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Blacks Within the Church

The Special Events Committee announced last week that Rev. Wilbur T. Washington, a black pastor in the Reformed Church of America presently developing an Afro-American Concentration at Central College, Pella, Ia., will appear on Dordt's campus Wednesday, March 9. He has chosen to lecture on the topic: "The Black Ghetto—A Burning Issue."

A biographical sketch provided by Central College describes Rev. Washington as "a black American committed to a Radical reform of the American society. The revolutionary themes that we hear in the rhetoric of the day seem to call for a reversal of power position without much structural change. Such a revolution is but the changing of the guards on the healing of the system from within. Reform provides the opportunity for the change that brings life. To this end he has extended himself."

Before his appointment at Central, Rev. Washington worked in New York, N. Y., Cleveland, Ohio, Oakland, Calif., Albany, N. Y., and New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Rev. Washington supplied the following recommended bibliography for students interested in doing some background reading on the issue: J. Barndt: White Black Power, S. P. Boyle: The Desegregated Heart, Claude Brown: Manchild in the Promised Land, Cobbs and Greer: Black Rage, J. Cone: Black Theology and Black Power, F. Fanon: Black Skin, White Masks, M. L. King: Why We Can't Wait, R. W. Terry: For Whites Only, Autobiography of Malcolm X.

Rev. Hulst, a member of the Special Events Committee, told the Diamond that Rev. Washington has been advised as to the tenure of his audience at Dordt. His remarks will be directed to us directly.

Gena DeKam

Talent, Tours and Games Scheduled for Homecoming

Homecoming plans are being expanded and polished by the Homecoming committee, as they arrange the Feb. 28-29 event.

Final arrangements regarding the day's schedule have not been completed. They will be announced at a later date.

A Host and a Hostess were elected from each class as part of the Homecoming activities. On Feb. 16, the classes met and chose their representatives.

Seniors: Willie Veenstra and Virg Van Eszen.

Juniors: Faith Vander Woude and Martin Bron.

Sophomores: Cheri Van Soelen and Karl Neerhof.

Freshmen: Sandi Hofer and Mark Malipaard.

A student talent program scheduled for Feb. 28, is in serious danger, because of a great lack of interested talented students. Gil Kamps, chairman of the committee, is feverishly search-

ing for possible talent, and invites students with any kind of talent to offer their services.

Before this finale of the third annual Homecoming activities, sports will be dominant during the weekend event. Friday night the Junior Varsity will compete with the J.V. team from Pillsbury. The gymnastics team will perform between the J.V. and Varsity games. During the half-time of the Dordt-Pillsbury Varsity game, the hosts and hostesses elected from each class will be presented to the audience. Following the game, the alumni, faculty and students are invited to a "get-acquainted" lunch in C-106.

Saturday morning, tour guides will show alumni the campus. Alumni and students are invited to a Saturday afternoon session which will deal with the growth and expansion of Dordt.

To round off the sports

events, the girls extramural basketball team will compete with Northwestern College's girls team at 2:30 on Saturday. Further plans are being made for an eight minute basketball competition between our faculty and alumni. The alumni team will be limited to those who did not participate on the team in college. Immediately following this, there will be an alumni banquet at West Commons.

Diane Rotman

Dr. Wood to Speak

Dr. James Wood, professor of voice and director of the choir at Morning-side College, in Sioux City, will be on Dordt's campus on Thursday, Feb. 25.

Dr. Wood will speak at sectionals held throughout that afternoon. He will also lead a master class. On Thursday evening at 8:00, Wood will present a vocal recital in the choir room in the music building.

Council Members Resign

The main topic discussed at the Council meetings held Feb. 10 and 11, was the acceptance or rejection of the resignations submitted by Bob Vander Plaats, Fred Herema, and John De Bree. After a great deal of discussion, the Council voted to accept the resignations.

The Council voted to accept an amendment to the Student By-Laws which will, if approved by the student body and faculty, set definite dates for the elections of Student Council representatives in coming years. The proposed amendment will establish elections of Sophomores, Junior and Senior reps in May, and in the fourth week in September for freshmen. It would, in effect, make permanent the one-year experiment used last year, adjusting dates in accordance with the revised academic calendar.

At the Feb. 17 meeting

Council's main business was electing three students to fill the three vacancies left by last week's resignations. For Senior representatives, Stan Elgersma, Roger O'Kones, Kathie Van Gilst and Gert DeKam were presented as nominees by the remaining Senior reps. Rog and Kathie were elected. Juniors Millie Bleecker, Martin Bron and Gil Kamps were nominated by the Juniors to fill the one class vacancy; Mart was elected.

An informal report on the dorm poll taken recently was given. Although exact statistics had not been compiled, the committee indicated that while a majority of the students are dissatisfied with the present curfews, most do not want Dordt to have a no-curfew policy. The most mentioned gripes were chapel check and the different rules for men and women.

Gena DeKam

Math Lectures

Planned for

March 1-2

The Math Association of America will sponsor several Math lectures on Dordt Campus on March 1 and 2. The speaker this year will be Professor Deborah Tepper Haimo from the University of Missouri at St. Louis. On Monday, March 1, there will be two lectures open to the public. At 4:30 pm, Dr. Haimo's topic will be "Do Numbers Count?" At 7:00 pm, she will speak on "Geometry with No Back." On Tuesday morning she will be speaking to the 8:30 math class on "Trigonometry Without Angles."

by Gloria Zimmer



The symposium focusing on the problems and accomplishments of the American Indian will continue today in the West Commons from 2-4pm. Two Rehebeth students and Mr. Keith Kuipers, principal of the school, will discuss changes in the Indians and in education. The program, sponsored by the Special Events Committee with the help of a grant arranged through the CMA, is a continuation of the two-day symposium which began yesterday.

Editorial

On Ferment and the Issue

by Gena DeKam

It is very easy to forget a rule when it is not enforced. And it isn't likely that an existing rule will be widely questioned if its enforcement seems justified. But when a rule already questioned is applied in a seemingly mild case, things happen. People start talking: the "story" quickly gets garbled and blown out of proportion.

For those who have heard the garbled version of the recent incident, or who haven't heard it, let me say what happened.

While checking off-campus housing, the Dean of Students asked the eight, male occupants of a house if they had drunk the brandy that had once been in the empty bottles on the window sill. Six said that they had. No other intoxicating beverages were found in the house. The six were referred to the Student Personnel Committee which, after a long session, put the men on probation.

Three of the six were Student Council members. Whether they should resign this job as part of the punishment for violating the "use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages strictly prohibited" rule (Defender, p. 19) was discussed. The Committee told them to resign.

At the regular Student Council meeting held last week Wednesday, the Council discussed whether to accept or reject the resignations. According to Breems, the Council understood that they were to answer two questions: 1) Does the Student Personnel Committee, an appointed, faculty-student committee, have the right to decide who may or may not serve as the student body's elected representatives, and 2) if not, did the incident make the three men incompetent student body leaders. The Council then voted in favor of rejecting the resignations--answering no to both questions. On Thursday, the Council reconvened in closed session because they had been informed that the men were to be off the Council as part of their discipline. With no real choice to make, the Council accepted the written resignations. The incident was closed.

Except that it was not closed. People started talking. And they started questioning. One of the first targets was the rule. May the college deny students over 21 the right to drink off-campus and in moderation? The question is legitimate. But maybe the time to change a rule is not at the height of an incident. The incident focuses our attention on it--it encourages us to look at the ruling in the light of God's Word and the biblical norms.

Others are questioning the consistency of the Committee and the previous discipline committees in the enforcement of the rule. Many students would be on probation if every student who drank any alcoholic beverages while part of the college community were to be asked, "Did you?" Even if all the rumors of drunkenness were traced, there would be more students on probation than there now are. The Committee maintains that they have been consistent when they were consulted and plan to be more so in the future. Still students are asking why these men? Why this little incident? Their word was accepted when they said they did drink; can't we also take their word that they have not been drunk?

Some of us see a lack of Matthew 18 in practice. The first and quite minor offense obviously has led to wide public knowledge. Where was the one-to-one counsel? Three interested, active Council members don't usually resign for no reason at all; others don't just quit student-faculty committees for no reason at all. The actions of the Student-Personnel Committee are confidential; the results here were far from that. The incident was unprecedented; the action was a combination of innovation and tradition. Hodgson explained that he felt that since students under disciplinary probation may not run for the Council, it is only logical that they should be suspended if they are put on probation during the term.

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There will be more discussion. And that is what bothers me now. Everybody is cutting down; who is building up? Some are condemning the rule. Some go beyond it and condemn the institution that set up the rule. (It was formalized several years ago after a Dordt student was killed in a drunk-driver car accident.) Some look the other way and condemn the students involved, spreading malicious gossip, dragging names through the muck.

Dordt College, let's not let this happen to us. It's not the Christian way. Before we find fault with everything and everyone around us, let's look at the fault in ourselves. It's hard to see through dirty windows.

If we want responsibility, we have to show that we can be responsible. For the six, the answer may be in submitting to the decision of the authorities and accepting the terms of the probation. For the 890, the issue becomes another example of the need for each person to look first at himself and then at the world around in the light of the Word of God. Submitting to His way, we can work not as individuals only but as a truly Christian academic community with a positive direction. Together we can look at the rules not only, but also at the bigger commitments, to which our college adheres. And then we can move out to broader work for our Lord.

Readers' Forum

Word of God and Word of Man

To the editor:

In the light of the recent developments, I would like to give my opinion on the College discipline. The College rules ought to be posited according to the Word of God, in order that man as a creature created in the image of God is able to serve his Lord. Rules ought to be normed by the Word of God. At this point we have to make a distinction between the Word of God and the word of man. I would like to relate these two concepts to our present situation.

We all are aware, I hope, that students of our student community were found guilty of breaking the rule against drinking of alcoholic beverages, and placed on probation for their disobedient behavior. I am not disputing their guilt, but I am concerned about the disciplinary procedures. The rule that these persons broke was a man made rule not normed by the Scriptures since nowhere in the Bible does it speak specifically out against drinking. There are references to drunkenness but in this case it has no relationship, because these people have not been found guilty on the basis of drunkenness. The rule as we know it is only normed by the mores of the surrounding community and past events.

What does the Bible say concerning disciplinary action? According to Matt. 18:15-17 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between him and you alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two brothers along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, let him be to you as a gentile and a tax-collector." The students put on probation, were never approached as Jesus Christ told us to do. The person who put these students in front of the discipline committee clearly violated the Will of the Lord by not first talking to the accused. This violation was never questioned by the discipline committee. In my opinion the committee should surely question the methods used by persons who recommend certain students for disciplinary actions. This does not only apply to the present case, but also to future cases. In this particular case the Will of the Lord was subjected to the word of man, and thus given less value.

In connection with the procedure of establishment of guilt is the administration of punishment. At Dordt College there seems to be only one kind of punishment, and that is first probation, and if caught again during the time a person is on probation, expulsion will follow. There is no gradual increase of the punishment, it goes from mild to extreme punishment. In my opinion punishment should go hand in hand with love, understanding, tolerance, and punishment--should be a helping kind of thing. I wonder how the discipline committee would view the expulsion of a student in relation to the instituted church? Can such a student take part in the Lord's Supper?

Since there is this extreme punishment and the inconsistent enforcement of rules or the lack of enforcement equally across the whole College community, the procedure of discipline seems meaningless and serving no purpose. There are many pro-

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A Plea for Clarity

Dear Miss DeKam and Miss Fluck:

In their review of Dr. Maatman's book The Bible, Natural Science, and Evolution, B. Vander Plaats, T. Bakker, P. Hoekstra, and M. Luinenberg write as follows: "Perhaps, however, a lot of confusion about the nature of the Bible could be eliminated if we would look at it not so much as being 'inerrant' but, more accurately, as being 'trustworthy' (as Professor Herman Ridderbos describes it)" (The Diamond, February 5, 1971).

The word "trustworthy" is popular among ecumenical theologians today; moreover, it enables vacillating Reformed thinkers to establish a common basis with liberal and neoorthodox thinkers. Therefore, I am disturbed to find students of Dordt College maintaining that the word "trustworthy" "more accurately" describes the Bible than the word "inerrant." Why more accurately? Is it, then, inaccurate to profess that the Bible is inerrant--that it is without error?

An errant Bible, of course, would obviously be untrustworthy. Nor could an errant Bible be the Word of the truth-speaking God, He Who cannot lie, He Whose "Word is truth." The inerrancy of Scripture is fundamental to the Christian faith, however. It is a crucial Biblical teaching perennially under subtle and overt attack by the enemies of Christ and of His Church. May we not inadvertently asperse the trustworthiness, authority, and infallible truth of the living, Inscripturated Word by slighting its inerrancy. If, however, any of the reviewers believes that there are errors in the autographa, then let him be honest and say so, and tell us where--let him make his position clear.)

In Christ our Redeemer and King,

Merle Meeter

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blems in discipline. For example, what is the relationship of the campus police and the discipline committee? Must the campus police report to the local authorities or the discipline committee? In no way have we worked out a structural concept of discipline which is according to the Word of God. Discipline is merely carried out according to personal opinions, which are mostly normed by local customs. And what about the students, who need professional help--is the discipline committee qualified to give this kind of help?

A Sinner too,

Jacob van der Schaaf

editor's note: Dean Hodgson states that there are degrees of discipline at Dordt: at present only 7 students are on disciplinary probation; several more have received warnings. The probation given to the six was limited to seven weeks in consideration of their past character in contrast to the more traditional semester or full year.

Another Loan

Available to Students

A Dordt student has become the recipient of a financial award from the Albert Postman Student Loan Fund. Thomas Meyer, a Dordt freshman from Richmond, B. C., has received an interest free loan of \$500.00 for the second semester of this school term. The loan fund was set up through the generosity of Mr. Albert Postman, a resident

of Nobleford, Alberta, Canada. Students who fill the stipulated requirements are eligible for loans ranging from \$250-\$500. The loans are available to Christian Reformed graduate and undergraduate students who plan to enter full-time Christian service with the Christian Reformed Church or related agencies.

Karen Walhof

"This Solitude" to be Presented

"This Solitude Through Which We Go Is I" will be shown this Sunday evening in C106 by the Sunday Evening Activities Committee. A unique pictorial presentation, the film presents many sides of daily living, accompanied by the sounds of living. "Then, in a sombre transition, the film shows the wretched of the earth, wracked with pestilence and pain. Here we see how brutally man rendered his brother's body and ravaged his soul. But the mood changes again as we return to the prelude where the world comes back into focus. But the question remains whether man, left to his own devices, will recognize his responsibility to his fellow man." Vincent Harding's poem, "Light in the Asphalt Jungle" will be read after the film and in preparation for discussion.

Students who attended the Denver YC Convention may recall the film, since it was also part of the program there. The presentation will begin at 9:00, after coffee.

Gena DeKam

Financial Aid

Meeting

Arranged for March 2

There will be a meeting on March 2, 1971, of all students who are interested in making an application for financial assistance for the 1971-1972 school year. The meeting will be held in C106 at 7:00 pm.

The financial assistance programs will be explained at that time. Application forms will be distributed and procedures on completing the forms will be discussed.

If you plan to apply for financial aid next year, please come to this important meeting!

Any students who are in need of additional financial assistance for the second semester of this school year, are urged to contact Mr. Hall at the Registrar's Office. There are some limited funds in the National Defense Student Loan fund that may be distributed.

Modified Semesters Breed Circular Changes

The school year 70-71 will go down in the history of Dordt as the year of the changes. Following in the wake of the modified semester system and the new dress code, comes a change in curriculum.

At a faculty meeting on Feb. 11, a plan for a revision of the A. B. General program was approved and passed. Changes are still pending on the programs for Secondary and Elementary Education. These will be voted upon at the next faculty meeting on March 11. Therefore, Dr. John Zinkand, reporter for the committee on curriculum change, could only offer information on the A. B. General program when interviewed.

For freshmen enrolling in a general program next term, there will be less required courses and more electives than in the present system. For instance, the Bible Department will offer electives and instead of the five two-hour required courses of the present, three three-hour courses will be required. Instead of a major and a minor, a student will have a major and an area of concentration. This area of concentration, replacing the minor, will

be related to the student's major, in other words, a cognate area of study. Two hour courses will be no more and in their place will be only three and four-hour courses.

Although these changes apply only to the A. B. General, Secondary Education will probably undergo similar changes in the coming months. Being a more highly structured and inflexible program because of the many required courses, Elementary Education is a difficult area to revise although it, too, is in need of refinement, says Dr. Zinkand. He would appreciate any helpful suggestions.

The students experiencing the greater part of the changes will be next year's Freshman class. Students who were subject to the requirements of the old General program will probably follow much the same plan next year under the new system as they would under the old. Dr. Zinkand would like to reassure any worried students that difficulties that might occur in the interim would be handled with utmost charity and consideration.

Janet Vlieg

Tyler and Dave in Concert

by Henry Knoop

Saturday, February 13, was highlighted by a rather unique concert on campus by two popular folk artists, Tyler and Dave. Arriving from Omaha only a few hours before the show, the duo set the mood for their visit with a vibrant, dynamic display of their living faith in their final preparations for the evening.

Publicized as "folk in the Simon and Garfunkel tradition", the artists, upon initiating the concert, soon revealed to the enthusiastic audience a Christian uniqueness in their approach to music that defies labelling. Working within three 45 min. sets, they attempted to share their faith through many original compositions of Tyler (which incidentally have led to the release of a 45 record), and other popular folk tunes of Simon and Garfunkel, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Buffy Ste.

Marie.

A very noteworthy selection was the performance of Heroin, a moving, powerful composition with two lengthy guitar cadenzas illustrating the frustrations of an hallucinogenic trip. Personal talks by both performers urging involvement in fulfilling our Christian ministries in a sin-filled world of modernism emphatically scored their message for the audience.

The concert concluded on a humorous note with Tyler's satirical rendition of Elvis' Blue Suede Shoes, leaving everyone with the warm impression that here were two young men concerned with the world they were living in and sincerely attempting to do something about it in true Christian love. It was only sad to see that so many students missed this exciting performance.

Blades of Grass

Dealing of The Berkeley-To-Boston Forty-Brick Lost-Bag Blues by Michael Douglas, 222 pages, Knopf, \$5.95.

This is not a description of the colorfulness of physical make-up of the hockey team: nor is it simply a pastoral review of the front lawn carpet in summertime. It is meant to be simply a look at this book's view of how "grass cuts" with or against your grain, depending upon your status as either a pothead and liberalized kid of a middle-class representative. The result is a cleverly unique story about marijuana emitted from two pens.

Michael Crichton is the master writer who has already graduated from medical school and written two other books at age 28. His brother, Douglas, is a student whose influence is readily seen in the realistic and youthful language and knowledge of marijuana. Thus complementing each other, Dealing is produced by "Michael Douglas."

Peter Harkness, their speaker, represents the affluent student seeking meaningfulness in his role as the "cool head" student at Harvard. The story opens with Peter flying to Berkeley for ten bricks of grass. The plot continues episodically and quickly. He meets his connection, Musty, whose name very suitably sums him up, and the long-legged blond, Sukie. He returns to John, Harvard's richest student and biggest dealer, not before minor difficulties have reared their shaven "heads." Peter gets something going with Sukie, and she appears in Boston with the forty bricks in question. More trouble with the narcs, and she is apprehended.

by Warren Swier

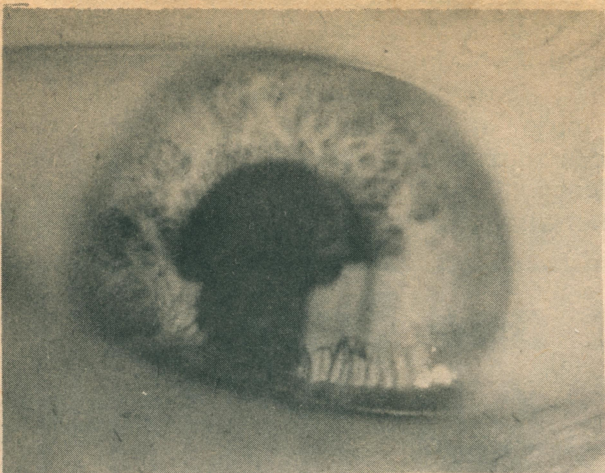
The ending is a sort of mixed-up detective story with Peter and the boys playing rescue by bribing the narcs. The final episode is saturated with satiric references in regard to the narcs, who because of their own innate crookedness accept the bribe; thus ascending the potheads victorious over the narcs. The whole scene revolutionizes the old "cops and robbers" theme where the hero is the good guy who always gets the bad guy and locks him behind bars with a set of keys capable of serving as the metronome for his monotonous moralizing as he does so.

The attitude and tone of the speaker makes for exciting reading, since Peter is not revolutionary: just a bit disillusioned. He still tolerates his parents' constant harassment and patiently sustains verbal blows from his advisor about his academic attitude. Peter is reacting against a civilization and a life-style where people become what they are "least afraid of becoming." Analyzing in this way, Peter feels that grass is at least an honest rebellion, or rather, escape.

The essence of the book lies in the feather-light view of "dealing." This can only mean an authorized pull for legalized marijuana, for even "dealing" is against a law the authors are certainly aware of. Aside from the fact that God is not recognized as the substitute for any human escape that may be desired, that man is not recognized as a sinner in need of repentance and salvation, that Christ is not realized as that means of salvation through redemption and belief in Him (not that these are secondary considerations), it is a very informative, amusing, and well-written story, with unique literary merit.

Pseudo-Christianity on the Screen

by Henry Knoop



THE BIBLE

If any of the patrons who attended the showings of the film The Bible last week in the small gym liked it better than the book, perhaps it is time to sit back and examine Scripture once again. If the movie was intended to portray Biblical history since creation up to the time of Abraham in a Scriptural light, it fell far short! This was no honest, Biblical representation, but rather an entertainment package for a spectacle-hungry pseudo-Christian audience.

From the grandeur opening scenes of creation to a somewhat blasé Garden of Eden, from the fall into sin to the first murderer, from the punishment of Cain to the development of his race, indeed from Adam to Abraham the film rises and falls with what its producers have deemed the exciting highlights of this history. The account of Noah and his commission from God to build an ark sounds as if it came right off a Bill Cosby record; even the overdrawn adventure in the ark portrays Noah as a rather simple-minded individual who was the only truly God-fearing man in his time. Throughout the whole movie one got the impression that The Bible is an interesting narrative full of nice stories which can be captured and presented adequately on film employing all the best technology and photography that Hollywood has to offer.

But unfortunately no insight into what the book is really about. Sure The Bible relates interesting narratives and there were probably many humorous incidents on the ark, but as God's revelation of his creation-fall-redemption plan its theme was grossly underplayed. And so, perhaps catering to a pseudo-Christian audience, a pseudo-Biblical account of the Bible results.

BEN HUR

Along this same line, I'm sure many of us have seen the movie Ben Hur which was shown on television last week. What a spectacle! And eleven academy awards to its credit! This one must be really good. It seems once again, however, that cinema is plagued by the same problem as evident in The Bible--Christ and Christianity are presented in a spectacular setting so that the audience almost loses the meaning of Christianity as a walk of life. Judah Ben Hur, the Jewish prince exiled by the Romans into a life of bondage, redeems himself and returns to avenge the Roman tribune, who he believes has killed his mother and sister. But it is only at the conclusion of the movie after he has "played himself out" that he begins to comprehend the meaning of Christ in his life.

The bulk of the film is purely entertainment, magnificent and spectacular (the sea-battle, the chariot race), bordered by the birth and death of the Messiah. Once again the emphasis has been placed on something other than the Biblical message, sacrificed to Hollywood's gospel of worldliness.

COLD TURKEY

And if you think pseudo-Christianity on the screen is limited to supposedly Biblical spectacles, perhaps you have noticed interesting parallels in Cold Turkey, the current movie in the area about a small town in Iowa which attempts to give up smoking for twenty-five million dollars. It is the minister of the community church who drums up the support for the campaign, no, not because he believes "smoking may be hazardous to your health" but rather, with twenty-five million dollars his task of revitalizing Eagle Rock would be completed and he can win a new position elsewhere.

Not much more can be said about this movie, it only illustrates how a situation can get completely out of hand with new temptations into worldliness and materialism neutralizing any good effects the campaign could have had. At first the man-of-the-cloth is truly bothered by the monster he has created, but once he discovers he has made front page of Time magazine, he loses himself with the town.

One observer even had the suggestion of a parallel between Eagle Rock and Sioux Center with its emphasis on the church and church functions. However invalid this parallel might be, perhaps it would be wise for us to examine the Christianity around us to make sure we don't lose sight of the truly Scriptural one.

Defenders Squeak Past Martin Luther

In one of the most emotionally packed games of the season by Varsity, they showed their fans that they can play ball and play it well under extreme pressure. All those who watched the Defenders squeak past Martin Luther College at Dordt gym Feb. 10 witnessed a game that some ballplayers dream of playing.

The game was tight all the way, but the last minute of play became the longest action-packed thriller I have seen on the basketball floor here at Dordt. Martin Luther was leading the game 81-80 when high scoring Louters stole the ball at center raced down the court and made his lay-up count, 82-81 Dordt. The fans began chanting as the ball players of both teams felt the pressure build. Luther came back with the ball and dropped a basket from outside the key. A beautiful shot and a depressed Dordt crowd, but still screaming. Time was running out and Rhoda motioned for a time-out. Crull still dribbling as the clock ticked away the everlasting seconds took the ball to the top of their key, shot his pet low profile shot that looks like it could never go in, sunk it and the scoreboard flashed 84-83, 24 seconds in the game and Martin Luther had possession of the ball again. As they came down the court, Louters of Dordt gained control of the ball and was fouled before he even moved toward their basket. The buzzer rang and the players were mobbed by Dordt fans from all directions.

JV Lose by One

The Freshman basketball game ended in bitter disappointment Feb. 5 as the J. V. lost 79-78 to Dakota State. Shooting 42% from the floor, the ball-hustlers from Dordt blew the lead that they had established late in the game and lost by a mere one point. It was a tight game all the way but as Coach Altena stated, "It was a good ball game but they were better."

Point getters for the freshman saw De Groot total 21, Westra counted for 20 and Dan Gritters. Gritters added 19. Zandstra finished the two-digit scoring with 15 tallies.

On Feb. 10, Altena's freshmen met Buena Vista at Dordt's home gym and

defeated them 104-93 in a game that saw Droge and Gritters as the big scoring guns of the night for Dordt. Gritters was high man as he moved the scoreboard ahead 27 times and teammate Glen Droge assisted in scoring 25 tallies. Westra had a good night with 20 points but De Groot fouled out of the game and was allowed only 13 counters.

Talking to Altena after the game his only comment was that "we outran them." They see action in the home gym against rival Northwestern on the 23rd and end their season with a home game against Sioux Empire.

Bill DeJager

In all the excitement, the key around the Martin Luther basket had to be cleared of people so Louters could take his foul shots. Like a perfectionist that doesn't ever quit scoring he easily dropped them in to help Dordt finish 86-83. What a game!

Top scores in that Martin Luther encounter showed Vander Pol 23, Louters 22, Crull 17, and Krueen, who played one of his better games this year, with 12 points. Hartwig scored a big 32 for the losers.

In other Varsity action, they dropped an 81-76 game to Dakota State on Feb. 5. Rog Walstra finished the game with 18 points to his credit, one of his better scoring games this season. Louters led Dordt with 21 tallies and Crull and Vander Pol settled for 12 each. Anderson totaled 27 counters for the winners. Dordt shot 62% from the floor compared to Dakota State's 69%.

Dordt saw action at Northeastern Nebraska College Feb. 13 and got battered 109-89. Northeastern completely outclassed the Defenders in the game as three of their players counted points in the twenties. Wes Blair dropped in 22, Harold Lyles added 24 and Steve Rowler counted for 23. For the Defenders, Warren Vander Pol lighted the scoreboard 30 times, Louters made 27 points and junior Steve Crull, who will be one of Dordt's experienced players next year averaged his 13 points.

Bill DeJager

Blades Take Two From Graceland

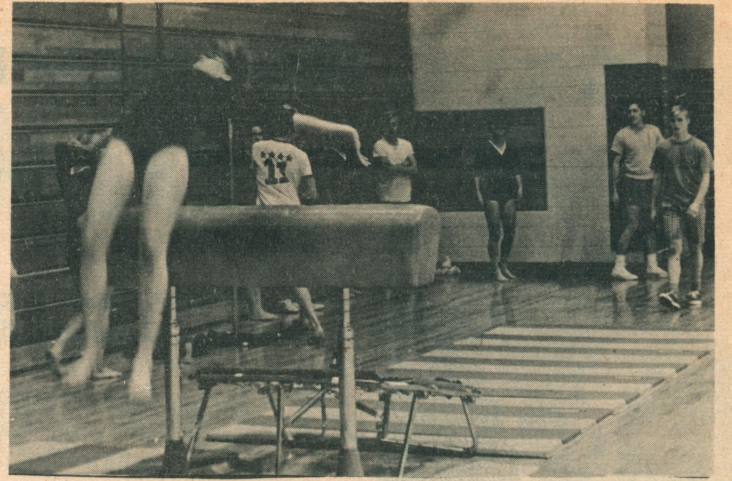
The Dordt College Blades, as was hoped, won two straight against Graceland College in ice hockey here in Sioux Center on the Feb. 5, 6 weekend. Led by a 4 goal demonstration by Henry Knoop, the Blades outscored the opposition by a lopsided 13-3 score. Knoop also earned 2 assists which gave him a big 6 point evening on Friday, Feb. 5. Other scorers were Herm Van Niejenhuis with 1 goal, 3 assists; Bill DeJager-2 goals, 3 assists; Rick Esselink-2 goals, 1 assist; Tony Jansen-1 goal, 1 assist; Henry Vander Veen-1 goal; Leon Vander Laan-1 goal; Julius DeJager-1 goal, 3 assists. The game opened up at 6:20 of the first period with a goal by H. Knoop and the Blades never looked back. The game itself was never of the seriously rough variety as referee Ron Klem kept it well under control, but it ended with a few fist-cuffs as Craig Hunter (Graceland) and Bob Clousing (Dordt) were assessed with a 5 minute major (fighting) penalty each. Al McAuley scored a pair of goals for his team while Chris Blair added a third.

Goalie Keith Vanderzwan posted his second shutout of the season backed up by excellent defensive play and accurate shooting on the part of his teammates. Herm Van Niejenhuis let loose for a hat trick (3 goals) as the captain brought his team to a 7-0 victory over the same Graceland team and into secure second place in the league standings. Bill DeJager again added 2 while H. Knoop added 1 and John Knoop-1. For John Knoop it was his first long awaited goal and came not from his patented slapshot but from a wristshot, accurately aimed at the high right hand side of the Graceland net. The win leaves the Dordt College Blades 5 points ahead of 3rd place Drake University and 9 points ahead of Graceland College.

Next action for the Blades comes this weekend at Des Moines against the Graceland College team again.

Keith Vanderzwan

Bill DeJager



Gym team practice hand springs

Girls Trounce Nettleton

On Feb. 4 the Dordt women basketball team played a game against Nettleton in Sioux Falls. The girls played a very good game and won by a 51-37 score. Donna Weiringa provided the offense by scoring 25 points while Eileen Benninga played good defensively and also netted 13 points.

On Feb. 11, 1971 the girls played against Nettleton in our gymnasium. The girls gave the crowd something to cheer about as they won by a 50-32 score. Nancy Eekhoff played an outstanding game under the basket as she repeatedly grabbed rebounds under both baskets. In addition to her tremendous rebounding, she also scored 10 points. Donna Weiringa turned in her usual good performance as she dropped in 16 points. Eileen Benninga and Winnette de Stigter scored 6 and 12 respectively. The girls lead throughout the entire game and there never was any doubt as to the outcome.

On Monday, Feb. 15, the girls tangled with Northwestern. Despite the fact they were at a weight and height disadvantage the girls carried the game to Northwestern in the first half. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 10-9 in favour of the opposition by virtue of a last second far-out shot. In the beginning of the second quarter the girls jumped eight points ahead only to lose it and end the half in a tie. The fans were wildly optimistic until the end of the third quarter. Northwestern had then taken an eight point lead which increased throughout the 4th quarter. The girls were very tired through the last quarter; this accounted for the final score.

Donna Weiringa played a very good offensive game and chalked up 14 points.

Gym Team to Perform Feb 23

Gymnastics have scheduled two events in the near future that all Dordt fans should not overlook. During the half time at the home game between Northwestern and Dordt Varsity, the teams will perform in the area of vaulting. At homecoming the gym team will be giving a demonstration in floor tumbling. Talking to Dr. Calsbeek, he stated that there was a possibility that the team might give a performance at a later date but more work on the apparatus is needed. The gym team has been practising regularly in the gym for the upcoming performances.

Bill DeJager

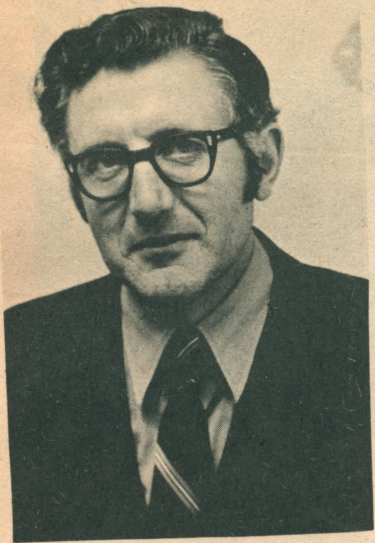
Nancy Eekhoff continued grabbing rebounds and was instrumental in keeping the game in reach throughout the first half. Eileen Benninga played an outstanding defensive game, and also scored 10 points. The loss was disappointing but most people were impressed by the improvement shown in the team.

On Wed. Feb. 17, the girls have another home game against Briar Cliff. Jo Romyn

Louters Still On Top

Larry Louters still leads the Iowa's small colleges basketball score race with an average of 24.7 points per game. Holding the lead for the ninth consecutive week, Louters dropped from 26.1 but still held a slim margin over Dan Kelly of Westlegan who finished the week with a 24.4 average. Dordt's Warren Vander Pol is holding fourth spot in the race with an average of 21.1 tallies per game.

Bill de Jager



Rev. John Vriend

Kistemaker, Westra Hang On to Vriend to Leave Staff Your House Suggests Church Renewal

Pre Sems Sponsor Lecture

by Roger O'Kones
Marly Breems

Students were curious to hear what Rev. John Vriend would say about "Spelling God In Three Ways" when the Pre-Sem Club sponsored his address Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. Would it be a dry, formal discourse or what?

His topic was the doctrine of the Trinity, but instead of being an abstract discourse, the lecture showed the doctrine to be relevant and alive. Rev. Vriend referred to Lord's Day XII of the Heidelberg Catechism, pointing out the Scriptural basis for the distinction of the three persons and also the oneness of our God.

Heresies arise when the doctrine is violated. Vriend explained that when God the Father is separated, our world becomes cold and closed to God's warmth. "These types of people worship God in stone churches and turn to stone themselves," he said. When God the Son is separated from the Trinity, we end up in moralistic pietism. Then we sing, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly until the storm of life is past." Finally, when the Holy Spirit is separated from God the Father and Son, we end up in a pentecostalist frame of mind.

Rev. Vriend exposed the Scriptural way of understanding the unity of God, the unity of His Word, and the unity of His people.

In the rap session which followed, Rev. Vriend, out of concern for the church, expressed alarm over the dead and irrelevant view of doctrine in congregations and among ministers. The group talked about how many young people have rejected doctrine and their

Dr. Simon Kistemaker, means. I don't know if this presently finishing his decision closes the door to eighth year at Dordt as the possibilities of teaching in a college again, but Bible and Languages, has I feel this is God's will for accepted an appointment me now."

as Associate Professor of New Testament Theology at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. The seminary, which began in 1966 with 17 students, had an enrollment this past fall of 82. The prospects of an increased enrollment has caused the seminary's board of trustees to appoint four additional faculty members. The obvious need by the RTS for a person trained in New Testament Theology has been Dr. Kistemaker's deciding factor in accepting the position.

Also leaving Dordt is Mr. Delmar Westra, who has been Associate Professor of Botany and Ecology at for the past seven years. As of June 1, he plans to take charge of a motel in Marshall, Minnesota, which he has already purchased. In explanation of this decision, Mr. Westra expressed his love for Dordt and the immense enjoyment he has received from teaching here as well as the good spiritual growing experience it has afforded, but he feels led by God to leave Dordt at this time. Since Marshall is a college town with no Christian school and no CRC, Mr. Westra feels a challenge to make his Christian witness known. If time and finances permit, he also hopes to continue working on ecology and botany papers. In closing, Mr. Westra commented: "Dordt has changed considerably during these seven years. It has (by and large) an appreciative and enthusiastic student body, a good faculty and administration. I will continually support Dordt by prayers and financial

Christian faith along with it because of the abstract, irrelevant treatment doctrine has been and is being given. Doctrines, as our confession or response to God's Word, have been removed from the core of our lives. It was pointed out that God our Father speaks to us through Jesus Christ who lived among us and leads us into all truth through His Holy Spirit. This truth encompasses and directs all of life. We dare not break this unity.

Jean Brouwer

Science Lectures Published

Texts of the ten lectures delivered at the Christian Scientific symposium held here last October 22 and 23 have been compiled and edited. Students may purchase a copy at the academic office for \$2.50.

Entitled The Christian in Science, the book is divided into the same five divisions used at the Symposium.

Dr. Aaldert Mennega, Associate Prof. of Biology at Dordt, edited the book. It could not include the informal, unwritten discussions which followed the presentations and really are a large part of the value of the symposium. It does provide a printed copy of some of the ideas and problems with which modern Christian scientists are working.

Gena De Kam

Although plans for housing next year are not completely formulated, Dean Hodgson reports: "We plan to award on-campus housing on a room-drawing procedure to be held in April." In this room-drawing, a certain number of rooms will be held out for freshmen. First choice will go to seniors, second choice to juniors, and third choice to sophomores. The names from each class will be drawn at random. It has yet to be determined where roommates of two different classes will fit into the drawing.

Students are advised to decide with whom they wish to room next year and then draw up a list of room preferences in order of desirability. The full procedure will be explained in March.

Off-campus housing will be determined by a drawing with modifications. Students will be allowed to live in the same house if they so desire.

Karen Helder

WHEN YOU FIND A MAN WITHOUT A SMILE, GIVE HIM ONE OF YOURS.

Calendar

ON CAMPUS

- Feb. 19--Friday--Basketball: Briar Cliff vs. Dordt Defenders. 7:30 pm.
- Feb. 20--Saturday--"A Night With W.C. Fields" 8:00 pm C 106.
- Feb. 21--Sunday--"The Solitude Through Which We Go Is I". C 106, 9:00 pm.
- Feb. 22--Monday--Basketball Intramurals.
- Feb. 23--Tuesday--Basketball: Northwestern vs. Dordt Defenders. Halftime: Gymnastics team.
- Feb. 24--Wednesday--Practice Teachers Meeting, West Commons, 7:00 pm.
- Feb. 25--Thursday--Dr. James Wood--sectionals and master class during afternoon, voice recital, Choir room, 8:00 pm.
- Feb. 26--Friday--Basketball: PILLSBURY AT DORDT: HOMECOMING GAME.
- Feb. 27--Saturday--Homecoming.

OFF CAMPUS

- Feb. 19--Friday--Hockey: Dordt vs. Graceland at Des Moines Ice Arena.
- Feb. 20--Saturday--Hockey: Dordt vs. Graceland at Des Moines Ice Arena.
- Feb. 20--Saturday--Bake Sale, Sioux Center Furniture, 9:00 am. Proceeds go to Western Christian High.
- Feb. 20--Saturday--Minnesota Vikings vs. Area All Stars, Sheldon High School Gym, 8:00 pm.
- Feb. 22--Monday--"Songs In The Night" musical rally at Orange City High Auditorium, 8:00 pm.
- Feb. 23--Wednesday--Soup Supper, Central Reformed Guild, at Central Reformed Church 5:30-7:30.

As the fourth lecturer in the Discovery II series, Rev. John Vriend had an opportunity on Wednesday, Feb. 17, to not only build upon, but also constructively criticize the first three lecturers. Rev. Vriend spoke on "The Institutional Church in Renewal" at 8:00 pm in the Sioux Center Public Library.

Rev. Vriend's difference with the previous lecturers came out in his definition of the "institutional church." He does not deny that the church is the place of worship as they said it is. But he says this "cultic" definition is too narrow; we must include the "official ministries" of the church such as sending coats to Korea and doctors to Nigeria.

Then he went on to speak of the necessity of renewal in the church, especially in connection with an understanding of its mission, the structures the present church has inherited as vehicles of that mission, and the changed social context of the present-day mission.

As the first basic approach to renewal, Rev. Vriend suggested that we need a new self-discovery as the people of God. Our present vision is narrowly limited to the view of ourselves as Christian Reformed or Reformed people.

Rev. Vriend concluded with the question "Who are the ministers of the Church?" His answer is that they are those whose "task is to be coaches of the rest of the people of God." Then they will be real servants of the people and of the Lord.

Nanci Kreps

The Dean's List

The Dean's List for the first semester of the 70-71 school term has been released. Of the 923 students attending Dordt the first semester, 166 students were named to the Dean's List: 18% of the student body. Twenty students earned a 4.00 grade point average.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, the student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.30 while carrying 14 semester hours.