved by De Vries who promptly hit two consecutive Dordt batters and walked a third, setting the stage for a three run Dordt inning.

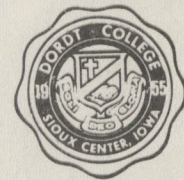
Dordt batters pound out five hits including two by Captain Jansen both of which were involved in the scoring.

The second game proved to be a real battle for the pitchers. Dordt's Van Wieren and Northwestern's Hill froze through the first six innings allowing no runs. Each faced twenty-six batters, the difference came with two men down in the bottom of the seventh when Bill Jansen singled to center, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored on a linedrive to right by Jim Schaap. Each pitcher sent ten batters down swinging.

These games set Dordt's final season record at 4-5.



The Defenders ended their baseball season on a successful note as they overpowered Northwestern on both ends of a double-header.



APOLOGIES

The last issue contained a slight error in the caption concerning the student-faculty volleyball tournament. The faculty was actually the victor.