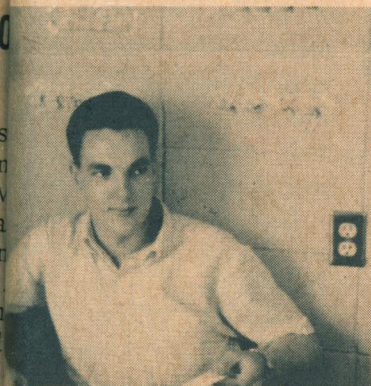
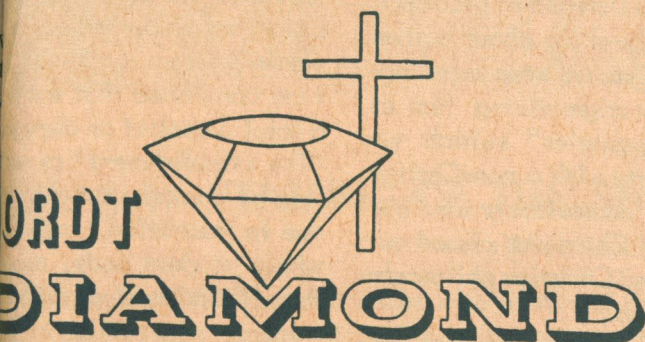


# STUDENTS ELECT FERNHOUT AS 69-70 PRESIDENT

## DIAMOND Presents Campaign Issues



Diamond photographer catches Harry Fernhout relaxing in his room in West Hall following notification of his victory Thursday. The constitutional changes were also approved by a large margin.



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### 'Symposium' Sparks

### Symposium Talks

Discussion of a new science at Calvin College was the focus for the Christian Symposium, held at Dordt College on April 24-26. The symposium was successful in stimulating much discussion on problems facing Christians. Approximately 200 students attended the symposium, along with a variety of scientists and theologians and philosophers. Speakers from Dordt College who participated were Drs. Maatman, Hennenga, Alberda, and Kerker. In accord with its theme, "The Past, the Present, and the Future," the symposium considered a variety of topics. Dr. Den Besten, Chair of the Dept. of Surgery at U. of T., presented some ethical problems arising from modern medical research. In regard to organ transplants, he queried, "Is a man really dead?" and "Should a body be kept alive through medical control?" On the other hand, the question of a person becoming alive again was also a problem of the symposium. "Problems which face scientists in the field of control of offspring and the question of how human a person can become."

Discussion, however, centered around the problem of evolution. The featured speaker on this topic was Dr. J.R. Van der Zee, a geologist at the University of California. (Cont. on p. 4)

### Mission Week

### Attracts Speakers

Last week, Mission Emphasis Week, sponsored by the Mission Club, broke upon Dordt College Campus. Mission Emphasis Week activities took place between Tuesday and Thursday, April 22 and 24, when Rev. John Schuring, Rev. William J. Stob, and Rev. Vernon Vander Zee spoke at chapel services and evening sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mission Emphasis Week formally began Tuesday morning at chapel services when Rev. John Schuring, a campus chaplain at the University of Minnesota, spoke on the topic "The Calvinist Student on the Secular Campus." Rev. Schuring was formerly a foreign missionary to Ceylon from 1954-1957, and home missionary to Florida from 1957-1968. He is the first person to occupy his present position at the U of M. His job involves not only conducting

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Rev. Vernon Vander Zee, missionary from Los Angeles, California, chats with students following his chapel appearance.

In a typically poor turn out, students voted in favor of Harry Fernhout as student president. Fernhout collected 393 votes against De Stigter's 165.

#### Voter Registration Percentages

Freshmen	50%
Sophomore	76%
Junior	79%
Senior	80%

With the poster campaign only two days old, approximately 300 students met in the classroom auditorium Tuesday evening to hear the views of the three Student Council presidential candidates. The three juniors were Thane DeStigter, Jack Van Vliet and Harry Fernhout.

Chairwoman Agnes Siebenga opened the convention with scripture, prayer, and announcements, after which the audience settled back to hear what the candidates had to say.

Thane DeStigter, a history major from Sioux Center, was introduced by Brad Breems. Breems commented that Thane "recognizes that no single person can run the show. He advocates an organized system of committees to . . . reach those kids who aren't involved now."

DeStigter promised that, if elected, he would try to bring out more of the 'untaken talent' of talented students who can do something but need to be prodded a little. "I'll aim to get more students involved." Among his proposals were improvement of student-faculty relations; transformation of the *Diamond* to a weekly publication; the formation of an advisory group to the Student Body President, such as the class presidents, to represent the students more directly; procurement of controversial lecturers on campus; and more discussions to talk about relevant issues. "Dordt has the ability to become a real fortress of the faith, but we have to remain principally founded or we have nothing. We must act--reformatively--now to accomplish our goals."

Larry Klyn introduced Jack Van Vliet from Edmonton, Alberta. In his introductory remarks, Klyn said, "they may not agree with everything he says, but at least he says it. . . He'll listen; if he's wrong he'll admit it, if he's right, he'll stand up and be counted."

Jack began by noting the activism and unrest that is ruling so

many colleges and universities. "We at Dordt have the answer in Christ. But most of us forget it. We sit back and focus on trivia--beards and long hair." Terming the main problem "the Blind Belief in the Infallibility of Authority," he showed the need for constructive criticism of the status quo. His proposed changes included working to get the library open on Friday nights, having a freely elected discipline committee, removing the administrative veto over the Student Council, rejecting the judgement of Christian commitment by personal appearance, and clarifying the stand of the Christian Reformed Church in regard to worldly amusements. Finally, he noted that we at Dordt must pray that God will help us formulate Christian answers for use everywhere.

After an introduction by Ron Vos, Harry Fernhout from Port Arthur, Ontario, said that he believes that Dordt's students want Continuity and Change--continuity of what is good, change from what is bad. Looking at the purposes of the Council found in Article V of the Constitution, he noted that some of the clauses such as "to foster a wholesome relationship among students; faculty and administration" and "to serve as a voice of the student body on matters of student life" are not being totally fulfilled by our present Student Council, which sometimes appears to be only a "glorified social activities committee." To get to the root of problems, there must be two-way communication, which he sees best achieved through the use of student-faculty committees to study the specific problem and then open the issue at a "beef session". "The administration will listen to the voice of the students; this will not lead to a puppet council." Harry pointed out that he, as a member of the '68-69 Council, knows how it works and what is going on. Many problems and programs will carry over. He, if elected, hopes to "make the Council function meaningfully in all the areas assigned to it by its constitution."

Following the formal speeches, parrying such questions as "May I have the position of each of the candidates on the beard issue?" "What does Jack think of the 'chain of command' concept of authority?" "What do the others think?"

Chairwoman Agnes Siebenga formally brought the convention to a close at 10:30 pm.



# EDITORIAL

Brad Breems

## THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT 19

The recent revivification of the 19-year-old voting age measure raises new student consideration. The responsibility of 19-year-olds is the primary concern of Iowa legislators now. The seasoned skeptics look over their bifocals, read about Harvard demonstrations, and raise their graying eyebrows. With insurance company classifications, many people agglomerate the late-teen class as a meatball of radical rowdies intent on making America a seething, disordered and uninhabitable sty. What they apparently do not realize is the reason for the excited disturbances of most youthful disorder today.

Never before in our country's history has a group of people been so prepared, so widely read, and so close to homogeneity as today's 19-25-year-olds. Thousands of progressive men in the legislators' own generation have given countless hours to produce a high speed and efficient educational system. Today's collegian has been raised in a scintillating world of accelerated courses, an emphasis on comprehension, and the effects of Hiroshima-shaking discoveries. These educational advances, combined with speed-of-light communication with neighbors in the opposite hemisphere have produced a kind of offspring undreamed of in the days of spats and top hats.

A puzzled legislator-age generation looks with assumed ascendancy at the puzzling generation they have bred. The former generation must see one very important fact: whether they like it or not, they have taught their 19-year-old son to "hurry and do" for about 19 years too long to make him "hurry and wait" now.

The campus groups, not the DAR or Kiwanis Clubs are the most avid watchers of America's political scene. The 1968 party conventions should not convince our elders of the destructive effects that youth can cause but should send them politicking to find safer outlets for young cultivated enthusiasm. If the youth are not allowed to vote because of alleged irresponsibility, then should not something be mentioned of the ageing retiree who watches Lawrence Welk, shoots pool, bakes apple pies and votes for the candidate with the shortest hair?

I urge each student (any age) to form a Dordt coalition to consider all of the angles in 19-year-old voting. To not do so would, in my opinion, be a failure to follow the subduing mandate. Secular campuses are buzzing over this very issue. Not even a drone here?

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In the middle of trying to induce Christian social action within the Dordt community, an encouraging incident occurred. Apparently without the expressed consent of the Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, officials informed chaplains that they may no longer refer to the name of God in their counselling. The action resulted from protests by the American Civil Liberties Union. This group, reasoning from the statement that to mention God's name in the U.S. military services was unconstitutional, demanded government action.

When Laird was informed of the order, he overruled this decision. The Dordt Spiritual Activities Committee responded in a letter, addressed to Mr. Laird, dated April 23:

We, the students and faculty of Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, wish to express our appreciation of your recent action in restoring to U.S. Army chaplains the right to refer to God in indoctrination courses. We believe that it is impossible to instill a sense of moral responsibility in men without referring to God. We also believe that as Christians we must maintain the existence and honor of God in the face of all atheistic attacks. This incident, spearheaded by the ACLU, is one of many attempts to remove any acknowledgement of God from our National life.

Consequently, we are sincerely grateful to you and thankful to God that we have Christian officials who dare to resist the secularistic trends of our day by their courageous stance.

The committee should be congratulated for its response to this kind of action, so alien in our country.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Rev. Schuring, the campus missionary at the University of Minnesota who addressed us during Mission Emphasis Week, raised questions and controversy which I found personally challenging and refreshing. However, I was rather disappointed by the reception that we students gave him.

The Tuesday evening discussion on April 22 seemed rather ironic to me. As we listened to a campus missionary speaking about active Christian love, we were unlovingly mentally stigmatizing him as a "social gospeler" (which we nearly equate with a non-Christian). And immediately we "intellectual" Christians closed our minds behind Christian philosophical defenses.

Perhaps Rev. Schuring does not have a well-formulated Christian world-and-life view. Yet he raised important questions that hinge on this pivotal question: "What does Christian love involve?" Is it just some philosophical concept we endorse? Or is it an active motive that we cash in on throughout our entire lives? Christ's example included theorization about love, but it also included action. Can Christian theory be separated from Christian practice without

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Dear Editor,

In the last issue of the Diamond there was an article concerning the election of a student president. I was very surprised that no one had put himself as a candidate at that time.

So the question arises: "Why is no one interested in running for the Presidency? Is it a sign of nihilism? Of apathy? Or is it a sign of frustration?" The first is not the case, for after serving students for nearly a whole year on the Dordt campus I am convinced that there is not a total disbelief or disregard for "The Establishment" as such. It may be apathy, but then apathy due to frustration, involving the whole student body, especially the "thinking students"--those students who realize that there is individual freedom in a true Christian life. Often these remarks can be heard: "Why try? You can't change it anyway!"

The Purpose of the Student Council, according to Article 1 of the constitution, is: "to assist in understanding, maintaining and implementing the distinctive aims and objectives of Dordt College; to assist in promoting a atmosphere conducive to preparing students for competent and dedicated Christian service and leadership; to foster a wholesome relationship among students, faculty and administration; to serve as a voice of the student body on matters of student life."

Yet, so little of this "assisting," this "maintaining," this "implementing," this "fostering" of a relationship, this "VOICE" of the Student Council is now heard. Is this due to the tight lines, the controlling net that the Administration has cast over the Council and the Student Body? And is this the reason that no one

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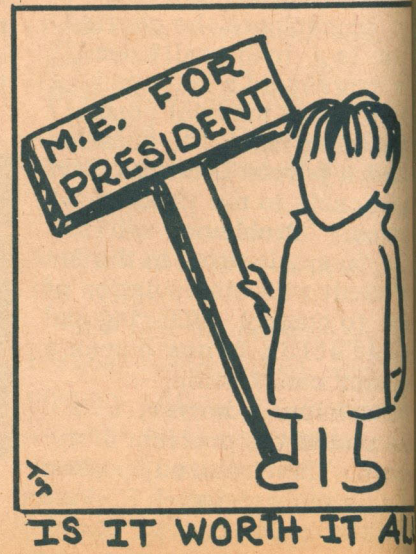
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## BRAVO! 'TAMING OF THE SHREW'

by Mrs. Reuben Samani

Mr. Koldenhoven, the cast and crews who produced this delightful play deserve a standing ovation for their production. Those of us who love theater and appreciate art are indebted to you for your exceptional interpretation and presentation of Taming Of The Shrew. Although selecting a difficult show for production, you exhibited amazing professional technique and excellence while at the same time radiating a certain spontaneity and joyous spirit that marked the mood for a delightful evening. It was a thrill to be in the audience and to see each character come alive with such exuberance and brilliance.

A good performance is said to be a series of scenes, each one a little incident, the development of an idea. The actors then must in some way indicate the break between scenes. This is where the skillful actor employs the pause, movement, the gesture, change in emphasis, change in tempo, pitch or any combinations of these methods.

In Taming Of The Shrew there were many of these shifts and they all fell into place beautifully as with no effort. This was the wonder of this whole production since, even in professional shows on Broadway, the "gears do not always shift easily." I would mention especially Act IV Scene I, III, V and Act V Scene II as examples of exceptional technique.

The play was a superb blend of stellar performances and, as I have tried to emphasize, one with so many outstanding qualities that it is difficult to single out any individual performance for plaudit. However, I do feel that Duane Addink, as Sly, Bill De Jager as Gremio, Gerald Ebberts as Lucentio and Ken Verbrugge as Baptista, gave their roles unusual color and life. On the whole they created very thoughtful and interesting characters.

Of special appeal to me was a role which actually was but a

minor one. The performance given by Larry Meyer as Grumio was outstanding. An actor in portraying his character really has two tools, his own body and his own voice and he must shape himself into the character he is going to show the public. Larry displayed the utmost flexibility, and control of body and voice. Although his part was not lengthy he stood out as exceptional in the total design of the play.

Also of stellar quality was Jerry Vreeman's interpretation and portrayal of Petruchio. I would especially comment on his interpretation of character, lines, voice quality, and excellent enunciation. One of his very fine scenes was Act IV Scene I. Another where he employed wonderful variations in pause, emphasis and tempo was Act V Scene II.

A beautiful, fiery Kate was played by Lynda Piersma contrasted by a lovely, gentle, soft-spoken Bianca, Vivian Boxum.

Vivian gave Bianca poise and grace of movement while Lynda gave Kate many delightful dimensions. She portrayed the shrewish Kate, the coy Kate, the obedient Kate, with exciting freshness and variety. The scene on the street to Baptista's house in Act V was one of the most

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## LIMITED PLANS RELEASED FOR MAY 9 BANQUET

An elite group of some 425 handsomely dressed men and elegantly attired women will complete the aura of expectancy and excitement reserved for 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 1969. They will form a composite of juniors, seniors, faculty members of Dordt College. Their assemblage is to occur at Dordt's new gymnasium to celebrate the Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the class of 1970. Along with sumptuous dining, genial fellowship, and light-hearted entertainment, the banquetters will enjoy thoughts shared by the special speaker, Rev. Peter Grossman of the Reformed Church of America, from Pierre, South Dakota.

The juniors have industriously arranged the evening's events, and in the expressive words of one committee member, "We're making a lot of progress--we have a lot to do." Case De Haan and Thane De Stigter are the coordinators of three main committees and several subcommittees planning the evening. Their aim is to provide a stimulating occasion, even to the point of beginning the banquet promptly. To facilitate this accomplishment, prospective guests are asked to refrain from picture-taking before the dinner. The coordinators request that afterwards all decorations be left intact to allow photographs and orderly dismantling of the appointments.

Tickets will be available in the Commons beginning Monday and will be distributed and sold until Wednesday. ch

## 'VIETNAM WAR' TOPIC OF PANEL DISCUSSION

The Political Science Club has announced that it will sponsor a panel discussion on the Vietnam war. The event will take place on May 6 at 7:30 pm in the classroom auditorium.

The panel which the club has chosen consists of one layman, two Dordt professors and one former Dordt professor. They are Dr. Peter Pals of Orange City; Mr. Louis Van Dyke, Assistant Professor of History; Rev. Cornelius Van Schouwen, formerly Associate Professor of Bible; and Rev. E. L. Hebden Taylor, Instructor of Economics and Sociology. All four men

## May 6 Recital To Feature Faculty

The music department announced a faculty recital to be held May 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the bandroom. The faculty performers will be assisted by other community musicians in the presentation.

The program will include a selection of Elizabethan love songs performed by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, accompanied by Miss Joan Ringerwole on the harpsichord; a few solo numbers on the harpsichord by Miss Ringerwole; and a selection of string trio music performed by Misses Jeanne Piersma, Donna Mulder and Mr. Gary Vander Hart.

No admission will be charged and the program will be open to the general public. pdy

## Phi Kappa Sigmas

## Enjoy Annual Banquet

About 150 persons, both faculty members and future teachers from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, attended the Phi Kappa Sigma banquet held last Tuesday evening in the east wing of the commons. After eating a hearty meal, tables were shoved aside and the guests arranged the chairs informally to watch the award-winning film, The Young Americans.

This documentary film showed The Young Americans, a talented young singing group, on a tour across the United States. The Young Americans are designed to show to America who the American youth really are. Their anxieties and ecstasies as well as their disappointments were portrayed so vividly that the viewers seemed to live the entire tour along with the group. The many beautiful musical selections sung by the group were perhaps the most thrilling feature of the film. mg

have seen experience in some branch of the armed services of this country or another. Dr. Pals is the only panel member, however, to have participated in the Vietnam campaign.

In the course of the evening the panel hopes to discuss such questions as "Why are we in Vietnam?" and "Is this involvement right or wrong?"

The public is invited to the discussion.



# Dordt Adds Seven Men To 69-70 Faculty

Dr. John Zinkand, Mr. Gary Warmink and Mr. Arnold Koekoek will be returning to teach at Dordt next year after interims of extended study and teaching. In addition, four new instructors will be added to enlarge the present faculty.

Dr. Zinkand, who has taught for the last four years at Westminster seminary, will return to Dordt to teach classical languages. Dr. Zinkand is an ordained minister in the Eureka Classis and has studied at Wheaton College, Johns Hopkins University, Westminster Seminary and Brandeis University. Mr. Gary Warmink will teach voice, Music History and direct the Chorale upon his return to Dordt after a two year leave of absence to complete the course work for his doctoral degree in Music History at Ohio State University. Mr. Arnold Koekoek, who has taught History at Dordt prior to undertaking studies at the University of Iowa, is returning after his two-year leave of absence to resume teaching in this area.

The four new appointees represent an interesting variety of previous experience. Mr. Martin Dekkinga will teach in the areas of English and speech. Presently Mr. Dekkinga is principal-teacher at Dakota Christian High. He graduated from Calvin College and has earned his M.A. in Education from Northern Iowa State University.

Mr. John Struyk, who is working on his doctorate at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, will teach German during the 1969-70 term. Mr. Struyk is a graduate of Calvin College and has taught previously in Alberta and Ontario.

Mr. Gerald Bouma, who has attended Dordt College and graduated from Northwestern College will join the music department next year with an M.A. degree in Music Education. Mr. Bouma is studying at Arizona State University this year.

Mr. Delmar Vander Zee, an instructor at Southwest Minnesota Christian High School, will be teaching in the area of biology next year. Mr. Vander Zee is a graduate of Dordt and has received his M.A. degree in biology from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

## SPEECH FINALISTS

### MEET WEDNESDAY

Seven finalists from the Freshman English class will present their speeches on May 7, in an effort to finish with top honors in the Freshman speech contest. The event promises to be interesting with the best speakers of the Freshman class competing. The finalists will be selected from a group of fifteen semi-finalists on Monday, May 5. The final round of speeches will be presented in the Old Gym and will commence at 7:30 p.m. jvb

## Six Instructors Leave As Faculty Changes

Two Dordt professors will leave Dordt next term to pursue their doctoral programs and four more will leave for different teaching jobs, an unofficial survey of the faculty revealed. The survey was taken by the Diamond in view of the inaccessibility of official data on the subject.

Mr. Donald Morton of the History Department has received a scholarship of 5000 guilders to attend the Free University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. This scholarship was made possible to a Dordt professor in order to cement good relations between Dordt and the university and to encourage Dordt students to further their education there. Morton's doctoral program will begin with two months of language training. The major concentration of his studies will be the theory of history.

Also leaving Dordt on a leave of absence is Mr. Dallas Apol of the German department. His intention is also to pursue a doctoral program, but a little closer to Dordt. He will undertake a three year program at the University of Minnesota, specializing in German literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Miss June Mulder, presently teaching German and English, will leave Dordt to obtain a different title, albeit not academic in nature. She will exchange her present title of Miss for Mrs. on June 21. Her plans for next fall are to teach at South Christian High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, while her husband, Peter De Haan, attends Calvin Seminary.

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Free University of Amsterdam.

In commenting about the symposium, the Dordt professors agreed that the real issue was "what Scripture means for us in our scientific activity." Two camps appeared prevalent at the symposium: those who separated Scripture and science, and those who began with Scripture and then went to work in science.

Even though no real solutions were concluded, all felt that it was highly worthwhile, and it was agreed to have the next symposium at Dordt College in two years. cvz

Two members of the music department will also be leaving. Mrs. Trena Haan will teach two graduate courses in music at Brooklyn College in New York City this summer. Her plans for the fall are indefinite at the present. Mrs. Janice Bouma will teach at Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan, Montana, where her husband will also be teaching.

Dr. William Lothers, of the Speech department, will attend summer school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He will concentrate on speech pathology. Dr. Lothers has accepted an appointment to teach at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois next fall.

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disastrous, damnable results.

I fear that we do tend to separate doctrine from practice, thus are guilty of egocentric selfish Christianity. We seem to think that we are Christianly possible only for those who are like themselves. ("Why should we support anyone who doesn't work for it?") How about the lazy, the imprisoned, the impoverished? If God does not make the worthy but worthless saints, then how can we selfishly expect anyone from our Christian world?

We like to criticize the flight of our Christian and perhaps we are the fastest in history. The student protest, the Hippie-type groups, the radicals are all saying something about our world. Yet, in our Christian world-and-life we shut our eyes to the problems that are exercising non-Christian colleagues. Students, as image-bearers of God, perhaps distortedly sense the God-demeaning evils in our society: evils which we can placently ignore in our ivory towers. Where is Christian concern about these problems? We can theorize away, but we cannot eliminate their urgent reality.

Soli Deo Gloria! Do glorifying God require both obedience to Him and loving service to our men so that they may better glorify God as His image-bearers? When God says "love your neighbor as yourself," we are not glorifying God by selfishly ignoring the needs and problems of the world and assuming a "let the world hang" attitude. I ask as one Christian student to another, how well are we representing our Christian world-life view when we ignore the world and do not really act as loving Christians?

Lambert Zuidema



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## Vanderzee-Bird Perform Recital

A senior recital, the first event of the Dordt College Art Festival, came to life at 8:00 on Wednesday evening in the Music Building. The recital was a joint performance by organists Joyce Vander Zee and William Bird.

Mr. Bird initiated the recital with a mixture of heavy and light sounds in "Toccata in E Minor" by Johann Pachelbel. Among the seven numbers Bird played, two of the most interesting were "Le Banquet Celeste," and Carillon de Westminster. "Le Banquet," written by modern composer, Olivier Messiaen, produced a solemn, mysterious, dissonant mood while holding to the slightly "off" sound frequent in contemporary music. The theme of the Westminster chimes rang throughout the composition "Carillon de Westminster", while building to a spiraling climax.

Joyce Vander Zee concluded the program with five numbers.

Tom Stampfli

committee meetings--Ways and Means--led by Rep. Den Herder and an Education Committee--which is trying to write a new bus bill.

Most people take a dim view of lobbyists, and those who dare to take on the name of professional lobbyists are frequently examined for evidence of little black horns. George Wilson is a member of the latter class and he did much to change our views on the matter. Most of the professional lobbyists, including Wilson, are attorneys or lawyers and are hired by various groups or industries to introduce a bill and help get it passed. However, they also write up bills for Senators and Representatives as a free service, since they are acquainted with wording bills to make them legally and philosophically sound.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the House until it adjourned at 5 P.M. We then had a long talk with Rep. Den Herder, who remained a true politician throughout. He conveyed compliments received on the neat appearance of our group and answered questions on all the legalities involved in the passage of a bill.

The ride home provided plenty of time for reflective thinking and exchange of opinions--a fitting close for a day that ended all too soon.



Jim Schaap

## THE EXTINCT

### BEARD ISSUE:

## A SYMBOL OF DORDT STUDENT APATHY

The problem of beards has made manifest another problem, not as easily discernable, but much more dangerous, inside the student body. There is an epidemic eating away at the influential muscle fibers of the Dordt College student. Fibers, now beginning to mature into what ultimately should be the well-flexed musculature of the Christian in society. The strength of today's Christian will ultimately exist in his interest in and influence on society. If there is no interest, there can be no influence.

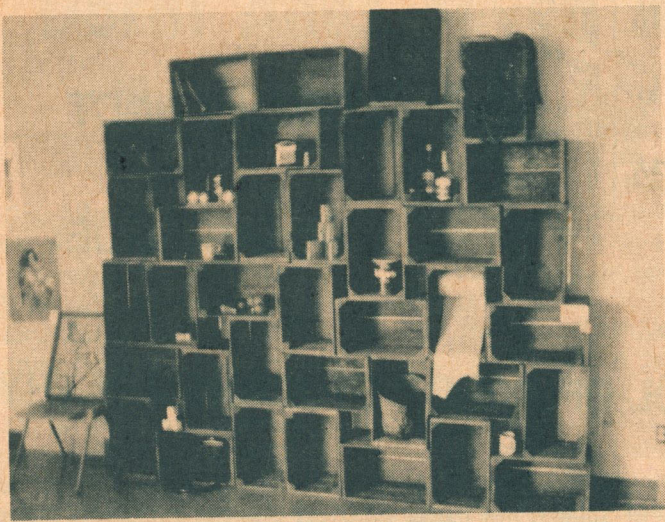
While our muscle fibers are now in a maturing stage, that is, a stage in which activity and exercise are essential for proper growth and development, it is necessary that the Christian student prepare himself in the use of active participation in student affairs, and ultimately, world affairs. If government policy or legislative decision do not coincide with the scriptural mandate on a particular subject, the Christian in society must be active in doing all he can to bring it to the attention of his elected representatives, and change to the proper remedy.

In the recent poll on beards, I was extremely surprised to find that around 22% of the student body was convinced the present rule is justifiable. I expected a smaller minority, but I was wrong. But yet 78% of the students were opposed to the rule. About 8 out of every 10 students disagree with the rule as it stands. For eight months now, the rule has been in effect. No one has ever attempted to make a statement contrary to school policy. No one has ever written a letter, a column, or an article in the school's newspaper, although the editorial staff would welcome any such statement with open arms. No one has mentioned anything publicly although the majority of students avidly disagree with the policy. The students themselves have to take the blame for containing their criticism, or only mentioning them in closed-door "bull sessions," which neither aid in constructive action, nor accomplish anything significant in character building or responsible criticism, but rather tend to monopolize in "muck-raking."

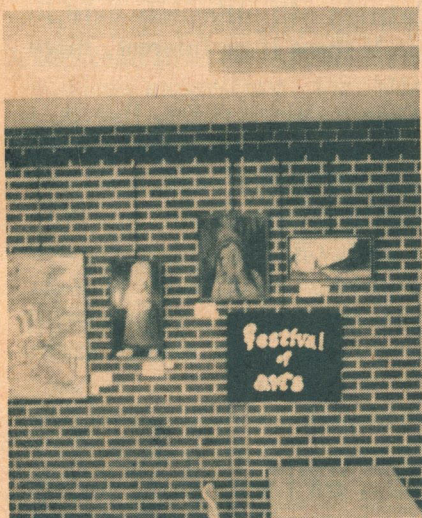
Some students feel that the beard problem is so insignificant that dissent is hardly worth the time. This is in fact the truth. Beards are so trivial, that the subject hardly merits this discourse. However, where are we Christians ever going to begin to take up any responsibility. When 8 out of 10 students feel contrary to a stated or unstated rule, shouldn't some sort of recognition be imminent? Practice is needed for the Christian student in involvement and activity, if it be matters pertaining to his own life as a student, or as a citizen of this country and God's creation. Comments received in the poll were many times so well-thought and well-constructed, both pro and con, that I believe many students are neither taking up their responsibility, nor actively using their talents. And all this in a time when the Diamond literally cries out for students willing to express their opinions.

The farthest thing from my mind is a San Francisco State, or Columbia, or Berkeley, or a University of Wisconsin where violence has transposed the proper role of criticism to reaction and havoc. But dissent is an American and God-given right. A right which put us on this continent, and without which democracy would not be democratic. It's time for all students at Dordt first of all to use their talents in whatever way possible, but even more to be outspoken for all they believe in and adhere to. We must give air to our views, and give voice, not only to our criticism, but also our support to matters pertinent to us. We will profit from practice in activity, and the world will ultimately profit from our comments and answers.





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sees any value in running for the Presidency?

Dordt College accepts the following view of academic freedom: "The essence of academic freedom is that the scholar should have strong convictions, and stand by them, and that the academy should be governed by principle and abide by principle. Sometimes...there will be conflict; without conflict, indeed, the academy would sink into ennui; but academic freedom is stimulated by conflict, if the struggle is part of a search for justice."

Is it justice that the administration takes advantage of its power? Is it justice that the Student Council is too afraid to do its full duty, because of the fear it holds for the watchful eye of those above them? Is it justice on the student's part, that they see no value in running for the Presidency?

Jacob Vander Schaaf

Don't miss the program of slides planned for the night of Sunday, May 11. Rev. Van Antwerpen, from Sheldon Christian Reformed Church, will be showing his slides from the Holy Land.

## EVENT RUNS FOR THREE DAYS

The annual Festival of Arts is now underway on the Dordt campus. Having begun on Thursday, the displays and seminar sessions will continue through Saturday, May 3.

This afternoon in the Old Gym seminars on literature will run as follows: 2:00, poetry; 3:00, short story; 4:00 essays. Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, head of the Dordt choral department, has prepared a performance of area high school and Dordt music departments for this evening in the New Gym at 7:30.

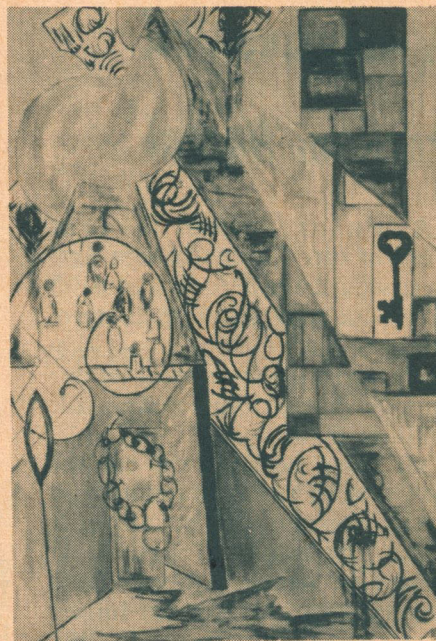
Tomorrow at 4:00 the Commons will host a seminar of the art works on display. Then at 8:00 in the Old Gym, the Festival will close with the performance of selected entries in literature, original drama, and music.

Students are urged to take as much advantage of the festival as possible.

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Joyce displayed great control and dexterity, especially evident in her trills and runs of Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D minor". Another zenith within her performance was the selection "VI Noel" by Louis C. Daguin. Its rhythmic motion and clear, precise progression characterized her entire performance.

The highlight of the recital was the performances of two harpsichord-organ concertos, performed by both Miss Vander Zee and Mr. Bird with Miss Joan Ringerwole at the harpsichord. The musical combination of harpsichord and organ added immeasurably to the enjoyment.



The three pictures on this page give a glimpse of part of the art on display in the Commons annex this week. The display is part of the annual Fine Arts Festival.

## Choir Performs Final Concert

The Dordt Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Trena Haan will present its final concert of the year this Sunday evening, April. The concert will be held at 9:00 pm, after the evening service at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church.

This is the last concert by a Dordt choir to appear under Mrs. Haan's direction. Mrs. Haan came to Dordt in 1965 and directed Concert Choir in that year. In the last two years she has had direction of the Chorale in addition to regular classroom courses. In some summers between her terms at Dordt, she has taught in the Meadow Brook School of Music and will be teaching this summer at Brooklyn College in New York City.

Mr. Gary Warmink will resume his former position as director of Chorale upon his return next fall.

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I want only to add that the costuming was fantastic. The color texture, and line added immeasurably to the success of the show - as did the scenic design.

I am truly overwhelmed at the talent and many fine attributes that were so evident in this production and am eagerly looking forward to more "theater at its best."

Mrs. Ruben Samani holds a B.A. degree with double majors in Drama and Speech Therapy from the University of Nebraska.

## Frosh-Soph Party

### Set For May 16

The time and date for the Freshman-Sophomore party has been set for 7:00 pm on May 16. It will be held in the auditorium.

The theme for this year's party is "Riding a Carousel," around which the decorations have been planned. Senior Da Slings will emcee the event, after which the "Continental" Northwestern will perform.

Tickets for the party will cost 50¢ for the freshmen and 75¢ for all others. Sales begin May 9 in the Commons and terminate May 12.

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services, but services as chaplain and counselor to the Christian Reformed students attending the University. Rev. Schuring delivered an interesting, informative and challenging speech.

Rev. Schuring also addressed a gathering of interested students Tuesday night. This turned out to be a very lively session, with a lot of discussion as Rev. Schuring answered some controversial questions.

Wednesday night the Mission Club held its regular business meeting, and elected officers. The speaker for the evening, Rev. Stob, was delayed because of a speaking engagement in Orange City, causing a fifteen minute recess. When Rev. Stob arrived, he gave an interesting talk on the work of missions in Japan, and showed slides. He has been there for two years and is still engaged mostly in language study. This is his first post.

Thursday morning Rev. Vander Zee spoke at chapel services on "Keeping the Faith." He is from the Los Angeles First Christian Reformed Church, and works mainly in the Watts district. He gave a challenging speech about the Black Revolution and the Christian Revolution.

Dave Smit, president of the Mission Club, commented that he thought Mission Emphasis Week was a fairly good success and that it fulfilled its purpose "to incite and encourage active student response to the challenges and responsibilities in the area of Missions in order to fulfill the great commission to evangelize the world."

