The Mission Club sponsored the first guest lecturer Dordt this academic year. Dr. Klaas Runia, professor at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Austin, was on campus Friday, September 27. Dr. Runia had been attending the Reformed Ecumenical OD, a gathering of Reformed churches from all over the world, in Amsterdam. He had presided over the proceedings as President of Synod, at which he spoke on church offices, ecumenism, and race relations were discussed.

As he traveled back to stralia, Dr. Runia made a lecture stop in the S., one in Grand Rapids and one here at Dordt. About 200 students heard Dr. Runia lecture on the subject, "Still Worthwhile to be Reformed Today?" Dr. Runia stated that this is an important question in the light of modern theology and the ecumenical movement. He emphasized that being Reformed for traditional reasons is not enough. "We must be formed in our own time, the word 'Reformed' means," said Dr. Runia, "formed according to the word. If we are Reformed in this sense, it is worthwhile, especially over against Rome, modern liberal theology, and over against ourselves, for we must also continually re-evaluate ourselves to the formation and spiritual. Being formed is not easy," Dr. Runia concluded. "but if we give ourselves wholly to God, we may go on in confidence and courage."

Dr. Klaas Runia

SIOUX CENTER FEEDS GUESTS

A free barbecue, held at Sioux Center Park, welcomed Dordt students and served as a prelude to the dedication of the reconstructed Main Street, Highway 75, that runs through the town.

Sponsored by the Sioux Center City Council, the September 19 barbecue provided a time of fun and fellowship for all. During the meal the Sioux Center High School band performed for the milling crowds. Some people amused themselves on the swings and slides available in the park while others preferred to stand and talk.

The students of Dordt College express their thanks for the welcome, through the barbecue to the town of Sioux Center.

Rev. Haan, Cong. Wiley Mayne, Mayor Te Paske, and Rev. De Ridder.

67-68 COUNCIL RESUMES WORK

The 1967-1968 Student Council has again stepped into action, attaining to Dordt's dedication was business until the new, newly well lit; it had not council takes office. In one, but three speeches, order that the student body Congressmen Wiley Mayne, may be aware of coming taking time out from Con- events and important issues being discussed by the Council, cause, according to the these items will be report-Congressman, it was more- ed in the Diamond.

The film, "Fast Way to a commitment than to vote Nowhere," to be shown at on the number of garbage the Bible Discussion Group trucks for Washington, DC, meeting on October 13 will emphasized the necessity also be paid for out of the of cooperation between the council funds.

Dates for the election oferal government to accom- new council representatives plish projects such as: have been set. On Monday, Dordt's new buildings, October 7, campaign press Sioux Center's Mayor M.A. ters may be hung up, and Te Paske, after thanking all nominations must be in Dordt for the fine quality by Friday, October 11, of students who keep com- Thursday, October 15, has ing, called Dordt a "Fort- been designated as conven- been as "Fort- been designated as conven- ress of faith, "drawing an tion night, and elections analogy between the new will be held the following buildings an Joshua's day. Rules regarding elec- stones for postage. Fol- tion procedures have al- lowing the male chorus' ready been posted, the singing "Make a Joyful commons and the main Sound," Rev. Haan con- cluded the speeches by building.

The finance committee stating that both the new brought to the council's science building and the attention that the "Signet physical education building had incurred a deficit of $730.28 last year, and it was decided to pay this deficit out of the miscellaneous fund. The council also granted $500.00 to the Diamond to buy a new IBM typewriter.

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EDITORIAL

The great game is on! It's not new, only up-dated from last year’s sport. Like any good game, it has a descriptive title. A.S.K. is what we might call it. That stands for Answers Secretly Kept.

Students from Stanford to Yale and back again have joined the participants. Evidently anyone may add to the rules of the game whenever he becomes trapped or about to lose. There is another unique principle about this game that makes it so alluring. "NO ONE LOSES WHEN HE PLAYS A.S.K. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS."

Rule No. 1: Never Give the Right Answer.

No one loses. That is the advantage of playing this questioning match. The game is so widely played because it is big, exciting, and offers many creative opportunities and contests.

Art work is one of the most exciting aspects of playing. One of the objects of this interesting diversion is to abstract a question or problem from a lecture, a magazine, a newspaper, or a stimulating speech and then write an attempted answer on a placard for use in a marching display. These answers represent "artistically" formulated slogans ranging from criticism of the Viet Nam War to bolstering about birth control bans. Painting in the abstract field presents another chasm to be filled. The participants express feelings from deep within the recesses of troubled and wondering minds. Weird contradictions express both hope and despair, both joy in companionship and drooping forlornness. Gaudy blends of color streak the ideas of 1968 with realistic evaluation. Thriving on an agenda of analyzing the film arts is another part of A.S.K. In fact, the film producers themselves spend endless hours moving the game pieces according to the rules (especially Rule No. 1).

Another part of the game requires all of the players to dress according to a set of fashionable costumes designed to make them feel comfortably conspicuous.

BLURRED REALITY

But the game is never so fun as when the player reads the directions concerning "ulterior assistance employing the use of stimulants." Now the game takes a twist. Ideas are freer and "farther out." Figures of fellow indulgers are blurred, but that takes the edge from a realism that appears too meaningless anyway.

SWINGING PHILOSOPHIES

An additional swinging facet of the game involves fashioning all sorts of homemade philosophies. The real "happening" in this department is concocting a grand, smashing name to typify the spirit of a particular life view. Once the name is established, there isn't much more to do. The snug feeling of owning a philosophy usually lasts about two months, though. Similar groups of players from every continent usually exchange systems frequently enough to keep the menu interesting for months or even years.

NO PRIZE WINNERS

The game offers all of these alternatives as projects, 10t it never presents a prize for winning. This lack of an ultimate goal is not too surprising because there is an even smaller chance of winning than of losing if they follow the rules.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Mr. J. Clifford Van Dyken on his critical analysis of "Spartacus."

However, I do not ingest his criticism uncritically either. The fact that we are titillated by a tyrannical trainer's being forced to blow his last bubbles in a boiling brew is not the most terrifying thing that could happen in a story. If we are going to criticize the film for portraying too much violence, we must recognize that this is a rather superficial criticism.

A deeper penetration would indicate that it contains a subtle undermining of orthodox Christianity as it reflects today's liberal Christian world.

Spartacus is obviously intended to be a Christ figure. We see him calling his slave disciples, organizing the feeding of his thousands of followers, teaching them to fight against the evils of the aristocracy, watching over them as they sleep, and finally dying on a cross for them. And it is after his death that his enemies fear him most, for he has become an intangible force.

Furthermore, Spartacus has a doctrine and a salvation for his followers. It is this doctrine and this salvation that reflects the beliefs of today's liberal Christian world. His "follow me!" is a call to be real, warm human beings (as opposed to the aristocratic animalism of the nobility). His salvation, like the salvation of modern Christendom, is a salvation from human indignities; his followers are saved to serve themselves. It is this aspect of the film that nauseated me, not the thick theatrical blood on the actors that lay on the hill.

However, I do feel that the film was worthwhile to watch. I presented was good demonstration of the fact that apostate man does possess common grace. He can produce beautiful artistic work. The film also showed apostate man's struggle to better himself. But since I do not have God's saving grace, I lack the ability to see beyond himself, and I cannot attain true bitterness. Watching the film, noting its earthy view, and then comparing that view to the view which Scripture gives, we can only be thankful that we are Dordt have the correct focus on life.

Sincerely,

John Hofland
LEMMING SPEAKS

Mike Fleming, Iowa legatee to the Republican convention, brought the national Convention to the political Science Club by way of slides, Wednesday, September 25. Since this setting was the first of the year, many new members were in attendance. Dr. W. Morton, club President, explained the purpose of the program and described some of the past activities of the organization. Discussion followed on club activities for the new year. The business part of the meeting was closed the election of Mr. Fleming as club sponsor. After this, Mr. Fleming showed his slides and answered questions. He took time to explain a few aspects of interest, such as the procedure for choosing national convention delegates. The discussion generated by Mr. Fleming's ideas proved beneficial to the Political Science Club's meeting.

Travelogue

Friday, Nov. 1
Call of Hawaii

Friday, Dec. 6
Wings to the Bahamas

Saturday, Jan. 11
Hosteling in Germany

Friday, Feb. 7
Nova Scotia

Friday, Mar. 7
Arizona

Friday, April 11
Jungle Adventure

MISSION CLUB PLANS "RETREAT"

The Mission Club will hold its first meeting on the evening of October 10. The guest speaker will be Rev. Perssonaire, a missionary from Nigeria. The evening promises to be interesting. Anyone interested in the work in Nigeria is invited to attend.

Also a retreat has been planned for October 12. Plan now to come for a day of fun and fellowship.

DATING GAME DEBUTS

Dordt College took a lively turn on Friday evening, September 27, with a presentation of the Dating Game and the Newly Weds.

The crowds that filled the former gym laughed with the "eligible young bachelors" as they tried to respond to demands like, "describe yourself as a fruit," "recite Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers in your sexiest voice," and "what would you do if your date wore a sign 'don't touch me - I'm a maid.'"

The audience chuckled, too, as four newly-wed couples tried to read each other's mind, matching answers to questions such as: What color was the bride's mother wearing at your wedding? What kind of fruit does your wife remind you of?

Mr. Gerry Ebbers, emcee for the evening, effectively combined humor and practicality. Those behind the scenes—the "girls from Kuper's basement"—likewise made the show run smoothly.

While his studies in the light of his knowledge of the truth, All four chapter of the book give much explanation of the scientific method, usually in conjunction with natural science. It is therefore, with some relief that the reader finds a fifth article, in the form of an appendix, titled "Historical Materialism: Empirical or Metaphysical?" In it, Dr. Reid analyzes the supposedly scientific theory of Historical Materialism, and concludes that despite their claims of being without religious bias, Marx and Engels made several basic assumptions that prove to be contradictory and unscientific.

Christianity and Scholarship does have its faults. The facts that the last two, and that the book as a whole reads like a text-book tend to make the reading less exciting.

TODAY'S WORLD

Ren Siebenga

Mr. Wallace contends that the two major parties in America today are as close as "Tweedledum and Tweedledee." The American people then are left can people then are left without a choice. Thus we see why the American Independent Party.

It is in the area of control that Mr. Wallace differs from his opponents.

Just like the other humanists of our day, Mr. Wallace has overlooked himself and has found the wrong in man's environment. Along with the other candidates, he describes the problems of this country to the breakdown of law and order.

Wallace has gone on a search for villains. The villains Wallace has come up with are the black agitators, communists, the courts, youthful demonstrators of all persuasions and the establishment itself. How does Wallace intend to deal with the villains?

He proposes a 19th century solution to a 20th century problem. Turn the destiny of the blacks back to the states. Wallace calls for tighter controls all around. Repopulation of the courts with "states righters"; along with the other candidates, he agrees to a need for court action to give more protection to the individual citizen and less protection to the criminal. Of course Wallace's "hard line" policy in dealing with demonstrators is well known to us.

Can we as Christians accept such a "guns and guts" method?
VANDER STELT URGES ACTION

The Christians in Action (CIA) got their activities off to a spirited start on Monday evening, September 30. Attendance exceeded all expectations as Room G107 was filled to overflowing. President Bob Vander Plaats opened the meeting with prayer and introduced the other officers of the club. He then for a very inspiring discussion of the planned activities of the CIA which included the promotion of reformational literature on campus, and a detail study of entertainment to establish a Christian approach to it. Emphasis will be placed on pop music and films. The meeting was then turned over to Rev. Vander Stelt who spoke from the heart on the subject. "Is there a Viable Christian Alternative?" Rev. Vander Stelt showed that this question implies firstly, that there is something we do not like about the world and secondly, that we are still groping for the alternative. He went on to say that we must get out of the pendulum movement that grips society (liberalism vs. conservatism, activism vs. apathy) and that we must get at the feelings that underlie such movements, and then come with a Christian alternative which begins at the cross and the open tomb. Christianity has failed tremendously in the past. For example, the rise of Hitler in Germany was largely due to the fact that Christians there never reformed the area of politics. Christians editorial (cont.)

The are a few "bad luck throws" in playing A.S.K., though. You see, the game is constructed so that there are really no satisfying alternatives. The game may be considered to deal with theories, ideas, and concepts since it is so amazingly complicated. When these specifications are "shot from under" the players one by one, the fun temporarily leaves. "All play and no work" is not fascinating for long. The various steps in playing are relatively simple, so that when the plan fails, another is accessible without undue preparation. Besides, the field is usually already full of similar individuals. Therefore, when the most important stage of play confronts the player, he is unprepared--at any rate, unwilling--to try it. This occurs especially since it appears that this part can be quite easily side-stepped and called "irrelevant." The player must realize that if this system were to prove as unsatisfying as the rest there would be no other alternative.

GAME REVISED

Only a few people play the game as it was originally intended to be played. They start with the most difficult and fundamental alternative and eventually realize that they must no longer use Rule No. 1. The next step is obvious. A new set of rules from different rule book appears. The new rules have a blasing lucidity and a simplicity that even the novice can understand, if he is prompted to accept the terms by the persuasive Force from above.

Suddenly, at 12 midnight on Tuesday, September 24, several hundred girls streamed out of the North Hall toward the Commons. Tall ones, short ones, fat ones, skinny ones--every girl was there commenting on the appearance of her neighbor.

Why this parade of the PJ's? Certainly not to impress the boys hanging out of windows and doors in the boys' dormitory. This strange exhibition was the result of an unexpected fire alarm, complete with smoke bombs. Several girls dashed from floor to floor searching for something presentable to wear; some thought it was only a late comer trying to sneak into the dorm; some sound sleeper did not even hear the bell; but all agreed that, hopefully, it was a once-in-a-life-time experience.

by Sonja Bentz

These few people soon understand that they are no longer playing a game at all, but that they must work. They must work to live and to make others play the unpopular part of the game as well. That part is the one that releases people into truth. Swirling colors, contorted thoughts, and twisting plots become part of an absolute existence.

The secret of life is too much to hold in a book of forced rules to an absurd game. The One who formed the cosmos had no intention of playing games or fashioning pawns when He made the world. He did not create the universe as a great Pachisi board. He made universal laws not cramped rules.

The selfish people who are working instead of playing can be selfish no more. ANNIHILATE RULE No. 1!

P.J.'S PARADE

by Duane Baker

As Troubleshooter Patrick J. O'Malley walked his beat, he became aware of a strange quiet which blanketed the campus. "This just isn't the same place," he thought, his mind wandered back to one short month ago.

"All right, Patrick, the Dean had said. "You know how things are hap- pening around here this year. Last week chapel attendance crashed down another 1.5 per cent to dangerously low 95 per cent bedrock. General attitude is disgraceful. There are two beards, one moustache, and skirts above the knee. We believe that you can quell this rebellion. It's got to be stopped now." Patrick promised, "At least for the first day."

LAW, ORDER IN A MONTH

"Don't worry, Dr. Bossman. I promise to bring law and order back to this college in less than one month or my name isn't Patrick J. O'Malley Crusader and Defender of the Faith," He had whirled around and charged out of the office to fight vice and corruption.

However, forgetting crowded conditions in education, he was caught up by a tide of student bodies escaping the classroom building. He drifted along, screaming about student violence and was finally deposited at the feet of his dodging charger. His steed dashed off to route young promiscuous lovers walking hand-in-hand, to break up student intellec
tual agitators. In the heat of battle against the world, Patrick broke up a second year German class to disperse Nazi sympathizers.

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Everybody's got problems, and so we saw a few days ago when a section of the new parking lot and the sidewalk on the north side of the gym caved in. Now everybody is asking, "How does a level parking lot come in number and in force. Stones, bottles, and spoiled fruit were hurled in O'Malley's direction with surprising velocity and precision. But, Mr. O'Malley's persistence to crusade proved too much for the rowdier demonstrators and their followers; many left embittered, vowing further retaliation.

Now, as Mr. O'Malley walks his beat, he realizes the last four weeks have been hectic, but he had done his duty and to the best of his ability. "But," Mr. O'Malley now asks himself, "I wonder if they will ever get any students back on campus?"

Have you heard them?
Have you seen them?
Have you smelled them?
They are a new breed of cat.

Strong. Brave. Smart.
A new breed of cat.

They stalk and strut;
They pounce
on the hesitant
mouse lost
in mental meandering....

They self-righteously devour the mice
That pause
to openmindedly nibble
on the different cheeses in the universe.

They are a proud breed of cat
That smother the rummaging rodents--
Those varmints that debate before deciding and base answers on questions.

Have you heard the purple roaring
Of brave cats obliterating
The contemplative discussion of the mice?

Have you seen the Nero-Nazi breed
Of omniscient cat clench their paws
To shake and pound?

The musty new breed of cat....
Have you smelled them?
Surely you must have smelled them.

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PRE-SEMS HEAR HAAN

Apparently a year of increasing activity is on the way for the Pre-Sem Club. A good beginning was made Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, when the club held its initial meeting. Rev. Haan introduced the topic of discussion, "The Role of the Church in Society." The main thrust of his speech was that the church as institute must avoid becoming involved in social action, but must stick to preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of Christ.

The club executive proposed that the club plan a banquet to which pre-sems from neighboring colleges could be invited to hear a speaker outline the reformed approach to modern problems in practical theology. The membership approved this proposal and it was decided to invite Dr. P.Y. De Jong of Calvin Seminary to be the speaker.

It was decided to ask Rev. Vander Stelt to be the club's faculty advisor.

SONGSTERS BRIGHTEN CHAPEL

The Chapel Choir, recently added to our services, consists of three groups. Two come from the Concert Choir and a third will later be formed from the Chorale Choir. Alternating throughout the year, these groups are sure to add much to our chapel worship.

by Dale Bovenkamp
sports

CC'S SMASH SIOUX FALLS; TIE DANA

The Dordt Defenders started off the season in fine shape by outrunning Sioux Falls College in a dual cross-country meet. It was the first meet of the season for both teams and the Defenders looked very impressive as they outscored their opponents by 15 to 50.

A fine crowd of Dordt students attended the meet to cheer their team on and the team responded by having eight men cross the finish line before, Al Hommanburg, Sioux Falls' lead man, came into sight. The only real excitement for the crowd came when Bo (Gerald Bovenkamp) sat Mike McCormick of S.F. by one second in a 75 yd. dash.

Coach Altena was well pleased with the first meet of the season for the Defenders. He was especially pleased with the balance of the team. The team was paced primarily by returning veterans, but Altena felt that some of his rookies were impressive also.

Veterans Willie Verhoef, Cal Starn, Stan Visser, and Larry Van Wieren placed first, second, third, and fifth respectively. Willy ran the course of 3 and 1/4 miles in 18 minutes and six seconds. Al Hommanburg had the best time for Sioux Falls. He ran it in 20 minutes and six seconds. Larry Louters ran in his first cross-country meet in college competition and placed fourth for Dordt. The other rookies on the cross-country team for Dordt; Bill De Jager, Ivan Van-Dusseldorp, Del Groen, and Jim Hogeveen placed sixth, seventh, eighth, eleventh, respectively, for the Defenders.

Those of you who watched the cross country meet between Dordt and Dana were privileged to see something that is very unusual in sports. Dordt and Dana ran to a 28 to 28 tie. I think that we would all sooner have missed the unusual twist and seen the Defenders of the golf course win instead.

Willie Verhoef won his second race in as many tries in the very exciting race. He ran it in the very good time of 17:22. All of the times were faster than the results of the former meet with Sioux Falls and it took a team effort for the Defenders to tie Dana. Coach Altena reports that the team came from behind to tie. He also stated that he felt all the men on the team deserve to be congratulated. A race that ends in a tie shows how important every member of the team is in cross country.

The finishes were as follows: first-Willie Verhoef, second-Tim Wiggers-Dana, third-Roger Knehans- Dana, fourth-Ralph Glock-Dana, fifth-Larry Louters, sixth-Cal Starn, seventh-Stan Visser, eighth-Greg Moram.

DEMO DERBY ATTRACTIONS "ARKY"

For many people, a demolition derby is strictly a spectator sport. Carl Arkema, a Dordt senior from Sully, Iowa, saw it in a new perspective when he drove a 1953 Plymouth in the Sioux Center Demo- lition Derby on Thursday, September 19. According to Carl, there is more to driving in a derby than smashing a car.

The derby itself is "a free for all," with cars as fists. The main object is to keep one's car running while stopping others from doing so. This is accomplished, hopefully, by watching where the other cars are and getting out of their way while hitting other car any way or a where except head-on on the driver's door. The rule, coupled with the animal speed, greatly reduces the danger of a demolition derby.

Carl entered the demolition derby for the thrill of it and opportunity to win as much as $150. He had the thrill but missed the prize which his motor blew up in a second heat. With time run as an experience to credit, Carl would "kick and赞助" the col- liding derbies in Alton and Hull-if he can find a ball and sponsor--and win! by Gena DeKam

IM'S KICK OFF

The intramural program got off the ground this week with the beginning of football. While the men are bruising one another out on the football field, the fairer sex will be battling each other for top honors in softball.

The freshmen have jumped off to an early lead in the battle for class I-M championship by collecting 60 participation points for their six teams entered in football. The Juniors are in second place with points and the Sophomores are tied with 20 points. This makes a total of thirteen teams which are divided into leagues. At the end of the season the two top teams from each league will play in a tournament for the overall championship. The Senior's hope of getting to a good start in defending the intramural crown seems to depend square on the "Mafia" captain by Ger Bovenkamp. The main threat to an e-c-dented third straight championship seems to come from a Junior team "The Gestapo" captain by Stan Visser.

The games are played at the new athletic field south of the gymnasium and interested observers are invited to come out and watch the action.