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Editorial Elections This Week

Thursday, May 12, the student body cast their ballots for their choices for the 1966-67 Editors of the two student publications, the DIAMOND and the SIGNET. Jim Vanden Bosch was elected as the Editor of the DIAMOND and Bert Polman was chosen as the Assistant Editor of the SIGNET for the next school term.

Jim has several ideas about changes in policy and is eager to put them into action. He plans to maintain a better organized staff with plenty of writers. His personal ideas include high school exchange papers, club purpose essays, and a special Freshman copy at the start of next year. Jim was quoted as saying he hopes "to give the DIAMOND the qualities of a college paper, thereby promoting the program of removing high schoolishness from Dordt and replacing it with collegiatness."

Having been Business Manager and Editor for his high school annual, Bert Polman has given his talent for the past two years to the SIGNET as layout editor. The key to his policy will be variety with more color. Bert will be Assistant Editor to June Mulder who will continue to act as Editor-in-Chief next year.

A student council committee and the Signet editor and business manager have reorganized the Signet staff this past year. The main features of the revamped staff are as follows:

1. It will be an official club with full membership granted to associate members on majority vote of the full membership.
2. Business manager will be appointed from the full membership by the Editor-in-Chief.

3. Instead of the Editor being elected as it is now done, the students will elect the Asst. Editor who will become Editor the following year.
4. Both Editor and Asst. Editor are subject to recall by the Student Council and-or the Faculty Student Relations Committee.
5. The Editor will receive a three-year free subscription to the Signet after he or she graduates.
6. Departmental editors will be appointed by the Editor-in-Chief from the full membership.
7. The Signet staff will establish a constitution to govern election and membership affairs.

NSF SUMMER RESEARCH

Dr. Maatman has announced the chemists who will participate in the two research programs to be conducted this summer at Dordt College under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. The grant by the NSF involves two programs, one for area high school teachers, the other for undergraduates in chemistry at Dordt.

The high school chemistry teachers who will do research are Mr. Harold Verhage of Unity Christian High in Orange City, and Mr. Peter Aberson of the Floyd Valley Community School at Alton. The college students who received the honor of being asked to participate are Donn Rubingh and Clarene Van Zanten. Donn is a Junior while Clarene is a Freshman.

Dr. Maatman and Dr. Geels, of the Dordt Chemistry Department, will guide and assist in the research.

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Student Body President Elected For Next Year

Campaigns for the election of next year's student body president were held April ?? in the gym. Before the campaign speeches were given, the National Anthem was sung, and Bert Polman was called upon to explain the new procedures for electing future Signet editors. By the new system, only an assistant editor will be chosen every year who will automatically assume the role of editor in chief the following year.

Two candidates, Phil Kok and Cecelia Drenth, sought student support in the election. In her speech of nomination for Phil, Jeri Brower outlined her candidate's leadership capabilities. Mr. Kok's platform called for more college level entertainment, a method of letting the teachers know how they stand in relationship to their students, and also for more exclusiveness in chapel speeches, among other things.

Jim Worst challenged students to overlook the sex of his candidate and vote for a combination of intelligence and originality. Miss Drenth propounded the view that to have a successful student government, all must give and not only receive. Inter-campus activities with nearby colleges are necessary, she contended, to develop well rounded personalities at Dordt.

On the election day following, Cecelia Drenth was chosen to be next year's president. —D.N.

PRE-SEM CLUB REPORT

The Pre-Sem Club held its last meeting of the year on April 29. The club elected officers for next year. Philip Kok was elected president, Robert Koorneef, vice-president, and Aldon Kuiper, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Simon Kistemaker spoke on "The Sabbath and Sunday." The Jews saw the Fourth Commandment as a negative command to keep the Sabbath. The early Christian church observed the Lord's Day, rather than the Sabbath, even though they did not refrain from working on Sunday. We must keep the Lord's Day positively by devoting the entire day to spiritual affairs. —JM



Jim Vanden Bosch

A once time upon there was a college. The college's name was Dordt. Many of its students were nice. Many of its students were attractive. Many of its—

"Many of its students were unconcerned, indifferent, lukewarm, unimpressed, uninspired, calloused, impervious, unambitious, unstirred, vegetative, phlegmatic, dull, flat, obtuse, supine, languid, stupefied, chloroformed, narcotic, comatose, torpid, unprogressive, non-collegiate, non-scholastic, self-interested, mundane, witless, uncultivated, daft, shal-low."

"Thank you, Mr. Roget. As I was saying, many of its students were . . . well, you know. When the time for election of student body president arrived, two whole students voided your terminology, Mr. Roget.

Surprisingly, the one who accusingly implicated that the atmosphere which your waxed words suggest was present in the college, won the election. What do you think of that, Mr. Roget? Does that mean there's hope? Do you think that some day you can have something nice to say about this college?"

"Oh yes, definitely. In fact the other day when I was riding along in your pocket, I heard a professor say that the student council really did have some good ideas; that they were doing a good job. Then when you mentioned the cannon, he said it was at least a good attempt. And remember how they tackled and laid out the treasury this year. Many people in G.R. cherished the concert choir. You won six baseball games already. Everyone thought the Thallians did a terrific job with Pygmalion."

"Yea, but you know there's these kids who complain about common . . ."

"Oh, you mean the griping, lamenting, wailing, grumbling, sighing.—Jerem."

"Well, yea, that's sort of what I had in mind."

"You know, I've got a commiseration too. I wish kids would have a heart and not lock me in their briefcases all the time. What have they got pockets for? It's spring, man!"

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Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa,

April 20, 1966 Died—Two pop machines, one candy vendor, and several pillow sofas, of smoke inhalation, first degree burns, split ear drums, exposure to toxic, passionately breathed fumes of enarmed amorists, and injuries received by daily blows of cheated, exasperated students. They were officially pronounced dead after being operated upon by doctors at the Discipline Hospital. Official burial was conducted by Dordt custodians April 29, 1966, Louie Kuiper conducting the services.

They are survived by one book drop, six art paintings, bare air, and various embittered but murderous students.

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Dordt College, Sioux Center, Ia.—Jan. 5, 1966. Conceived, by various student council members, a cannon, to be placed in the triangle of Dordt College campus, to be born some time in the future in order to "enhance" Dordt's campus, serve as a symbol of something (Canons of Dordt?), and be admired by all prospective visitors (unless a process of abortion can be successfully carried out).

SENIOR VOCAL-INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL MAY 16

On Monday, May 16, at 3:30 P.M., a Senior Vocal-Instrumental Recital will be held in the Music Building Recital Hall. Vocal soloists will be Lois Dorhout, soprano, and Marvin Wolterstorff, tenor. Also featured will be James Jouvstra on the trumpet assisted by a brass quintet.

Selections on the program include: "The Virgin's Slumber Song," by Max Reger

"Oh God My Heart is Ready," by H. Schutz

"Rain at Night," by Austin

"God is My Shepherd," by A. Dvorak sung by Miss Dorhout, accompanied by Miss Jan Bruxvoort

"Bright is the Ring of Words," by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

"In the Silence of Night," by S. Rachmainoff

"Che gelda mamma," by G. Puccini

"La donna mobile," by G. Verdi sung by Mr. Wolterstorff, accompanied by Miss Joyce Vander Zee

"Trumpet Concerto in Eb," by F.J. Haydn

"Cappriccioso," by Jean-Jean

"Adagio and Allegro, from flute sonata," by C. F. Handel

performed by Mr. Jouvstra, accompanied by Miss Vander Zee.

JOHN VAN DYKE TO TEACH AT DORDT NEXT YEAR

Mr. John Van Dyke has recently been appointed to the teaching staff of Dordt for next year. Having graduated from Calvin College in 1961 with majors in Greek and philosophy, he won a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship to the University of Michigan. Here he obtained his M.A. degree. At U. of Mich. Mr. Van Dyke majored in Latin and minored in Greek.

Being a very talented man, he has a speaking knowledge of Dutch, English, and German as well as a reading knowledge of English, German, and French. Mr. Van Dyke is also an organist and has directed church choirs. He avidly pursues his hobbies—ornithology and herpatology—in his spare time. He has traveled widely in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

For the past three years Mr. Van Dyke has been teaching in Ripon Christian High School in Ripon, Calif. His duties at Dordt will entail teaching English, German, and Latin.

On the gloomier side, word has been received that Mr. John Worst is leaving Dordt to teach first and second year music theory at Calvin College. He will also be directing the varsity band and doing some arranging. With his assistance a new music curriculum will be set up at Calvin. After having been at Dordt for two years, Mr. Worst says he has enjoyed teaching here. —J.S.

HEAD LIBRARIAN

TRAVELS SOUTH

On Friday, April 29, Miss Hollaar took to the road with two librarians from Northwestern College to the Iowa Library Meeting of Small Colleges held in the new Dunn Library at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Two separate subject areas were discussed by the librarians. First, there was a presentation of new libraries and plans by several Iowa colleges. This procured especially worthwhile as a standard by which to judge Dordt's new library. Miss Hollaar stated that Dordt is receiving a large amount of beautiful and practical facilities in relation to the total cost. Saturday morning there was a discussion of the mutual problems confronting college librarians. In this area Miss Hollaar stated that she was very thankful that many of the problems discussed, especially concerning unbecoming student conduct in the library, do not exist at Dordt. —DN

P.E. MINORS ATTEND WORKSHOP AT VERMILLION

Physical education minors at Dordt college attended the Physical Education and Recreation Workshop for the Mentally Retarded. The workshop took place on April 29 and 30 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. It was sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, the AAHPER, and the Department of Health and Physical Education at the university. The workshop opened Friday morning with an address "Re-Creation of the Mentally Retarded" by Dr. Henry Cobb, who received one of the highest national awards for working with the mentally retarded. The delegates spent the remainder of the day and Saturday attending sessions in which actual teaching of the mentally retarded was demonstrated through all types of physical activities. Some types of activities included were games, rhythms, swimming, tumbling and stunts, and body mechanics and conditioning.

Defenders Win 7-3 Baseball After Losing to J.F.K. 6-1

The Defenders dropped the opener with a 6-1 loss. Gene Hospers did the pitching for the Defenders in the first game and was touched for three runs in the initial inning. J.F.K. scored another run in the second and two more in the sixth. Dordt's lone run came in the fifth when Terry Jonker scored on Larry Van Wieren's sacrifice fly. The Defenders were outthit by only 6-5. Don Ver Meer had two singles in three times at bat for Dordt. The Defenders committed four errors, which resulted in two unearned runs.

Larry Van Wieren missed a no-hit pitching job by one pitch in the Defender's split with J.F.K. on Thursday, April 28, on the Sioux Center Diamond. Van Wieren had his no-hitter for 6 and two-third innings in this game and had two strikes on what could have been the final batter. He hit a single however and another single came later in the inning. The visitors scored two runs in the seventh. J.F.K. scored an unearned run in the second inning and held a 1-0 margin until the fourth when the Defenders exploded for five hits and two runs. The other five Dordt runs came in the fifth frame on a four-hit attack. Van Wieren had 10 strikeouts and also took batting honors with three singles. Dordt had 11 hits to two for JFK. All starters hit safely for the Defenders in the second game.

SENIOR GIFT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Three senior students and two faculty members have assembled as a committee. They are: Rich Verver, student chairman, Jane Buteyn, Dave Netz, Mr. Bos, and Mrs. Haan with Mr. De Jong serving as advisor and coordinator. The purpose of this group is to select several art works and contact several artists from which the senior class can choose a gift. The art work(s) will be conspicuously located in the new library as a memorial of the graduating class of 1966.

After the first meeting of the committee this past Tuesday, it was the general consensus of the student members that an artist should be chosen from within the Christian Reformed Church. Several letters of inquiry have been sent out with already one encouraging reply. It is hoped that the committee will be able to reach a definite decision in the near future which will meet with the approval of the senior class and the college administration. —DN

Dordt Defenders Win Opener

Dordt Defenders got their spring baseball season off to a winning start Monday afternoon, April 25 when they edged Estherville junior college 3-2 at Estherville. The Defenders had to come from behind with a pair of runs in the top of the seventh. Dordt jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Mike DuMez came in on errors. Estherville tied the game at 1-all with a bases loaded walk in the fourth and took the lead in the fifth with the same formula. With two outs in the seventh, Terry Jonker hit a triple over the center fielder's head and scored the tying run when Estherville's second baseman left Larry Van Wieren's grounder go through his legs for an error. Larry made it all the way to third on the error and scored the go ahead run when Don Ver Meer followed with a single. Bob Miedema started on the mound for the Defenders and gave way to Larry Van Wieren in the fifth. Van Wieren, the winning pitcher, finished the game by striking out the top three men on Estherville's batting order. The Defenders out-hit Estherville 5 to 2.

RETURN WITH MEMORIES

The date: April 27, time: 2:00 A.M. The sleeping city numbly awaits the return of its wanderers. Far down the ribbon of highway headlights loom out into gross darkness, search-

ing for a sign of life and welcome rest. All too slowly the vehicle approaches its destination. It eases around the final curve, the courtesy lights snap on, and then: PANDEMONIUM.

"Where's my purse?", "Grab my camera!" "What did you do with the garment bag?" "When shall we unpack the suitcase?" "Where must we put this stuff?" Friends and loved ones have returned, exhausted, but safe.

One last check to assure himself that everything is in order, that nothing has been forgotten, before the driver closes the door and the 38 passenger Greyhound moves slowly away and becomes enveloped in the darkness once more. 37 tired, happy people are left with mountains of dirty laundry and fond memories.

Fond memories: Memories of people. People willing to do most anything to make your stay comfortable, to get you where you needed to be on time and safely. Students much like ourselves, studying, learning, living, enjoying life. Memories of places. The campuses of our sister colleges: Calvin and Trinity, the various churches and high schools, the big city at night. Fond memories of things which made Concert Choir's Grand Rapids-Chicago tour a brilliant success. —D.B.

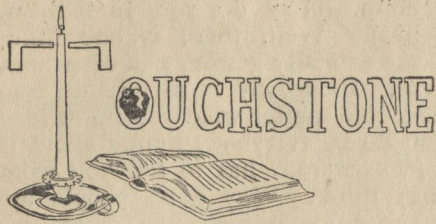
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Aldon Kuiper

Nine Men Against America —Rosalie Gordon

Miss Gordon, editor of the weekly news magazine, *America's Future*, presents an attack by the Supreme Court against American liberties. She manipulates Supreme Court decisions in such a way as to portray a power take-over. Most of the cases and decisions that she concerns herself with are related to government control, state equality, and labor disputes.

Miss Gordon describes the present powers of the Court as the result of a "metamorphosis from a body of judicial review to one of potential oppression." She accuses President F. Roosevelt of packing the Court to obtain the power he wanted to pass certain legislations. With the appointment of Justice Black and Reed, Roosevelt was supposedly able to suppress private business.

In respect to communism, she accuses the Court of playing right into the hands of communist revolutionaries in America. Her statistics show that of the thirty-nine pro-communist cases brought to the Court, thirty were passed. She emphasized the case when the Court took away the freedom of inquiry from investigation committees, with a smile of approval from communists.

The liberty and freedom given to criminals by recent Court rulings are described as an infringement upon the liberties of sovereign society. The *Mallory vs. U.S.* case, for instance, in which a criminal was set free because the police had questioned him, was a boon to criminals because of the precedent it set for questioning suspects.

Finally, Miss Gordon suggests that to "turn the tide" against Court encroachments, the President should be deprived of Court appointments, congressional investigating committees should be reinstated, and to declare void all decisions of the Court from 1937.

I-M Gems

John A. Byker

Volleyball Tournament: As a climax to intramural volleyball this year, a tournament was held between the top three teams of each division. This resulted because of three-way ties in both divisions. Competing before some random spectators, the teams put out their best for this afternoon performance. A first-round "bye" to the PUSSEY-CATS coupled with a FLYING DUTCHMAN win over the gentle THEOLOGIANs sent both teams into the second round. In other first-round action the CANNONS OF DORDT sent the SPARTANS to an early shower, which matched them against the SPIKEMEN, who also drew a first-round "bye." Then, with two teams eliminated, four VB squads (one Jr., two Soph., one Fr.) took up the second-round dueling. Both sophomore teams were erased—the Pusseycats stopped the Dutchman in two games out of three, while the ambitious Cannons of Dordt shut-out the Spikemen, 2-0. At 6:00 P.M., in the consolation affair, the Spikemen grabbed two straight games from the slamless Dutchmen. This preceded the championship contest between Ver Meer and his furry Pusseycats and the younger Cannons of Dordt. The freshman squad surged to a one game lead as they glided over their elder classmen, 15-11. However, the Pusseycats were not to be shut-out and returned the series to a one game tie with a 15-12 victory. In the deciding game, with some super front-court slamming, the freshmen handily over-powered the upper classmen, 15-9. The new champions, captained by Stan Vander Kooi, sustained a complete 9-1 season. Other members of the CANNONS OF DORDT include Eugene Hospers, Ken Vander Wal, Preston Morman, Loren Bouma, Dennis Visser, Duane Bakker, and Burnell Mellem. The **Gems** extend their congratulations to this new VB champion and the other teams participating in this well-fought tournament.

All-Star Team: Of the six tournament squads, the following individual members are presented as an All-Star team: Preston Morman (Cann.), Eugene Hospers (Cann.), Ken Vander Wal (Cann.), Don Ver Meer (Cats), Bern Sturing (Spike.), Mike Du Mez (Dutch.), Rich Meyer (Spar.), Eldon Dyk (Theo.).

The MVP is awarded to Preston Morman as most versatile of the

tournament players.

Faculty vs. Three Student Teams: Friday afternoon (3:00 P.M.) May 6 —The fearless faculty took on three I-M squads, the Cannons of Dordt, the Pusseycats, and the Spartans. The event had not been played at press time. However, various random statements have been made by the faculty members. The following comment by a faculty member seemed to be representative of the opinion of this motly crew: "I predict the faculty by a slight edge. They should have six tough games."

Softball — Theologians Picked: Of the competing teams, the Theologians are foreseen to grab first-place decorations. The squad, a junior group, has superior pitching, good fielding, and adequate hitting.

The **Gems** is happy to finally see some diamond work.

Dordt Wins Two Against General Beadle on Tuesday, May 3

Larry Van Wieren picked up his third win without a loss in the first game although he needed a little help on the mound from Don Ver Meer and Gene Hospers. Bob Miedema went the distance for the victory in the second game. Van Wieren was the big man at the plate with a 2-run homer in the third inning of the first game and another 2-run homer in the fifth inning of the second game. Don Ver Meer had a single and two doubles in the double-header. The Defenders had just four hits in the first game but made them count as they bunched them in the second and third innings. An error and a double by Jay Levering accounted for two runs in the second inning. Three more runs scored in the third—one when Don Ver Meer singled, stole second base, and scored when Gene Hospers was safe on an error. The other scored on Van Wieren's homer. The fifth inning was a big one for both teams in the second game as the teams scored five runs each. Dordt had broken a scoreless tie with a run in third and then Van Wieren's second homer of the day together with some fine hits in the fifth gave Dordt the victory. Jerry Stiemsma and Bill Janssen singled, Don Ver Meer doubled and Terry Jonker was safe on an error earlier in the inning. Then came the long bottom of the fifth inning. General Beadle had three hits and used three costly errors to score five runs—making the score 6-5. G.B. had the tying run on second when they were retired in the last inning.

CURTAIN

The one act play which was presented by the Thaliens during the recent Fine Arts Festival was this year's final production of the dramatic group. The play, A.A. Milne's Vander Maten, was one of a group of three presented last Thursday. **The Ugly Duckling**, directed by John evening. The other two, **The Lottery** and the third act of **Arms and the Man**, were presented by Western Christian High and Southwestern Christian High respectively. Following the productions the Thaliens hosted several seminars to which the dramatis personae in the high school presentations were invited. Here, in keeping with the educational spirit of the Festival, the above plays were discussed and critiqued.

Previously, on Friday evening, April 30, the Thaliens presented their second annual Thalian Acivity Night. The program, directed by Mr. James Koldenhoven, consisted of a variety of presentations showing the versatility and originality of the theatrical group. Garneth Hengeveld opened the evening as narrator of the classical **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** in which four local kindergarten children portrayed the characters. Also included in the program were three original works, "A Lecture on Slapstick Humor" by Bill VerSluys, a pantomime entitled "A D.J.'s Success" by Jim Vanden Bosch and John Byker, and a reading of four poems by their author, Stu Williams. The remainder of the program illustrated the Thalian's ability in oral interpretation. Mamie Haan and Alan Huisman read several humorous poems by Dorothy Parker and Ogden Nash; four Thaliens interpreted a cutting from Ibsen's **Enemy of the People**; and through selected readings Jeri Brower demonstrated how atmosphere can be created through characterization. Her demonstration included the reading of Roy Helton's "Old Christmas Morning," the requiem scene from Arthur Miller's **Death of a Salesman**, and a cutting from Shakespeare's **Othello**.

With these two events the Thaliens concluded their activities for this year, but they eagerly anticipate further dramatic adventure in the fall.

Rich Verver

Chemistry

Ron Blankespoor, Keith Lightenburgh, Arlan Schaap, and Alan Kramer will continue the research which is under the sponsorship of Dr. Maatman's Atomic Energy Commission grant. Dr. Maatman has ordered new equipment for this research.

Dr. Geels will receive another year of financial support from the Petroleum Research Fund. This is the second part of the two-year, \$4,000 grant from the PRF. —dj



Jeri creates "atmosphere"

CHORALE CHOIR TOUR

At noon, Wednesday, April 20 the 74 members of the Chorale Choir eagerly boarded the two Greyhound buses ready to leave on tour. The destination for their first concert was Calvary Christian Reformed church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Rev. Haan and Mr. Dykstra traveled by car to Minneapolis and showed the firm of Dordt College after the concert.

The next morning the choir had time to do some sight seeing or shopping in Minneapolis before they left for Prinsburg, Minnesota. In Prinsburg the choir sang a few secular numbers for an afternoon assembly program in Central Christian High School and that night gave their sacred concert in the church.

Friday morning the choir traveled on to Edgerton. The choir sang their secular numbers and in addition, sang a few numbers with the members of the Southwestern Christian High School choir. The sacred concert was given in Leota Christian Reformed Church that evening.

The choir spent their free time Saturday afternoon in Worthington. Various activities were fishing, swimming, bowling, shopping, and even studying. The final concert was given in the church that night. After the concert the buses turned toward Dordt College and headed for home. The tired Chorale members were eager to get to Dordt again after such a wonderful and successful tour.



Garneth Hengeveld with "Goldilock and the three bears."

Editorial

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. For some of you, it marks the end of your formal education, while others have but begun. I know you're busy, but stop for just a moment, put down your book and pen, and reflect a bit on the year which has just sped by.

The year doesn't look to bad, does it? We spent our time wisely, studying and learning as much as we could. We took advantage of every opportunity to grasp a little knowledge while we can. We participated in many school activities, always doing our best. We were careful to use every moment in this short year as if we wouldn't have a second chance at it.

And we were faithful Christians too, weren't we? We witnessed for our Savior on several occasions and never took His name in vain. We

read our Bibles faithfully, and attended all the church and chapel worship services. We were careful to heed the spirit of the Law, rather than just the letter. Our lives were dedicated first of all to the Glory of God and then we fulfilled our own needs. We loved our Father, didn't we?

Yes, it was a pretty good year and we can almost hear God saying, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

But if your view is slightly distorted from this ideal, don't despair. God has given us youth and ambition. We still have time left to strive for the faithfulness of the servants with the five and two talents. Let's not waste a moment of it!

—T.J.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With fear and trembling I am presenting this brief and gentle critique in place of my usual "Spectrum" column, for the benefit of Dordt's great minds and numerous literary connoisseurs. I attribute my burning (yet meek) zeal to Herr John Schuurman's WAS DENKEN SIE? column. I commend him earnestly for the fortitude he has thus far manifested by publicizing himself as the DIAMOND staff member who collects and publishes in his own column some of the most witless convictions found in any student body anywhere. I tremble from the fear of castigation by more of Dordt's learned men-on-the-street. I volunteer this epistle to gratify Herr Schuurman who finds himself surrounded by students who don't "have anything to say," and are "satisfied with everything."

I begin with a look at the WAS DENKEN SIE? poll concerning Dordt's showing of THE CARDINAL (DIAMOND Feb. 28, 1966). Man-on-the-street number one criticizes the "film" (movie) for providing too much entertainment (the curse of the pure intellect), which automatically disqualifies the cinema from the field of art. Of course, there exists within our company the more broad-minded aesthete: "Even though the film was about Catholics, I liked it." Throbbing profundity! "I think that the scenes in the dance

hall and so forth were in poor taste." I don't know what to think. One guy wants to get away from the entertainment and absorb the art, while another guy wants to get away from the art and absorb the entertainment. Where in the world did Herr Schuurman find the guy who said, "From an intellectual point of view, it was swell?"

"Even though the film was about Catholics, I liked it." Even though I can't believe that statement is authentic, I like it. Can you imagine a Dordt intellectual stepping out of Bible class and saying, "Even though the lecture was about Catholics, I liked it.?"

I turn now to the WAS DENKEN SIE? coverage of Mr. Leerhoff's approach to profanity on the stage (DIAMOND, March 14, 1966). We hear first from Dordt's wayfaring Mr. Experience. "The audience around here can't be expected to accept the 'damn . . . damn . . . damn.' They have to be gradually educated to accept this thing. If we wouldn't cut or substitute in a play, the constituency would be offended and drop Dordt College. We really can't expect them to do anything else." Horrors! (Did you make that one up, John?) Where in the world did this person grow up? Did he? Maybe we could hold classes for Sioux County, and slowly let them in on some things that really happen. Maybe Mr. Experience could knowledgeably contribute to such a program.

The DIAMOND of April 25 presents the classic WAS DENKEN SIE?

column. (How do you find them, John?) "Well, there is one thing that I'm really getting sick of around here. Everybody is so terrible cynical. No matter what you do or how you do it, everybody knows about it and everybody has to tell you what they think. Why don't people appreciate something for what it's worth? Can't they give credit for somebody trying? It really makes me mad." I like this one. I give him credit for trying. I can't figure out whether this man-on-the-street is a neurotic or a philosopher. When I read his statement I almost shed tears but I still don't know what I read. Does this fellow know what he said? I think he's poetic.

Here is the heartbreaker: "I don't like all the kids who slam the pre-sems. Just because we have to study more than most people, isn't a sign that we're aloof. No matter what we try to do we are always criticized for it." Get that kids? I like to throw things at pre-sems. It's hard to find them sometimes though. They're always home studying. I'm sure glad the rest of us kids don't have it so rough. We thrive on aloofness. As Dick Gregory puts it: "There ain't nothing like bein' us!" Beasts we are. (I suggest that you more mature pre-sems have a talk with your self-appointed representative. Recognize his accomplishments, be nice, and keep him away from John Schuurman from now on.)

"...curfew is stupid and unnecessary." So is your statement.

"I think the students general attitude around Dordt is poor. They are either overly cynical or completely complacent. They either don't express themselves at all, or their expressions are demoralizing or degrading." Well sir, I apologize for being "so terrible cynical." I'll try to improve if you and your fellow WAS DENKEN SIE? contributors will quit embarrassing Dordt College and disillusioning the professors who thought you were learning something.

—Norman Bomer

Reminder!

The spring meeting of the lecture series on Science and the Christian Faith is scheduled for 9:00 Saturday morning, May 14. Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen of Calvin Seminary will speak on what has been and may be learned from the archaeological excavations in the Holy Land and in Asia Minor. Again ministers and teachers from this area have been invited to attend.

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