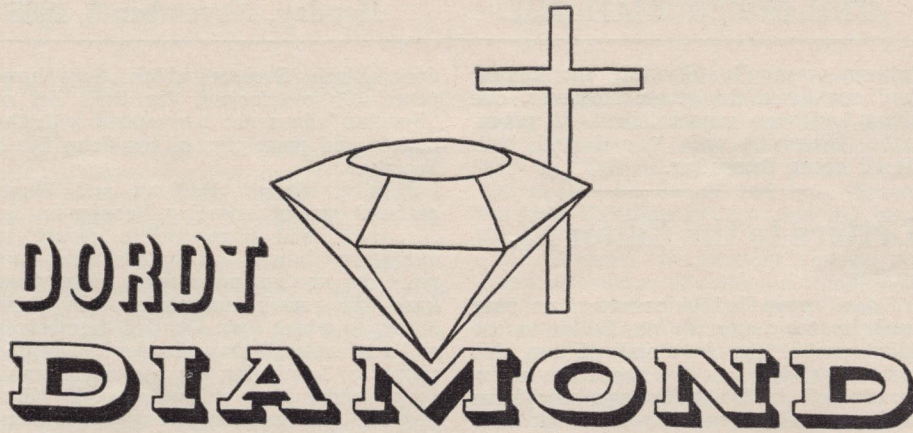


California Chemist To Speak Nov. 13th

Dr. Fraenkel-Conrat of the University of California at Berkeley will deliver the speech at the forthcoming sectional meeting of the American Chemical Society. The topic of his lecture is "The Chemistry of RNA," which will interest both chemistry and biology students and teachers. The meeting will be held at 4:00 P.M., Saturday, November 13 at Dordt College.

The chemistry professors of Dordt College belong to the Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemical Society, which is composed of college chemistry teachers and some industrial chemists. Dr. Marvin De Young, Assistant Professor of Physics at Dordt, presently



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How Many Hours in a Day?

The symposium concerning the concept of day as used in Genesis chapter one, was held Saturday morning, October 30. Mr. Stanley Boertje, Instructor of Biology at Dordt, served as chairman for the meeting, which is a part of the lecture series on science and the Christian faith. Rev. Haan, President of Dordt College, opened the meeting with prayer. The speakers, in order of appearance, were Mr. Gil Blankespoor, head of the science department at Western Christian High; Dr. Simon Kistemaker of Dordt College; Dr. Russell Maatman, also of Dordt; and Rev. Jack Mathies, pastor of the Hope Christian Reformed Church of Hull, Iowa.

Some theories and concepts used in discussions of creation are the Gap Theory, uniformitarianism, apparent age, the Framework Theory, and the Period Theory. The Gap Theory presents the idea that the universe was created in Genesis 1:1; millions of years pass; in Genesis 1:2 Satan falls and the earth is destroyed; the rest of Genesis 1 tells of the rebuilding of the earth. Uniformitarianism holds that all life developed slowly under the influence of forces that exist today and have not changed. God created Adam and Eve as nature people; in much the same manner God created the rest of the universe with "apparent age." According to the Framework Theory, God created the framework of the universe on the six days of Genesis 1:1, through long periods of time, the creation was completed. The Period Theory simply states that each of the six days consumed a long period of time.

Mr. Blankespoor, as an introduction, stated that the Bible contains absolute truth, while science can find only relative truth. He enumerated four problem areas for the Biblical account: the age of the earth, the fossil record, geological phenomena, and evolution. Mr. Blankespoor urged the de-emphasizing of uniformitarianism and accepts the concept of apparent age. He supported the concept of the 24 hour day and explained the age of the earth with the

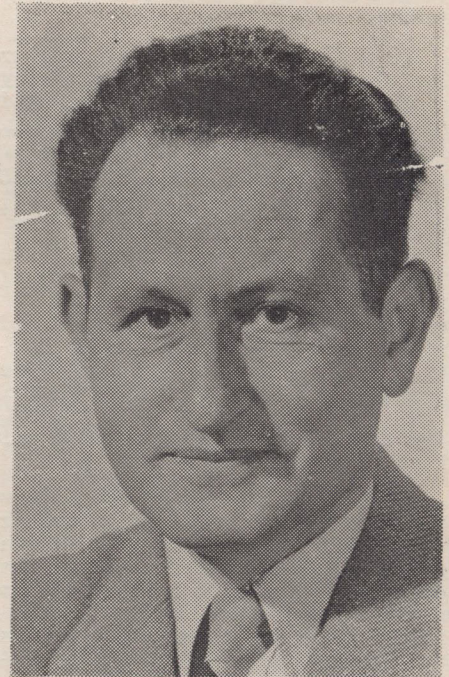
idea of apparent age.

Dr. Kistemaker asked Christians to let the Bible speak, and said that God has given man two sources of knowledge, the Bible and nature. He advocated the 24 hour day theory, taking as his basis various Biblical proofs. Exodus 20:8-9 gives a pattern of days and implies the equality of all seven days. In addition, Genesis 1:1 implies order and sequence.

Dr. Maatman stated that we can use secular knowledge to interpret the Bible more richly and pointed to the fact that scientific facts attribute great age to the universe. Thus he thinks that the days were long periods of time, and, as a Christian, rejects the idea of apparent age.

Rev. Mathies discussed the period theory and the framework theory and then supported the 24 hour day. However, he put forth the theory that God acted sovereignly during the six days of creation, initiating the acts of growth. Many other days followed in which creation was completed. Rev. Mathies does not advocate the idea of theistic evolution.

The question session following the lectures was very lively. The speakers clarified and defended their ideas. The people attending this very important symposium received the lectures well and certainly learned and understood better the issues in this area. We, as laymen, must certainly attend and support discussions of this nature, because our Reformed faith is not passive, but is active. We must not let our ministers solve all problems of faith, and then have them teach us, but it is our duty to seek out the truth for ourselves with their guidance. Rev. Mathies reminded us that we do not have the necessary knowledge to solve all these problems and kept these questions in their proper perspective when he closed his speech: "One day we will know." Following the questions, Rev. Van Schouwen closed with prayer.



holds the position of Chairman of the Sioux Valley Section. Each section of the American Chemical Society features a speaker every month. The speakers, sent out by the national organization, keep the teachers and other chemists informed on national developments in chemistry. The meetings are held at different colleges of the section each month. The visiting lecturer talks to attending students about graduate school and other post-graduate matters. The American Chemical Society helps chemistry professors to keep in touch with other chemistry professors, and students to learn more of what their future in chemistry holds for them.

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Silent Dedication March Planned For Veteran's Day, November 11

Paul Vos, president of the student body, announced Thursday that the Student Council has given approval to a Dedication March to take place on Veterans' Day, Thursday, November 11. The march will be a "commemoration of Veterans' Day and a rededication of

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(Guest writer: Terry Jonker)

A young American man whom we shall refer to as Mr. X was a great chess enthusiast. He loved the intricacies of the game and played regularly with all the zeal he could muster. He read all the literature on the subject and studied the moves in the newspaper until they no longer presented a challenge to him.

Mr. X's high school language teacher had always been one of his most worthy opponents, but eventually even he could do nothing to stop the onslaught of Mr. X's knights and bishops.

One summer, while the teacher was studying in France, he met a young Frenchman who seemed to possess equal virtuosity with the Kingsmen. The teacher introduced the two young men, neither of whom could speak the other's language, through the mail and soon a happy rivalry existed with intricate chess moves being plotted out on postcards and sent over the Atlantic. The games often lasted many months, and neither seemed to gain the upper hand in the tally.

Then one day Mr. X picked up a few words of greeting in French. Just for variety he added these to the bottom of the postcard. His French friend was delighted and made it a point to learn a return greeting in English. This expanded until the additional comments and words of cheer were regular features of the chess games. Their knowledge of each other's language grew rapidly. Soon the comments ranged from matters such as philosophy and ethics to religion and politics.

But one day Mr. X, thinking he had check-mated his French opponent, implied that Premier De Gaulle was tending toward Communism in some of his policies. The Frenchman, his knowledge of the English language being restricted, inferred that Mr. X had called poor Charles a Communist. He immediately proceeded to move out of check, adding that President Johnson was no "right-winger" himself. Mr. X made the same inferences and was deeply hurt but not beaten. He filled his postcard with defense of American policy, leaving no room at all for his chess move. He planned to mail that separately the next day.

However, the Frenchman, thinking the chess game was absolved, replied with a 4-page letter written in French. After interpretation Mr. X was infuriated and replied in kind. Soon the friendly chess game was forgotten and a pointless exchange of political plateaus took its place. The volley accelerated with neither really understanding each other's political and religious philosophies. The

letters eventually stopped, but neither had convinced the other. However, one thing had been accomplished. A promising friendship was ruined and both hated chess thereafter.

Letters to the Editor . . .

Editor:

I feel compelled to comment on your reply to the Letter to the Editor in the last issue of the Diamond. I am also "encouraged to see that there are a few people left in Dordt College who have the courage to stand up for what they believe in. . . ." However, contrary to your implication, I dare say I have been standing up quite obviously in my column, and I wonder what criteria you used in judging the letter from Messrs. Bajema and Worst. I noticed that you gave them a rating of "sound . . . well put . . . and reasonable." I think their letter merits further attention.

Their argument was for the most part based on the authority of Harry and Bonaro Overstreet who in their book, THE GREAT ENTERPRISE, wrote that anyone who is against socialistic progress or against "the preaching of social rather than salvational religion," is "well along the road toward mental illness." Harry Overstreet has been in support of various Communist front organizations such as The American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and the American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born. Overstreet told the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he didn't know he was being taken in. Obviously he is in the dark on several other issues also.

It is shocking for me to read a letter which is called "sound," in which I am personally accused of "undermining . . . whatever Christian principles may remain with a conservative approach to politics." I am sorry that Messrs. Bajema and Worst did not give any foundation for this accusation, and I wonder why their extensive vocabulary has not produced similar labels for Dordt teachers who support my view point.

For the sake of clarity, I think the students of Dordt will be interested in further discussion of certain points of last issue's letter. I was also accused of being reluctant to "admit membership in" the John Birch Society. You will recall that in two issues of the Diamond last year I devoted my entire column to explaining the John Birch Society, and in my writing I made the statement "We in the John Birch Society. . ." If you were not here last year, I will be glad to let you read those articles. I have also given speeches about the John Birch Society and my adherence to its principles, not only in speech class, but also to the local women's society at Bethel. I am not ashamed of it, and if you want me to wear a sign, I will.

Messrs. Bajema and Worst also presented their "insights" concerning the John Birch Society. I suggest that they drop from the coat tails of Mr. Overstreet, and read the constitution of the

John Birch Society which they have seemingly overlooked, for their list of "insights" does not correspond with the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society.

Finally, Messrs. Bajema and Worst accused me of creating "confusion by . . . loose and irresponsible resort to derogatory labels." I suggest that they point out one example upon which they base this stark accusation. In their letter, in which they labelled themselves as "moderates," they also had an ample supply of labels for me and the organization which they misunderstood. "Extremist, undermining, ultra-conservative, radical, unqualified, unsubstantiated, unscholarly, irresponsible" can all be found in their "sound . . . well put . . . reasonable" letter. They even suggested a name or two for me to use against them. I appreciate their kindness, but I prefer to remain

Conservatively Yours,
Norman Bomer

Dear Editor:

Messrs. Worst and Bajema seem to be saying, in their letter ("Diamond," October 25, 1965), that it is the "extremist" conservatives who are undermining the confidence of the government. They may have criticized the administration and various organizations, but they have not rioted or protested government policy. It is the liberals who have been protesting government policy by riots and by burning of draft cards. These are the things that undermine the government. Would they not be more appropriately called "extremist," than those who offer criticism of some officials and actions, and still support the government?

Yours truly,
Steve Toering

Dear Sir:

It seems to me that Messrs. Bajema and Worst are making use of a "loose and irresponsible resort to derogatory labels" by calling Mr. Bomer an Extremist. This word has been given such an undesirable connotation by the liberals and "moderates" that any self-conscious person would not dare be called one. Anyone who does not go along with the present philosophy of the "Great Society" is called an extremist. Such a word is used by the opposition in the hope that most people will compromise their convictions rather than be called by a derogatory name.

I would like to know how a Christian can let his light shine by withdrawing his Christian principles from the field of politics. Anyone who truly applies these principles can not go along with the humanistic, man-do-everything philosophy which today is ruling our nation. Mr. Bomer has based his articles on sound, conservative (extremist) Biblical principles, which is more than Messrs. Bajema and Worst did.

Extremely yours,
Don Jansen

Letters To The Editor . . .

Editor:

In the interests of justice and fair play, I believe a few words should be said in reply to the letter of Messrs. Worst and Bajema (DIAMOND, Oct. 25, 1965).

Although it is surprising to see editorial judgment being passed, I agree with the editor's comment that it is encouraging to see that someone else besides the slandered columnist is willing to speak out concerning politics.

On the other hand, it is discouraging to view the manner in which these gentlemen choose to express themselves. Allow me to illustrate.

It is indeed ironic that a letter written in protest of "derogatory labels" and irresponsible name-calling (incidentally, a charge completely unsubstantiated) should resort to those very tactics. That the recent letter to the editor was one of the most name-calling articles ever printed in the DIAMOND is most unfortunate. The presence of the "scholarly" and "responsible" methods called for by Messrs. Bajema and Worst seemed to be conspicuously absent from their inflammatory letter. All one could find was "unqualified, unsubstantiated, pious platitudes of opinion."

But let us for a moment abase ourselves by accepting as valid the guilt by association attempted by the letter in question. The columnist concerned thus stands condemned by the sole inequival, unexplained authority of the Overstreets. Before we accept **ex cathedra defacto** the judgments of Mr. Overstreet, let us examine him a little more diligently. It might be interesting for you to note, Messrs. Bajema and Worst, assuming that you rigidly support salvational rather than social religion, that you are on the verge of mental illness. At least thus saith your authority, Harry Overstreet (Overstreet, **The Great Enterprise**, pp. 110, 115)

And lest I stand guilty also of rendering nothing but opinionated comment and fall just victim to my own indictment, I would like to invite the gentlemen to a more factual exercise regarding this controversial organization, the John Birch Society. I am sure that they are just as concerned with bringing all the facts to light as I am and thus, in the interests of "scholarly" and "responsible" investigation, I challenge these gentlemen to a debate, open to the student body, at which time we can thoroughly pursue this matter to our mutual enlightenment.

I trust that these gentlemen, being so vociferous in their concern, will not fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Van Dyken

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REPLY

Dear Mr. Van Dyken:

We appreciate your interest and response to our remarks. You have pointed out that a clarification is needed for our unqualified comments. We admit to this same tactical error used by Mr. Bomer; however, our remarks were made in view of two statements he

made: 1) "It is difficult for God's children to be their 'brothers keeper,' because our big brother in Washington has usurped our individual responsibility." 2) "This is the power which kisses and deals with Satan, and . . . hounds the true Christian church and the loyal patriot."

Mr. Bomer's assumptions require not a few expository statements. Just how has our individuality been negated through an increased governmental role? By governmental controls? What kinds of controls, and how are the "regulation of our everyday life?"

As to a debate, we feel that the **Diamond** provides a very adequate medium for the discussion of these issues.

Sincerely, Jim Worst

Dear Sir:

I wonder if I may ask Mr. Bomer a question or two with regard to his article on page two of the October 25 issue of **The Diamond**. After reading it through several times I must confess I am somewhat perplexed about the meaning of a few statements.

First of all, the last sentence in the sixth paragraph reads: "We do not pick and choose the principles of God's Word, and in politics, there is only one way to glorify God, and that way is by no means a part of current Administration policy." Would he explain just what exactly is the one way to glorify God and how the policy of the current Administration falls short of this?

Secondly, in the last sentence of the seventh paragraph he states: "The news reports from the national wire services are so slanted that the average street walker doesn't know anything but the liberal line." Would he state more explicitly what the liberal line is, what he means by the news reports being slanted, and how the average street walker (whoever he may be) is affected by this?

And finally, the eighth paragraph. The second sentence reads: "I am of the opinion that politics is just one of the spheres which must be kept under God, and liberalism of any party is man-centered, not Christ centered." What specifically does he mean by liberalism in this instance, what makes it man-centered and not Christ-centered, is there any political philosophy which is Christ-centered and not man-centered, and if there is, by what name is it called?

Thank you.

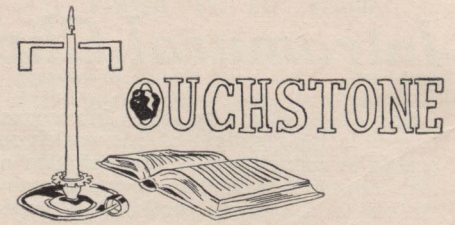
Sincerely, Daniel Veldman

Dear Mr. Bomer (and party):

I wish to clarify my position in my reply to the letter to the Editor in the last issue of the **Diamond**.

I regret that my reply seemed to side with these gentlemen in their objections to your column. However, this is not what I intended. Rather, I meant to encourage these gentlemen to continue their line of reasoning and to invite other argument as well. Personally I wish to take no stand at this time and I hope to edit objectively. This position is more clearly stated in Mr. Vander Maaten's editorial.

Editor, Terry Jonker



—Aldon Kuiper

NAKED LUNCH

(by William S. Burroughs)

Junk! Junk dealer! Junk addict! Illusions and delusions! **THE KICK!** Burroughs describes the meaningless life of a drug addict in terms of what he himself experienced. Since his book treats a major health problem it is of necessity brutal and disgusting. But then sickness is often repulsive details not for weak stomachs. Burroughs has entered the mind of an addict and portrayed the "evil" virus: The Algebra of Need. He describes a "junkie," deprived of his need, as a dope fiend that cannot act other than he does. Beyond a certain frequency, "need" knows no limit or control.

The title of this means exactly what it says: "NAKED LUNCH—a frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of the fork." A moment in which a person suddenly faces the stark reality of The Sickness. A moment in which a junkie suddenly realizes "his junk legs carry him straight in on the road of the junk beam to relapse." This book will cause the conservatist and idealist to cringe in despondency, faced with a life characterized as being amorphous, amoebic, and obscene.

It would be well to acquaint ourselves with the delusions of an addict as portrayed by Burroughs, and to consider his warning in his introduction to his testimony: "Look down, LOOK DOWN along that junk road before you travel there and get in with the Wrong Mob. . . . A word to the wise guy."

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

This year college debaters have a very timely and nationally serious debate proposition: Resolve: that the law enforcement agencies in the United States be given more freedom in the investigation and prosecution of crime. The men representing Dordt College this year in intercollegiate debate are Don Boner, Dale Claerbaut, Henry Gunnick, Jim Vanden Bosch, and Charles Veenstra.

Members have been preparing for the 16th annual intercollegiate debate contests to be held at Vermillion, South Dakota, Nov. 12 & 13. Participants must be prepared to debate both sides of the proposition in the four rounds of competition. The team has already had several practice debates including competition with Northwestern College.

Debate offers experience in research, logical thinking, and public speaking, dealing with a current national problem. Mr. Lothers has coached debate since its beginning at Dordt College in 1963.

—D.C.

Intramural Clippings

New legislation by the Intramural council is the highlight of this week's report. The council, under the direction of Mr. Timmer, decided to assign a point system to intramural activity in hopes of accelerating the program, renewing and creating interest in its competition, and promoting equal opportunity for each class to compete. At its regular meeting (at which gathering, the reporter was privileged to be a guest), Mr. Timmer decreed his progressive program. The council passed the idea in usual fashion.

Under the new point system, classes are awarded points for the various teams they manage to form. Points are awarded for enrolling in the sport and additional points are gained by the team (and ultimately the class) as the team should prosper. Points are given to the respective sports in the following fashion:

- I. Team Sports
 - A. Major (e.g. Football)
 - B. Minor (e.g. Bowling)

II. Individual Sports (e.g. Golf)
The points awarded to the class for entering are as follows:

- 10 points for a Major Sport
- 5 points for a Minor Sport
- 3 points for an Individual Sport

As for the team's success, the points are metered in the following fashion:

Major Sport

First place	-----	40 points
Second place	-----	30 points
Third place	-----	20 points
Fourth place	-----	10 points

Minor Sport

First place	-----	20 points
Second place	-----	15 points
Third place	-----	10 points
Fourth place	-----	5 points

Individual Sports

First place	-----	16 points
Second place	-----	12 points
Third place	-----	8 points
Fourth place	-----	4 points

The president of the council, Dwight Bakker, emphasized the fact that in each sport, "the team is obtaining points for the benefit of the class." He also related that the class with the most accumulated points by the end of the year will be given special honors.

Football dominated most of the intramural sport's action of the past two weeks. With a few games left in the football circuit, intramural pigskin play will give way to the indoor sports of volleyball and basketball. Major upsets have occurred in the past week. After out-maneuvering Ver Meer's blubbery squad (18-14), Kamp's Bruisers suffered a 26-0 trouncing from a surprise freshman squad under the leadership of Dave Sterkenburg. The other freshman squad also scored an unexpected victory from

the defensively-weak NO-NAMES, 19-12. In other action, the NO-WINDS passed over the GEMINI 12 squad, 13-6, only to submit to a 32-18 drubbing by Ver Meer's brawlers. In a real surprise game, the junior team of NO-NAMES contained the hard-hitting BRUISERS in a tie game, 6-6. The hard-luck NO-WINDS lost by a small margin to Sterkenburg's WARRIORS, 6-0. With two games to be contested, the standings are as follows:

	Win	Loss	Tie
GOMARS (Ver Meer)	3	1	
WARRIORS (Sterkenburg)	3	1	
BRUISERS (Kamps)	3	1	1
NO-NAMES (Kuiper)	1	2	1
GEMINI 12 (Vander Kooi)	1	3	
NO-WINDS (Bakker)	1	4	

GOLF: Included in this year's intramural program was fall golf tournaments. This year men's singles and a Two-Ball Foursome event were conducted. In the Foresome event, only three couples braved tournament competition with high honors going to John Piersma and Mamie Haan at 65 on the nine-hole course. In the men's event seven "prospective golfers" competed with Gene Hospers, Gord Swangel, and Steve Arends copping the first three spots with the respective score of 86, 91, and 94.

BOWLING: Entries for the Fall-Winter intramural bowling have been turned in and several teams are slated for ac-

tion. The teams are to compete in the local bowling alley and must finish their required games by December 3. Much interest has been shown by the students to this I-M sport. With this continued interest, student bowling promises to be a success.

NOTE: For all college-bred people: Since you have a lot of time to loaf around—Join an intramural activity.
JAB

Music Report

The Band, having expanded in the number of instruments, has now achieved full instrumentation. The new instruments include: a bassoon, oboe, three french horns, a trimpani, chimes, E-flat clarinet and an alto clarinet. Forty-two members compose Dordt College's Band.

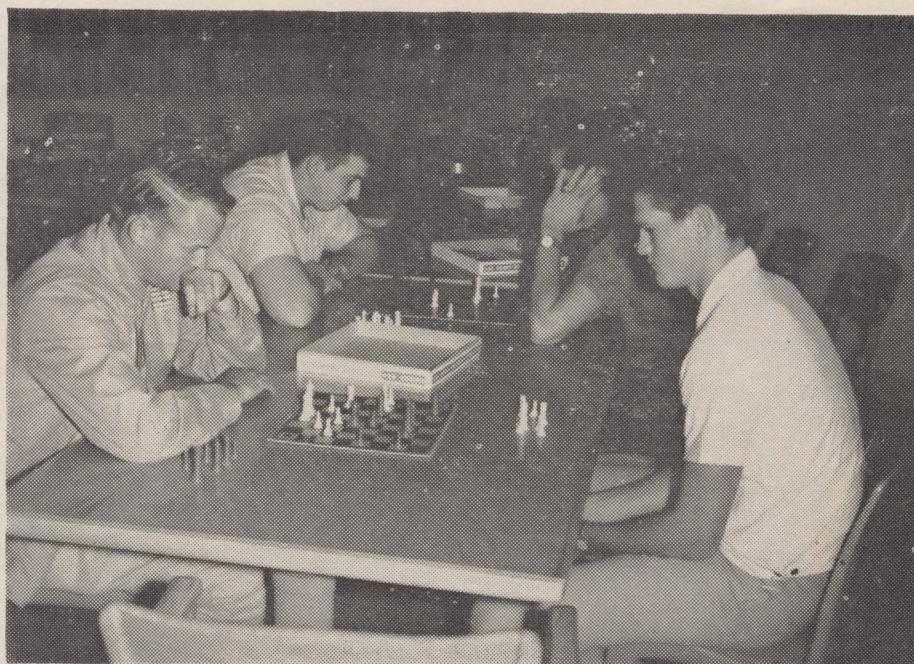
Both choirs and the band have had their annual outing with varied results. The band had planned to go to Oakgrove, but because of rain they had supper in the band room and played volleyball in the gym. Chorale Choir went to Oakgrove and roasted hotdogs over a bonfire, after which they played some games. Concert choir had its party in the band room from 8:30-10:30, playing rhythm games and getting plenty of exercise. For everyone it was a time for letting go and feeling uninhibited.

C.V.T.

San Jose, Uruguay, A.P.—

Mrs. Maria Delgado Tuesday celebrated her 110th birthday, still rolling her own cigarettes.

Chess Club Reports



Mr. Boertje is not indefeatable!

Faculty Faces



Dr. Edwin Geels Dr. S. Woudstra

Dr. Edwin Geels is the newest member of our chemistry staff. He is actually returning home, since he was born in Hull, Iowa, and reared in Sheldon. He graduated from the Sheldon Christian Grade School, from Western Christian High, and, in 1961, from Calvin College. Dr. Geels went on and received his Ph.D. at Iowa State University in the field of organic chemistry. While there, he taught two years as a graduate assistant.

Here at Dordt, Dr. Geels is teaching general chemistry and organic chemistry. Next semester he will teach biochemistry. He agreed with what the other new instructors said about Dordt and added "The students seem to be hardworking."

Dr. Geels resides in Sioux Center. He married a former Dordt graduate and is the father of a two-year-old son.

d.j.

Another new faculty face on campus is that of Dr. S. Woudstra. He was born in Friesland, Netherlands. He had, after his elementary training, three years of gymnasium training, equivalent to advanced high school and early college, enabling him to finish Calvin College in two years. Upon graduating from Calvin College he entered Calvin Seminary and went there for three years. He then went to Westminster Seminary for one year for his Masters. After completing his masters, he taught classical languages at Calvin College from 1959-1960.

From 1960-1961 Dr. Woudstra went back to Westminster for his Doctorate but was drafted by the Christian Reformed Church of Ottawa, Canada. He accepted but under the condition that he be allowed to complete his three months residence and disertation. Then something happened which, according to Dr. Woudstra, has never happened before in the Christian Reformed church. He was installed into the church on September Sunday in 1961; on Tuesday of that same week, he left for Westminster for three months to work on his residency. He commented that both he and the church in Ottawa appreciated and benefited from this set up. He received his Th.D. in Old Testament Studies in 1963. Dr. Woudstra served this church until coming to Dordt College. He has found it difficult to make an ad-

justment from a city as large as Ottawa to a city like Sioux Center.

When asked about his impressions of Dordt, Dr. Woudstra said, "I immensely enjoy the contact which I have with the students and faculty members. There is a fine spirit at Dordt and I enjoy this very much."
—B.V.

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The reporter of this column would like to make a couple of corrections in Mr. De Jong's article of the last issue, which he brought to my attention. He said that he was born on a farm near Rock Valley instead of "in" Rock Valley and that he attended Montana State University instead of Minnesota State, which doesn't even exist.
—B.V.

an interlude

i scream
the walls re-echo
but still i am alone
the world is all loneliness.

people
there are people everywhere
but are they people or are they robots.
robots
robots who walk
unknowing
unseeing
uncaring

i walk
i see
the people.
i smile
we speak
and then i am alone again.

—Linda Sopjes

The Flowers

As the wind blows gently through the valley
I remember the flowers.
The flowers that winter and die,
Forgotten and alone.

Alone and forgotten by their loved ones.
Loved ones
Who are they
What are they.

Status seekers
Money-mad masses
Not knowing
Not caring for those withered flowers.

—Linda Sopjes

Samoa has successfully exported sugar cane to New Zealand, coconut shells to Japan, where they are used for decorative purposes, and baked bread fruit to New Zealand.

Madrid:

Spain may cut back on tobacco taxes.

Grant To Dr. Geels

The Petroleum Research Fund has granted \$4,000 to Dr. Geels. The grant, distributed over a two year period, is for the purpose of supporting research.

The Petroleum Research Fund awards this grant to promising young scientists who have their Ph.D. and are now teaching in colleges and universities. These are commonly called "starter grants" because the recipients are in their first three years of college-level teaching. In most cases, these people will receive other grants later. The money is awarded on the basis of former publications and recommendations from the nominee's professors.

Dr. Geels has received one of 80 grants awarded from about 300 applications. He will work on the subject of "Electron Transfer Reactions of Radical Anions," which is an extension of his Ph.D. research. Dr. Geels reports that most of the funds have been used for equipment which has been ordered and will soon be here.
—dj

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**MAUDY FRICKER'S
COOKIE CORNER**

by John Schuurman

"Hi Ma! It's me, Lemual, your oldest son. Whatch' up to, or down to, or around to, or maybe under to? Haw, Haw, ah ha. . . . Sorry Ma. Ahm' catchin' on real good ain't I."

"Are you makin' fun of the way I talk young man? Now looky here, maybe your ol' ma ain't as spry as she was once but she can still whup the tar out of a young whippersnapper like you. Oh, Hi, Miss Murphy, I'll be with you in a sec'. Now, how was school dear?"

"Aw, it was pretty good, I've got to say something in the play, and Mrs. Mahaphy gave me a C in ceegar wrapping, I got allowed to drop those readin' an' Histry subjects so I could take that subject on long-john fillin'."

"Well, thats real fine, son, I can't see no reason for taking those things that don't do a body no good in his life. Ya gotta get the fundamentals these days, ain't that right, Miss Murphy? What can I get you?"

"Well Maudy. . . I've got this problem. And Maudy I just don't know which way to turn, I'm not sure but I have grave suspicions and Maudy, oh, Maudy, its just terrible. My prize Irish Setter, Louis Van De Vriesma, has forsaken Louise, the mate I had hand-picked for him. And . . . and Maudy, right now he's down the street in that flossy flo floozy Cocker Spaniel's yard. My neighbors are beginning to talk, Louise is heart broken, Louis has flunk-

ed out of obedience school, and Maudy what am I going to do?"
"Go home, cry, try an' make Louise feel better, and take some soda in salt water."

"OK! bye, Maudy, and and thanks."

"Well Lemual, there's a woman with a problem. What do ya' have to do in this play you're givin'?"

"Aw, I have to feed sugar to a donkey and then hit a doctor over the head with a canary cage."

"Well, that sounds like it should be a knee-slapper. I like those kinds. Who's the doctor? If it's that little Bradly Rawlins get a stout cage and bop 'm one for me."

Journalism Club

The journalism club held its first meeting Oct. 21 for the purpose of electing officers. Elected were Lorna Van Gilst as president, Junior Vander Maten as treasurer, and Karen Tanis as secretary. Mr. Guret is the club's faculty sponsor.

The purpose of the journalism club is "the study of journalism as it pertains to editorializing and criticism." The club invites newspaper editors and columnists for enlightening discussions, analysis of the "Diamond" issues, and encourages individual and group research. The club's main activity centers around the production of a student literary review called the **Arete**. Arete' is the transliteration of a Greek word meaning "excellence." Details concerning the submission of literary works to the review will be given at a later date.
D.C.

**Distinquished Librarian
Visits Dordt Campus**

On October 22 and 23 Mr. Donald Rod, Director of library services at the State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, was on the Dordt campus as a consultant of library buildings.

During these two days Mr. Rod worked with Miss Hollar, head librarian, Mr. Boersma, business manager, and Mr. Stevens, architect, in planning the interior arrangement of the new library. Mr. Rod is well qualified for this job since he has worked on the plans for eight different library buildings ranging in cost from \$350,000 to \$4,000,000. Mr. Rod carefully scrutinized the blueprints and made a tentative plan for the arrangement of furnishings which will put the available library space to the best use.

Although the final arrangement of stacks, tables, and other furnishings has not been completed, it is certain that Mr. Rod's ideas and advice will have a positive effect upon the serviceability of the new library.

During his visit on our campus, Mr. Rod expressed admiration for Dordt's present book collection indicating that it was an exemplary collection considering the recent development of Dordt College and its library.

D.N.

Starlight traveling away from an observer shows considerable redness.

Madrid:

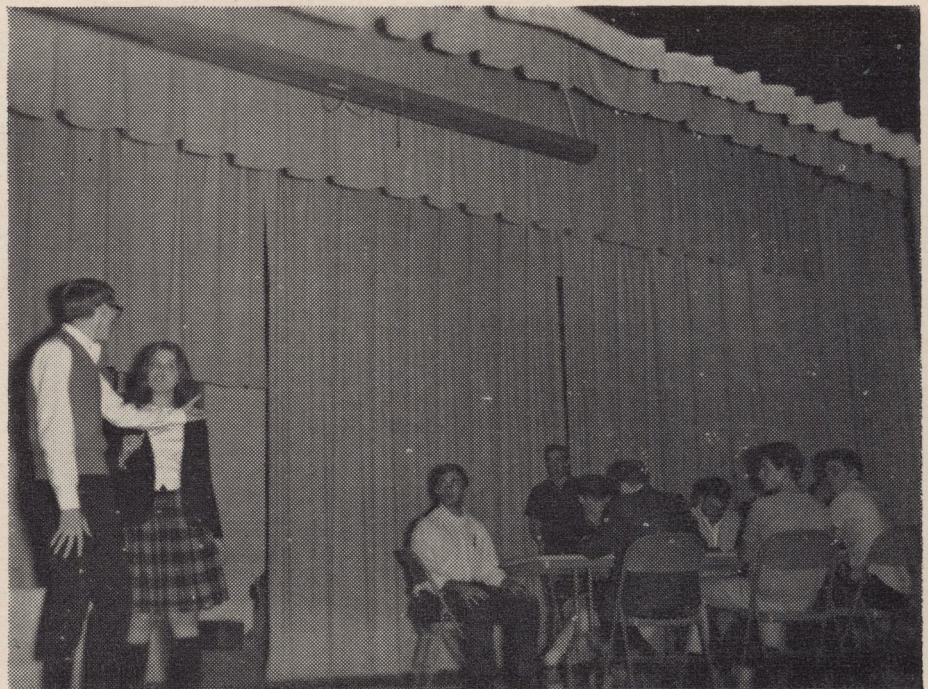
Spanish beef dealers will raise their prices.

**Thalians Ready For
Three Nights Of
Shakespeare's Macbeth**

OPENING CURTAIN—
WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Macbeth will be the first Shakespearian tragedy presented on Dordt's stage and as such involves both spectacle and cathartic experience. Soldiers, murderers, witches, elaborate costumes and amplified stage augment the intense dramatic action and thus provide for exciting entertainment. But there is more to be appropriated from the play than mere entertainment. As both actors and audience we should be able to come to a better understanding of our own sinful natures as we view the self-destruction of Macbeth through his ultra-ambition. With this in mind it is the hope of cast, crews, and directors that **Macbeth** will be for all of us a rewarding experience.

Tickets for the production can be obtained after chapel Tuesday and Thursday or can be purchased at the door. Since there will be only general admission (no reserved seats) the best seats will be obtained relative to time of arrival. Remember the dates—November 10, 12, and 15. Curtain time 8:00 p.m.



Banquet Scene

Student Council Report

by Paul Vos

The student council convened as a perfect body at 6:30 October 21, 1965. Rapid calculation revealed cause for rejoicing. This meeting was the first this year at which all members were present and functioning. Nothing abnormal seemed to threaten the equanimity of the student association representatives or to indicate a session of unreasonable length and activity.

Dr. Rozeboom, our liaison with the administration and faculty, reported that our campus will be graced with three new brightly painted and lettered self-explanatory monuments to man's total depravity and the need for restraint by means of common grace.

Under our present system of recording business, articles are numbered consecutively from meeting to meeting to insure greater continuity and efficiency. Three articles in this system were required to establish the number of candidates, and the time and place for athletic cheerleaders.

Finally, adapting the schedule to the student council's convenience, we decided to chose cheerleaders Saturday night, October 23. At that time Donna Van Wyngarden, a senior from Pella, Iowa and veteran cheerleader, was chosen cheerleader captain, the other cheerleaders are Roberta Lagterman, Janis Dyk, Carol De Jong and Esther Hoogstrate, all underclassmen. If the spirit exhibited by all those who were candidates for cheerleader is evidenced thruout the student body, we should have excellent crowd participation this year, which is so essential to a successful season. The skirts of last year's cheerleading uniform are available and will

be used for the coming year, all things being equal, or made to be equal. Sweaters and letters to match the skirts and becoming to the appearance of the cheerleaders will be coming eventually. Apparently these sweaters will be purchased by the student council.

A meritorious addition to intellectual activity on campus was approved. Der Deutsches Klub will hold its organizational meeting presently.

Discussing of extending library hours followed, but scant hope for additional opening hours appeared likely since very little value or benefit would accrue to the student body compared to the immense disadvantages of extended hours.

In view of the now apparent marathon meeting, President Paul Vos recessed the meeting at 8:00, and it was reconvened in the faculty dining room in the commons at 8:15. When most of the members had reassembled a discussion of the budget for the year 1965-66 ensued. A projected budget was proposed.

By calculation on a price per issue per page basis the amount allocated to the Diamond appeared to be excessive and consequently was trimmed to \$1,600. The Signet budget faced a similar fate and was trimmed to \$3,400. Quite an opposite situation was expressed about Arete'. Arete' was adjudged deficient by some, and in order to inspire greater literary abilities, if cash awards are a literary inspiration, Arete' 's allotment was boosted to \$300.

The budget of \$10,232 was finally adopted shortly before 10:00 and after a few routine matters concerning correspondence the marathon meeting was adjourned. Another meeting was scheduled to continue work on the financial reports and any new business which might arise.

Retreat In Retrospect

On October 23 twenty-five members of the Pre-Sem Club returned from their retreat at Lake Okoboji. They enjoyed a two-day period of instruction, discussion, and meditation, as well as a time of physical exercise and refreshment. Three speakers from Dordt College addressed the club. Mr. Guret spoke on Psalm 20:7. He warned of the danger of placing one's trust in things other than the Lord. Major objects of confidence which replace our trust in Christ are one's upbringing, social acceptance, money, and success. Dr. Woudstra discussed the problem of "Speaking in Tongues." God, for a particular time, gave the apostolic church the ability to speak in tongues because of the exceptionally difficult circumstances in which the early church was placed. Speaking in tongues is out of place in the church today. Rev. Haan pointed out the importance of the Reformation as a return to basic Scriptural principles. These principles must be emphasized continually, since Satan attempts to undermine the foundation of the church. An extended discussion followed each message. Time was also set aside for individual meditation and devotions.

However, the needs of the body were not neglected. The cullinary experts among the pre-sems were given an opportunity to display their skill on the charcoal grills. Despite the brisk weather, fishing and football games encouraged hearty appetites.

Several members of the group gave their reactions to the retreat: "I felt that it was a true manifestation of the Holy Spirit." "It was a quiet time for self-examination and reflection, but also a time of vigorous activity and discussion." The experience was "spiritually refreshing." "... enriching." "I especially appreciated the group fellowship and the spirit of unity."

J.M.

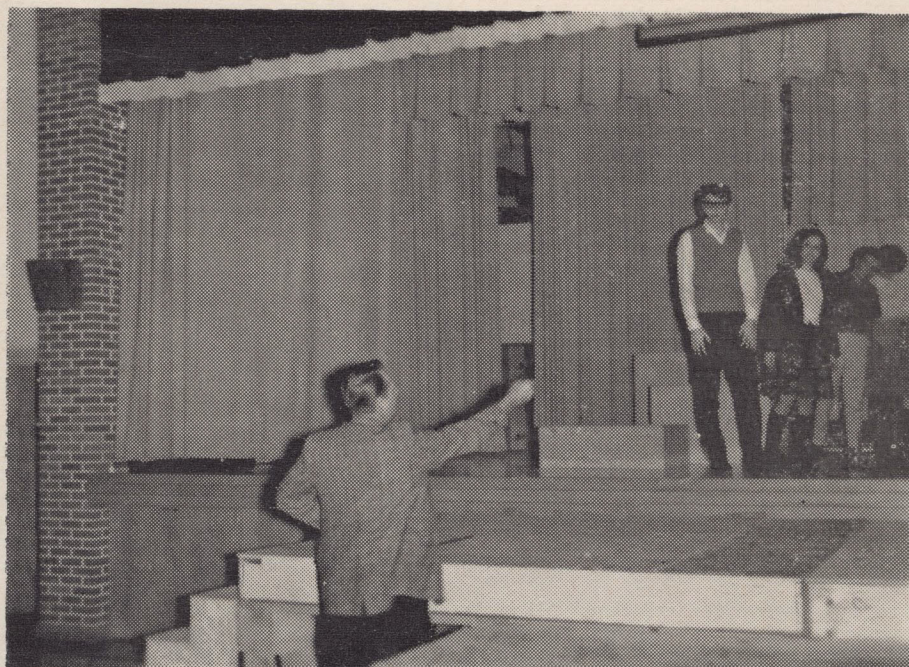
Sunday Night Activities

An interesting series of activities is being planned for Sunday nights this year. Bill Versluys, planner and coordinator of these activities has provided a program of coming attractions which follows:

- November 14—Jim Dehne will show his slides on Alaska.
- November 21—Bert Polman will show pictures of S.W.I.M.
- November 28—Thanksgiving Vacation.
- December 5—Miss Hollar will show slides on Europe.
- December 12—Christmas Hymnsing.
- December 19—Mrs. Haan will show slides on New York and the World's Fair.

Activities for the New Year will be published after Christmas vacation. If you have any suggestions concerning Sunday Night Activities, Bill Versluys or Connie Van Til will be happy to entertain them.

D.N.



"Huisman, that's not how Bill would have wanted it!"

On the Concept of 'day'



Fish Story?

Cartoonists Apologia

To apprehend comments to a cartoon is perhaps both redundancy and a confession of impotence, but I apprehend that some will see, mixed in with the cartoonist's ink, caustic soda, giving it bite for paper and th'n skins, and irreverent wit, giving it black substance.

I wish in no wise to degradate the Christianity of those who hold to long creation days, nor is my cartoon an attack on the person or personal motives of those who hold this theory. Rather it is a questioning of the advisability of engaging man's darkened understanding in a dissection of God's creation act.

I discern, perhaps, faultily, in man's stretching of the creation day the same spirit of ego gratification as in the story of "the one that got away." Do we have to bring the miracle of creation down to the level of understandability for man's arrogant little mind? I ask those who would propound this view whether it has not inherent in it a grave danger!

Editorial

by Junior Vander Maaten

Shrieking cries from the chapel podium; subversive declamations in the library; dark mutterings from the student lounge; rumblings from the faculty offices; defamations in the halls; full of sound and fury (unaccompanied by letters to the editor) signifying nothing.

"Why all the negative satire? Why all this destructive criticism? That "stuff" has no place in our student publication."

Just what is this "stuff," negative satire and destructive criticism? It is the flower of the 17th & 18th century English writers. It is the means of rectifying social evils. It is a means of bringing to light vices and idiosyncrasies that appear obvious to the writer.

If a person has a growth on his body, isn't it worth surgery to have it removed? Isn't it better to experience a little discomfort, than to have the growth develop into a permanent pain or disgrace?

DEDICATION MARCH NOV. 11—

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self to the ideals of patriotism."

Both students and faculty are invited to join in the march which will leave the college auditorium at approximately 10:20 A.M. on Thursday, travel to Main Street, and culminate in the city park where faculty and students will participate in a brief patriotic memorial service, observing at 11:00 A.M. the nationally declared moment of meditation.

Though proposed in view of recent anti-government demonstrations appearing on campuses across the country, the Dordt College march seeks not to be a rival protest of the protest movement but a positive assertion of Christian responsibility toward civic duties, and a declared recognition of Christian man's spiritual and moral obligation to support governmental law and order.

The Student Council wishes to make it expressly clear that **order, dignity, silence, and retrospective contemplation** must declare the mood of the Dedication March. As a tribute to the ideals of law, order, and justice the essence of the march will be proven by the dignity of its external demeanor.

Participation in the march is to be purely voluntary. Uniform student participation is requested, but the Council emphasizes that persons are in no way obligated to join.

Faculty members have received a detailed outline describing the march, including a definitive statement of purpose. At the Tuesday chapel service all students will receive an explanatory sheet concerning details of the march.

A student planning committee is attempting to secure press and television coverage and is studying the best methods by which to forward the movement.

Students are asked to read carefully the descriptive sheet they will receive at the Tuesday chapel service. The march is to be observed as a quiet ceremony; no vocal demonstration is to take place other than the planned dedicatory program in the city park.

EDITORIAL CONTINUED . . .

Granted, surgeons are not infallible and their diagnosis may be in error, but of what benefit is it to you to go to your neighbor or neighborhood and explain why it is in error. Wouldn't it be better to go to the surgeon himself and defend your reasoning?

Perhaps the criticism in the Diamond is improperly placed. Then tell the column editor as well as the rest of the student body and give the column editor a chance to further prove his point or print a retraction. Is it right for a person to make an impassioned plea without allowing a defense to be made?

In this issue, the editor and assistant editor are pleased with the response the student body has shown. However, the Spectrum is not the only column that has been brought under censorship in the forenamed areas. If you have complaints, let us see them in print.