

FACULTY BOASTS NEW STRENGTH

Joining Dordt's faculty this fall are four instructors new to the campus and two professors who are returning after taking a leave of absence.

Mr. Wayne Kobes has become a member of Dordt's Theology department, serving as Instructor in Theology. Originally from Sioux City, Mr. Kobes graduated from Dordt in 1969 and went on to Calvin seminary where he earned his B.D. and Th. M. degrees. He is now teaching courses in the history of revelation and the creeds of Christendom here at Dordt.

Taking the position of Assistant Professor of Business Administration-Economics this year is Mr. Vern Timmer. He is teaching such courses as Principles of Economics, Money & Banking, Business law, and a course in management. Mr. Timmer, his wife and their five children

have recently moved from Barrington, Rhode Island, where he taught at Barrington College.

Mrs. Duane (Rebecca) Woodward teaches three days a week in the area of Business Education. After receiving her teaching degree at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Mrs. Woodward taught for five years on the high school level. She is presently teaching three courses at Dordt: Shorthand, Advanced Typing, and Office Procedures. Originally from Hull, Iowa, she now lives there again with her husband and two young daughters.

Also new to Dordt's campus is Mrs. Harold (Carolyn) Veldkamp, Librarian Cataloger and Instructor in Library Science. She will be cataloger at the library and will teach a library science course each semester. Mrs. Veldkamp with her husband and

nine-year-old son, come to Sioux Center from Palos Heights, Illinois where she served for several years on the Trinity library staff.

Dr. Marlin Vanden Bosch, Assistant Professor of English, returns to Dordt this fall after attending the University of Iowa during his three-year leave of absence. He earned his doctor's degree and now becomes the first Ph.D. on Dordt's English Department staff. Having also taught English at Dordt for two years before leaving, Dr. Vanden Bosch teaches American Literature, Advanced Exposition, and two new journalism courses. These last three courses are an important part of the new communications major being introduced at Dordt this fall.

Returning to campus after a one-year leave of absence is Mr. Louis



Dordt Prof Veldman finds new talent absolutely...

mind-blowing.

Van Dyke, Associate of History and chairman of that department at Dordt. Studying at the University of North Dakota this past year, Mr. Van Dyke completed all necessary course work for his D.A.T. (Doctor of Arts in Teaching) degree. He hopes to finish writing his major research essay during this coming school year. Mr. Van Dyke is well-known at Dordt, having taught history here nine years before taking his leave of absence.

Dr. Gary Parker of

Dordt's Biology Department received his Doctor's degree this summer from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, where he also earned his Master's. Dr. Parker has been on the Dordt College Biology staff for two years and has done research in teaching with programmed texts in comparison to conventional teaching methods. He looks forward to spending a lot of time in the near future working on a Biology textbook.

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Dordt Retreats to Okobojo

After unloading sleeping bags in their assigned cabins, kids got some needed exercise on the volleyball and basketball courts. Supper, a message dealing with the theme of the retreat, a pizza party and later a sing-along around a campfire finished the night's scheduled activities.

Approximately 430 Dordt students crowded into cars and headed for Lake Okobojo last Friday afternoon to attend Dordt's 6th annual weekend Retreat. The theme for this year's retreat was "Preparation for the Great Banquet."

Not many kids slept in the next morning, breakfast being served at 7:30 a.m. The rest of the morning was occupied by

Prof. John Vander Stelt's message, with a discussion period following.

Because of unexpected rainy weather, the boat-ride on the "Empress" was re-scheduled to be immediately after dinner. Warm coats and blankets were utilized during the two-hour guided tour of Lake Okobojo.

Throughout the retreat, entertainment was provided at mealtimes by Dordt students and faculty who performed a variety of skits and songs.

There was also free time between activities for kids to make new acquaintances. As one girl put it: "I didn't realize there were so many kids at Dordt that I'd never seen before!"

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CAPABLE REPS REQUIRED

The Class of 77 has the opportunity to elect four representatives to the Student Forum this coming Sept. 25. Nominations consisting of the nominee's name and twenty supporting signatures should be handed into the Dean of Student's Office by noon, Sept. 24. In case of any ties, re-elections will be

held Sept. 26.

The ballot box will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm by the Dean of Student's Office election day and the same if necessary the next day. The person receiving the most votes will be the president of the class. First runner-up will receive the honor of

secretary.

All four reps. should have the desire and capacity to fulfill the elective responsibilities. Hopefully they will voice opinion of the freshmen class at Student Forum meetings. Remember, E. J. wants you to vote.

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Credits For Chapel

Periods 12 and 14 of the Dordt work week are a pain in the neck to some and a couple of welcome coffee breaks to others. A few Dordt students even look forward to them. "Chapel" exists as a pothole in an otherwise smooth class schedule.

Dutifully the majority of faculty members and about half of the student body make the trek to C106 or the Commons. All other Dordt people can be found behind the closed doors of offices, classrooms, bathrooms, bedrooms, livingrooms, dorm rooms or closets.

In the chapel assembly, the speaker cries fervently for "unity on this campus" and a "true academic community." The group in attendance nods thoughtfully, prays, and sings a favorite hymn as only Dordt can sing it. Then it's back to the books or to the coffee shop.

All those who missed the speaker's cry come out of hiding around 10:15 and mingle with the chapel-attenders moving to the next class. The differences between an attender, an occasional attender and a non-attender are not obvious enough to be detected. In the everyday crowd on campus, there walk about 300 who didn't attend the first convocation. President B. J. Haan made a rather impassioned plea there for Dordt people to rally around the chapel assemblies. In chapel we'll build up that unity that comes with being communally confident of what we are and what we can do here at this Christian institution, he said.

Whether President Haan's push for a revitalized chapel makes its hoped-for impact on campus life remains to be seen. The school term is only two weeks old. However, President Haan has already done some ground-work. To spark chapel into new life, he's built a generator consisting of Professors Kobes, Hodgson and Vander Stelt, Rev. Hulst, two as-yet-unappointed students and himself. With the kinetic energy of new perspectives on the matter, this group is determined to ignite every person who's had it with chapel.

In a school with "impressive enrollments" such as Dordt, it is a little unrealistic to expect the "one big happy family" spirit to prevail. Not everyone is going to want to go to chapel twice a week. Regardless of how chapel improves, some will still dismiss chapel as a radio-type "thought for the day" or an inspiration rally for good old Dordt. Unity on campus reflects itself in more than chapel attendance figures. If what happens at chapel can generate a Kingdom-fighting excitement in every part of the academic life--we won't have to talk about unity anymore.



What? You mean to tell me they're going to close Central Cafe during Chapel??

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Information Forum

The Student Forum is no longer on a trial basis, Student body president John Struik informed The Diamond reporter Monday. The Forum is now in full swing and held "a very blah organizational meeting" Thursday, September 6, Struik said.

The purpose of the Forum is to enhance the purpose of Dordt's existence as set forth in The Dordt Defender. Meetings will be held bi-weekly in order to discuss student related issues and come to a communal agreement.

Rather evasive during the interview, John Struik declined any comment concerning plans, but hinted at something "up his sleeve." But, he added, "I'm making no promises, I'm telling no lies."

In the first organization meeting, very little was discussed as freshmen delegates were not present. But decisions were made.

Appointed as Student Forum secretary was Douglas Eckhardt, and as vice-president, Dan Gibson.

General debate on campus affairs included a discussion on the new role of Mr. L. Van Noord as assistant to the Dean of Students.

The job of everyone at Dordt, including "myself", John said, was "to get off our fannies" and get to work. "There is a job to do, and we must do it together."

The Forum plans to have meetings every second Thursday at 6:30 pm in the West Commons. Whether the meetings will be open to the entire student body or not is still in debate. However, John Struik said he would like to see a regular column in The Diamond, telling of the latest Forum action.



Retreat Offers Food For Life

With varying appetites, Dordt retreaters ate a three-course dinner-in-lecture on the theme "Preparation for the Great Banquet" last weekend at Walther League Camp.

Rev. B. J. Haan previewed the menu, saying that he would serve the "salad"--"The Certainty of Christ's Return." Prof. J. Vander Stelt carved the main course, called "Attitudes toward Christ's Return." Finally, the audience tasted dessert in the form of "Preparation for Christ's Return," molded by Rev. I. B. Hulst.

"THE CERTAINTY OF CHRIST'S RETURN"

"Jesus Christ has come...is coming...and will come to perfect His kingdom," Rev. Haan told his chapel audience. That coming is the "necessary culmination of the entire work of redemption," he said, "God moving in to bring back creation to serve Him."

Rev. Haan spoke of this coming as "a drama that unfolds through all of history." Thus it is not a second coming, but a final coming. Christians play a leading role in the drama; they "actually bring in the kingdom" by "living in total obedience to Him in all areas of life."

The college president emphasized that Christians can exercise this power only if they "get up and get to work" instead of just standing there "gazing."

But those who wish to serve Christ must first be sure that they are "in that kingdom--now," Rev. Haan said. He stated that they are in just by asking introspectively, "Do I feel something--a change?" That knowledge comes when people see Christ as the One sent from God to redeem them, and when they claim Him as king because He has claimed them. They must be "born again."

"ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHRIST'S RETURN"

Prof. Vander Stelt reviewed two attitudes towards the return of Christ, calling them "ping" and "pong" because a reciprocal action exists between them; "ping" is concerned with views that "pong" ignored.

The professor referred to the post-millennial view of Christ's coming as "ping". Known in the U. S. as the "social gospel," this optimistic view looks for man to, through his own efforts, initiate a 1000-year reign preceding Christ's return.

Professor Vander Stelt called pre-millennialism the "pong" view of Christ's return. Pre-millennialists say "the world will get worse" despite any efforts to change it. Thus, instead of becoming involved in its affairs, they wait passively for Christ's return. At that time--and not before--pre-millennialists believe they will be kings, reigning with Christ in Jerusalem. In the now-life, they see themselves as over-ruled priests.

Both pre- and post-millennialism lead to the false impression that what happens on earth in these latter days is no part of God's kingdom, according to Prof. Vander Stelt. He declared, "What we need is not pessimism or optimism...but to become faithful witnesses..."

The professor interpreted John 7:14 in this light, saying that the place which Christ prepares for Christians is "not in heaven, but on this earth." Thus Christians must work here to redeem Christ's creation.

Mr. Vander Stelt advised that, to avoid seeing Christ's coming in the wrong context, Christians must stop reading Revelation "speculatively, chronologically, literalistically"--such reading bring distortion to important facets of its message.

Our attitude toward the return of Christ is "not theological or philosophical, but existential, practical," the professor emphasized. "It affects our relationship to most evangelicals." And he believes that the truth of the final coming means the difference between meaningful and meaningless life.

"PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S RETURN"

"Preparing for Christ's return means living," said Rev. J. B. Hulst in his speech Saturday afternoon, "living in close communion with God, seeking to do all things for His will, trying to subject all things under His law."

The college pastor believes that this preparation does not mean trying to predict the time of the final return, being selfishly concerned with figuring out what our own personal destiny will be, fleeing this world because it is an "ucky" world, or trying to bring in the perfect kingdom single-handedly.

These distorted views result from many Christians' failure to see the true relationship between Christ's return and all parts of life, according to Rev. Hulst. True preparation, in his understanding, includes 1) being saved, and 2) inquiring into the nature of life.

"Life must be always seen in relationship with God, with others and with God's country (creation)," he said.

Christians must also see life in relationship to death, the result of the sin which broke down those three relationships created by God in man.

God redeemed His people so they could again, as in Eden, "serve Him in His land," Rev. Hulst noted. To apply this concept, he said that the Dordt community must serve God by endeavoring to stay close to Him, to one another, and to His land--"because we have a task in it."

The pastor assured that, if they do work at their tasks, Christ's people "won't have to be scared" of Christ's coming. They can "live, really live."



Channels To Action

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE composed of the Registrar-Director of Admissions, a minimum of five faculty members, and two students. (Appointed thus far: Dick Rietema) Committee duties are to:

1. Establish admissions policies.
2. Administer those policies which require committee action.
3. Act on all requests from students who seek readmission after academic dismissal.
4. Evaluate the program of student financial aid and establish policies governing the program.
5. Evaluate the program of student recruitment and establish policies governing the program.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE composed of the Director of Athletics, a minimum of five faculty members and two students. (Appointed thus far: Steve Van Dyk) Committee duties are to:

1. Consider the role of intercollegiate athletics.
2. Establish policies governing the scheduling of athletic events.
3. Establish policies governing eligibility for participation in intercollegiate athletics.
4. Establish policies governing the selection and supervision of cheerleaders.
5. Establish policies governing athletic awards.
6. Consider all matters pertaining to membership in an athletic conference.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE composed of the Dean of the College, a minimum of five faculty members, and two students. (Appointed thus far: Harvey Jansen) Committee duties are to:

1. Study and evaluate goals and objectives of the entire educational program.
2. Study and evaluate the Teacher Education Program curricula in the light of accreditation and Iowa Department of Public Instruction standards.
3. Establish graduation requirements.
4. Consider all matters relating to curriculum evaluation and development.
 - a. Departmental course offerings
 - b. General education program
 - c. Policies governing the use of correspondence and extension credits
 - d. Independent and individualized study programs
7. Consider all appeals on graduation requirements.

INSTRUCTIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE composed of the Dean of the College, a minimum of five faculty members, and two students. (Appointed thus far: Jack Heinen) Committee duties are to:

1. Establish policies governing student academic standing.
2. Evaluate student academic progress and administer policies governing academic standing.
3. Consider all matters relating to student academic advising.
4. Establish policies for academic honors and awards.
5. Establish policies governing probationary students.
6. Consider programs and services which will enable all students to reach the highest level of achievement within their academic potential.
7. Establish policies on academic matters such as:
 - a. Class attendance
 - b. Student classification
 - c. Student load
 - d. Dropping and changing courses
8. Evaluate instructional practices and study ways and means of improving them and of providing instruction enrichment and innovation.
9. Establish and administer policies governing the evaluation of instruction.
10. Establish policies governing testing and the final testing schedule.
11. Develop the annual academic calendar.
12. Establish grading policies and evaluate grading practices.

SPORTS CLUB COMMITTEE (Appointed thus far: Doug Eckhardt) Committee duties are to:

1. Deal with non-intercollegiate club sports.
2. Deal with the organization and supervision of club sports.
3. Approve the appointment of a faculty sponsor to the club.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE composed of the Head Librarian, five faculty members and two students. (Appointed thus far: Wayne Brower) Committee duties are to:

1. Work to increase the use of the library and library materials by faculty members and students.
2. Adopt the annual allocations of library book budget funds.
3. Consider book and periodicals order requests which the head librarian presents for advice.
4. Consider proposals to withdraw a book from the collection or place it on restricted circulation.
5. Carry on a continuing evaluation of the library holdings, services, and facilities.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE composed of the Dean of Students, five faculty members, and five students. (Appointed thus far: Jay Van Groningen) Committee duties are to:

1. Assume responsibility for developing institution-wide programs, which would include
 - a. Lecture Series
 - b. Film Series
 - c. Fine Arts Festival
 - d. Exhibits - arts, museum, natural science, etc.
 - e. Travelogue Series
 - f. Faculty-Student Forum
 - g. Ad Hoc Special Events
 - h. Graduation
2. Assume responsibility for scheduling by
 - a. Arranging and publishing a Master Schedule for the forthcoming year
 - b. Approving and scheduling requests for additional major events during the school year
3. Assume responsibility for co-ordinating the programs and activities of campus organizations, which will retain the responsibility of developing their own programs, by way of calendar placement and inclusion in promotional materials. Organizations which will continue to assume responsibility for the development of their own programs are
 - a. Instructional Enrichment Programs - through the Dean of the college in CMA-- for purposes of receiving and dispensing special events information
 - b. Giving consideration to the promotion and publicity of the schedule of special events

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE composed of the College Pastor, five faculty members, and five students. (Appointed thus far: Randy Brouwer) Committee duties are to:

1. Establish policies governing the conduct of chapel exercises and administer such policies under the direction of the College Pastor.
2. Under the direction of the College Pastor have charge of all chapel exercises, including all who participate in these exercises.
3. Develop and administer a complete program of religious activities for Dordt students.
4. Promote regular church attendance among the students.

TEACHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE composed of the Education Department chairman, a minimum of five faculty members, and two students. (Appointed thus far: Lee Luhrs) Committee duties are to:

1. Study and evaluate the teacher education program in the light of accreditation and Iowa Department of Public Instruction standards.
2. Establish and administer policies governing:
 - a. Admission to the Teacher Education Program
 - b. Retention in the Teacher Education Program
 - c. Recommendation for certification
3. Establish and administer policies governing student teaching.
4. Promote, among faculty members and students, a unified attitude toward teacher education and a greater awareness of teaching as a responsible career.
 - a. By acting as a liaison between all departments and the education department.
 - b. By developing materials which provide information on the different fields of teaching.
 - c. By conducting other activities which promote interest in teacher education.

STUDENT PERSONNEL COMMITTEE composed of the Dean of Students, five faculty members, and five students. (Appointed thus far: Craig Shannon and Gail Stockmeier) Committee duties are to:

1. Establish policies governing student housing.
2. Consider provision for student health needs.
3. Develop policies governing the use of the Student Union.
4. Establish rules and regulations which govern student behavior and dress codes.
5. Consider infractions of regulations and administer disciplinary measures.

STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE composed of the Dean of Students, five faculty members, and five students. (Appointed thus far: Roger Tinklenberg and Barb Eskes) Committee duties are to:

1. Develop a well-balanced, co-ordinated program of student extracurricular activities.
2. Establish and administer policies governing student extracurricular activities.
3. Establish and administer policies governing the establishment of student clubs.
4. Deal with all matters relating to the Student Association.
 - a. Elections
 - b. Class organization
 - c. Student Council
5. Establish and administer policies governing student publications and exercise supervision over them.

The Breaking of the Counter Culture

by Syd Hielema

The Dust of Death by Os Guinness, 419 pages, Intervarsity Press, \$4.95. Available at the Dugout.

An important part of our task as Christian students has always been the mandate to "test the spirits" of our age, as we are commanded to in the first letter of John. This calling is certainly not an easy one in an age filled with spirits of every colour and shade. Behind the voices speaking over the air or in print there often are wolves in sheep's clothing. Our job is to separate the black and the white in a gray world.

Any amateur spirit-tester would do well to read *The Dust of Death* by Os Guinness. Guinness, a colleague of Francis Schaeffer (rationalism) and Switzerland is an up-to-date scholar who has rationalism believes that human reason used for scientific study will result in continual progress towards an eventual Utopia. In reality the result has been the technological society with its frantic dehumanizing life-style. Sensing the failure of rationalism a pessimistic spirit existentialism surfaced in Europe. In America, where optimism seems to reign no matter how bad the situation is, rationalism was not seriously questioned until after World War II. Even so, only in the past five years have critiques of our technological jungle such as *Greening of America* and *Future Shock* gained widespread popularity. Ironically, but perhaps inevitably, both of these books maintain a streak of optimism, particularly the former.

If rationalism and the resulting technocracy are found wanting, there must be a new vision--a new life style--which maintains the optimism of these writers. Probably the greatest strength of *The Dust of Death* is Guinness' description and critique of these new spirits.

He begins with the Beatnik movement, a protest group centered in San Francisco during the fifties. Their own life-style was centered around pot, mescaline, sex and booze with a little Zen Buddhism thrown in for added flavor. Though their identity centered more on their reaction to the establishment than on their alternative life-style, they still claim importance because they fathered the counter-culture of the sixties. Eventually they set the stage for groups such as the New Left, the SDS, and the hippies.

Guinness then takes four chapters to delve into four aspects of the counter culture, the use of violence, the embracing of Eastern religions, the important role of drugs, and the experiments with the occult.

The counter culture first appeared in the headlines with the student riots and demonstrations of the mid sixties. To them, violence was a necessity, it served as "a cleansing force" to work their frustrations out of their system. Silent Majority America did not agree. They felt more in accord with an ironic quote Guinness has taken from a radio announcer: "Violence has no place in America! Anyone who preaches violence should be shot like a dog!" Counter culturalists eventually also realized that violence served no useful purpose. In their search for new outlet, they turned to the East.

The appeal of the Orient is obvious. Rejecting a Western culture which emphasizes individualism, human reason, and the resultant destruction of creation, the counter culture embraced the Eastern emphasis on the unity of the universe, and consequently, also on ecology. The rationalism which had left so many spiritually sterile was being replaced by a more fulfilling mysticism. Guinness includes an introductory exploration into the nature of Eastern religions, concluding that the East provides no exit for Western man.

If the West is in bad shape, and the East is, in many ways, the opposite of the West, the conclusion is not that the East is in good shape. The two are simply at opposing ends of a pendulum, and both ends are swinging away from the truth of the Word of God. If individualism is wrong, so is universalism. If man is not an independent god, neither is he "nowhere a somewhatness for anyone" as a Buddhist declared himself to be.

Guinness asserts that the East does not hold the answer to the West. Many who have searched there have already returned disillusioned. The East says nothing about Western social and political struggles. The pace of life in the West is much too fast for the Eastern consciousness. Through drug usage the Oriental

Guinness includes a history of marijuana in his drug chapter, a section which provides useful background information. Many have objected to drug usage because of the seeming danger involved. By and large this has been due to an over-reaction from mainstream America. (The number of heroin deaths is phenomenal, but Guinness is speaking mainly about marijuana, mescaline, and LSD.) A better objection might be that searching for a new consciousness through drugs is simply futile because drugs can only provide a temporary experience. A Guinness quote from a first time user illustrates this: "The awakening (after the trip) to serious, sober consciousness was genuinely shocking. I had forgotten I was a man! The sadness of such an irreconcilable situation was so intense that I wept." Guinness does not think that these objections make it valid for him to say "Thou shalt not take drugs." He says that they are simply unnecessary and unhelpful in a Christian life-style.

Many counter culturists who have found drugs unhelpful are now searching deeper, exploring the occult. The reality of the is what rationalistic America often finds the most difficult to accept. Though much of it may be hoax, there have been too many "weird happenings" for us to conclude that all occultism is phony. The Apostle Paul advises the Ephesians that "our fight is not against human foes, but against cosmic powers, against the authorities and potentates of this dark world, against the superhuman forces of evil in the heavens." John of Patmos warns us to beware of occult forces and of false prophets.

The popularity of the occult demonstrates most clearly how important it is for man to find some deep, religious meaning for his existence. What would induce people to undergo gruesome rituals in overgrown cemeteries, chopping off their fingers, skinning cats or even sacrificing a stray tramp who will never be reported missing? It could be that satanism or rituals of the occult are more spiritually fulfilling than rationalism, but are they also more fulfilling than Christianity?

The Dust of Death deals mainly with exposing the hopelessness of the counter-culture alternative. Guinness makes it clear that he is not criticizing this movement to make conservative America feel comfortable. By far the majority of this nation belong to the latter group. It is our task to test the spirits present here also and to run our own third race.

For many, the answer is yes. Too many people do not have a correct understanding of Christianity. In his next chapter, Guinness discusses the failure of Christians to truly preach the Word. To many in the counter culture, Christianity is simply a part of the establishment. Christians must be running the third race, distinct from the establishment, but also distinct from the anti-establishment. Only this third race can satisfy the sterility of America on the one hand and the endless searching on the other.

THALIANS DRAFT SCHEDULE Students Fill In

Activities abound this year for those interested in drama and acting. There will be a range in variety consisting of a comedy, improvisation, and new methods in set production.

Beginning with the "Old Creamery" production, students will get a chance to try out their improvisational ability. The "Old Creamery" director, Tom Johnson, will arrive Friday evening. He will be trying a new concept called "Story Theater". No plans are made in advance. The director will introduce a story and ask Dordt students to improvise as characters and formulate lines while following his stage directions.

On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22, in accordance with "Student Involvement Week," there will be an intense workshop in preparation for the performance to be given Saturday evening. The "Old Creamery" perform their own acts Saturday evening between those done by the Dordt students. If facilities are available, a supper will be served in

CI06 during the performance.

On October 11-15, students can view the comedy "The Odd Couple." For academic reasons the play was chosen as a basis for freshman study. The audience will be slightly limited and advertising won't be extensive.

A new method has begun this year of working on the sets in conjunction with the practices of the play. Those students interested in learning or working on sets can come from 2:00-4:00 afternoons and some evenings.

Thalians, besides performing, are finding time for entertainment. Thalian members and other students will be gone Sept. 14 and 15 to attend the performances of "Beckett" and "The Government Inspector" at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. "Beckett" is concerned with an 11th century conflict between church and state and "The Government Inspector" is a Russian comedy.

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Fair Displays Clubs

As part of Student Involvement Week, the Club Fair will be held this year on Thursday, September 20. In CI60, from 7 p.m. on, the different clubs will attempt to show the relation between clubs and the academic community.

"The clubs are not an extension but an integral part of the academic community," Roger Tinklenberg, one of the Coordinators, commented.

The Fair provides a fine opportunity for each student to look into some clubs. The clubs, in turn, can present their

programs and try to recruit new members.

The thirteen participating clubs will have booths, and the opportunity to give presentations on a center stage at various times during the evening. The Sports Club and the Dordt Publications are also invited to enter a display.

The message of this year's Club Fair is the following: Clubs are for any interested student—they are part of student life and not something tagged on.

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Theater Pushes For Club Status

Contests are coming soon for students interested in reading literature from script, as a group or as an individual. The contests are open to all Dordt students, and attendance in speech class is not mandatory for joining the club.

Reader's Theater can be done with any number of people. Individuals can also participate by reading literature in Oral Interpretation events.

At Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Saturday, October 13 an Oral Interpretation Festival and Reader's Theater Festival will be held. Dr. Coger, who has written a manual on Reader's Theater, will be critiquing. She believes

in a freer Reader's Theater. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. and the finals of Oral Interpretation are at 6:00 p.m. and Reader's Theater at 9:00 p.m.

Moving on to Mankato, Minnesota in November, students will involve themselves in Oral Interpretation and Extemporaneous Oratory.

Some of the intents of Reader's Theater this year are club status, and a desire for better organization under direct faculty sponsorship. This will eliminate short notice preparation of Reader's Theater in practicing and presentations.

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A program, erroneously scheduled for Saturday, September 1 as part of Orientation Week, failed to materialize. Due to the opening of schools the committee could not obtain a group of musicians for the evening.

Students, however, gathered in the Student Union Building Lounge for the event. After a long wait many students, bored and perturbed, picked up and left. A segment stayed behind as several students hauled out their musical instruments. Then, in a sing-a-long, the students spontaneously united in praise.

Mr. L. Van Noord, Assistant to the Dean of Students, said that the sing-a-long was evidence of the type of attitude "we're trying to make here at Dordt."

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Pre-Sem For All

Looking forward to another year, the Pre-Sem Club held its organizational meeting Monday night. Gerald De Graaf, club president, led the meeting. Matters discussed were club trips to various seminaries, and what to do for regular meetings. Tapes by Frances Schaffer were suggested and approved as a possibility. Written suggestions were handed in by all present. A new faculty representative was tentatively elected.

It was also stressed that the club is open to everyone, male and female, and that the student body should be made to feel welcome all the time.

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Mission Club Hosts Andrews

On Wednesday, September 5, Rev. and Mrs. E. Andrews favored the Mission Club with a slide presentation and short talk on their mission work in Taiwan. Approximately 100 people, consisting of Dordt students as well as community people, attended the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrews are sponsored by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Rev. Andrews clearly presented the problems and the joys they confront in their work. He also stressed the great need for missionaries in Taiwan. "The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few."

The presentation and slides were well received. A light lunch and informal discussion followed the meeting.

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Dugout Digs In

The return of Dordt Students sparked the re-originating from Wedge opening of a small book-Publishing Company store in Sioux Center. in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Reformational Dugout. A non-profit organization, books are sold at Elite Barbershop, 10-3rd almost cost price. This St., N.E., is dedicated year the staff has also to encourage Christian made available a wide selection of used paperbacks oriented education among at a minimal price.

Store hours are from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The "Dugout" staff encourages Dordt students to make use of their service.

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Library Dahm

Collection Grows

The Dordt College Library has on display a special collection of current literature known as the Dahm Collection of the New York Times Lead Reviews. Mrs. Julia Dahm of Pella, Iowa provides an annual sum of money for the purchase of these books. Through this gift Mrs. Dahm hopes Dordt students and faculty will be able to keep abreast of books being reviewed in the New York Times Book Review. The Dahm Collection can be seen near the library entrance where the staff displays all new books.

Some of the titles in the Dahm Collection are:

Swanberg, W. A., Luce and His Empire, a full-length account of the well-known and controversial journalist...

Libman, Lillian, And Music at the Close, a memoir of Stravinsky's last years...

Wills, Gary, Bare, Ruined Choirs, crisis in the American Catholic Church linked to the crisis in American civilization...

Bill, Quentin, Virginia Woolf, A Biography...

Halberstam, David, The Best and the Brightest, why America got involved in the Vietnam war...

Truman, Margaret, Harry S. Truman...

Hinton, William, Hundred Day's War, The Cultural Revolution at Tsinhua University, a study from within; revolution by the Chinese Red Guards...

Fairlie, Henry, The Kennedy Promise: The Politics of Expectation, challenges many common notions about the late president...

Gerson, Noel B., Daughter of Earth and Water, a new biography of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley...

Fuchs, Estelle, To Live On This Earth, a survey of American Indian education and current Federal Indian programs....

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DORDT'S ENROLLMENT DROPS

Dordt's campus suddenly became very active again the last week in August as students from 25 states, 5 Canadian provinces and Mexico arrived to begin the 1973-74 school year.

The total number of students enrolled is 893, approximately what had been predicted. Below is a table showing class divisions and geographical distribution of Dordt College students:

To teach all the courses required by approximately 900 students, Dordt College employs a staff of 54 faculty members.

	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
Fresh.	126	181	307
Soph.	105	121	226
Juniors	91	89	180
Seniors	85	91	176
Special	2	4	6
Total	409	486	895

Arizona	8	New Jersey	16
Calif.	51	New York	6
Colorado	32	N. Carolina	6
Delaware	1	N. Dakota	7
Florida	1	Oregon	3
Illinois	60	Penn.	3
Indiana	9	S. Dakota	43
Iowa	280	Washington	61
Kansas	6	Wisconsin	37
Mass.	2	Alberta	38
Michigan	66	Br. Columbia	21
Minn.	77	Manitoba	7
Montana	1	Ontario	19
Nebraska	26	Pr. Edw. Isl.	1
New Mex.	1	Mexico	2

sth TOTAL: 895

Double Standard Lifted

Many Dordt students are taking advantage this fall of Dordt's newly-revised smoking policy. Girls are now allowed to smoke in the Student Union Building and outdoors on campus, privileges not given them in previous years. As before, however, smoking is not allowed in any building on campus except West Hall and the SUB.

The general reaction of students toward giving girls this smoking privilege is favorable. One girl explained, "I think it's about time. The double standards of previous years didn't portray what Dordt is really here for. At Dordt, a college which tries to promote a Christian perspective of life, these

double standards aren't compatible."

Guys reacted quite similarly, one commenting: "It's up to the girls; I don't care." Another mentioned the need for equality of the sexes. "I think either everybody should be allowed to smoke, or nobody."

A second change being seriously considered by Dordt officials is that of designating North Hall to be a Boy's dorm and making West Hall a co-ed dormitory like it was 10 years ago. This would make more dorm rooms available for occupation by guys in coming years and would also give more upperclass girls the opportunity to live off-campus.

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IN SYMPATHY

Bonnie Abma, Dordt College Freshman, returned home Sept. 5 to attend the funeral services of her 20 year old brother, Mike. Her brother was killed in a head on collision in British Columbia. The accident is believed to have been caused by a mechanical failure. The funeral was this past Saturday in Agassiz, B.C., Canada. Bonnie returned to Dordt Tuesday.

Rev. J.B. Hulst, college pastor, expressed sympathy and requested for Bonnie and her family the prayers of the student body in a chapel announcement last week.

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MISSION CLUB KICKS OFF

Saturday, September 15, the Mission Club will sponsor a retreat at Oak Grove. Rev. Hodgson, advisor of the Mission Club, will speak about "Our Mission at Dordt."

The event is intended to be the kick-off for the Mission Club. All Dordt students are welcome.

Besides the speaker, there will be discussion and prayer groups. Also scheduled are skits, games, a bonfire, singing and free time.

Sign-up sheets are posted at various places on campus. Cars will leave from the Commons at 2 P.M. to return at 9 P.M.

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Coming

A new event on Dordt Campus, called Student Involvement Week, is scheduled for September 17-21. Rev. Hulst explained that it was designed to promote the student's "involvement in the entirety of life at Dordt College."

For Monday, September 17, a freshmen re-orientation is scheduled, followed by an explanation of study concepts by various faculty members. Discussions will take place afterwards.

Tuesday, the academic side of college will be emphasized. What programs are available at Dordt? Which careers do these programs prepare the student for? What kind of post-graduate schools are available?

These questions will be answered in Career Cluster Sectionals. The student can select 2 out of 16 different sectionals. Each sectional is centered around a certain area as Mathematics, Music and Foreign Language.

Monday's activities are compulsory for freshmen, as are Tuesday's. Sophomores are urged to attend on Tuesday, while for juniors and seniors it is optional.

Also planned for Student Involvement Week are the Club Fair and performances by the Old Creamery Theatrical Group.

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The Way Out

by Gail Stockmeier

After a summer's saturation with Watergate, my natural inclination is to be unique by ignoring it and writing about something -- anything -- else. But I can't resist incorporating its most melancholy residual with Iowa's hottest scoop. Present--Political Disillusionment.

Watergate's "most melancholy residual" is the bitter and skeptical spirit that it has created. This spirit is directed toward both political leaders and the news media. Nearly everyone distrusts either the politicians or the media, or both. Somebody is lying or distorting. The tapes tantalize us with the prospect of trustworthy TRUTH, but the complexities of our political processes deny us access.

It's not just the American public who is frustrated with American politics. We hear Watergate witnesses advise young people not to enter government careers. They, too, reflect disillusionment. Many professional politicians flail out impotently against injustice, and become resigned to dirty power politics.

Iowa's "hottest scoop" speaks to me of a form of disillusionment. Senator Harold Hughes has announced his departure from politics. He will not seek reelection, but will instead pursue the life of an "unsalaried religious lay-worker." He wants to devote his life "to a cause I feel is more worthy," he told a news conference. He says, "I believe that

I can move people through a spiritual approach more effectively than I have been able to achieve through the political approach." He says that in his new career he "will have the freedom to do whatever I feel called by God to do." Didn't he have freedom to serve God's will as a politician? Didn't politics enable him to "move people"? Apparently not to his satisfaction. Senator Hughes feels called to change his occupation. I respect this call. But I hope that other Christians don't conclude that Christian political activity is hopeless and unrewarding.

A spirit of bitterness, skepticism and disillusionment should not characterize us as Christians when we look at our political climate in general, and the Watergate storm in particular. We must be moved by political disobedience, not resigned to embittered paralysis. We must be moved to speak of The Way, to point The Way, to travel The Way---The Way of obedience to Christ's will for politics.

SOME PRELIMINARIES

by Julius De Jager



There is a certain excitement at Dordt College this year. People are renewing old friendships and meeting strangers. Professors, gone for years of study, have returned with a stronger determination to do their best. The hordes of freshmen are acquainting themselves with the college and the community. Introductory lectures have been given and notes taken in crisp, new notebooks. Even Mr. Koekkoek broke down and bought himself a gigantic map of England. Everyone is willing to bury the hatchet, so to speak, and start this year on a clean slate.

I hate to sound pessimistic in this sea of optimism, but there are certain matters still left unsolved, not only from last year, but years before which need to be discussed and acted upon. Perhaps in the past the problems were not put forward well enough and too much personal coloring entered the pic-

ture. This I hope to avoid. But what I will not avoid is to make people aware of the problems, especially those that pertain to sports, that are found on Dordt's campus.

During the course of the year, many questions will be raised on this page. Raised, not for some personal revenge or a general desire to undo any work in this area, but for a heart-felt concern to promote a sense of Christian responsibility and justice, especially in the area of sports. Granted, there is going to be disagreement, but let's not hate each other for it. If you have a differing opinion, write to The Diamond, tap the fellow on the shoulder or sit down over a cup of coffee and discuss the problem among yourselves, but don't remain silent and furious inside. Let's keep communication lines open.

IM: READY FOR ACTION

During an interview with the Intramural Council, The Diamond learned that the Council was pleased with the turnout for the first events, especially Men's Touch-football and Women's Fast-pitch softball. A total of 13 football teams signed up and 11 softball teams, com-

pared to last year's 6 softball teams. The 100-Mile Run saw mainly freshmen sign up with the usual low numbers of upper-classmen. These activities have already started. The results will be posted in the next Diamond issue. The Council also hopes that the strong turn-out

will be maintained through the year. I-M activities are first of all for the participation of the largest number of people on campus in sports and the Council is very generous in awarding participation points for this reason. I-M is a great way to stay in shape, so everyone is urged to support their class.

In case someone would like to make suggestions or air an opinion, the people on the Council this year are Mr. Syne Altena, director, Nancy Mathias, Clarence Oudman, Rachel Holleman, and Jim Geritsma.

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GOLF CLUB: TEEING OFF

Although plagued by scheduling problems, the Dordt College Golf Club is planning to have a 5-match season this fall. At the moment no matches have been scheduled although faculty advisor, Mr. N. De Jong expects some confirmations this week-end. The team appears to be ready to play. Four of the

five players were with the team last year and the addition of Pete Reedyk from Lethbridge, Alta., fills up the ranks. Advisor DeJong is optimistic. He feels that with a summer's practice behind the team, they could present problems to their competitors. We hope so.

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SOCCER KICKS OFF

ON SATURDAY

Saturday is the season opener for Dordt's Soccer Club. Organized quickly this year, the club has put in two weeks of practice and is getting prepared for a grueling season. Sweating on the field under the watchful eye of Coach Hank Vander Kraats, the team is showing the potential required to climb in the standings. The addition of freshmen and transfer students has given the club a depth it has never had before.

The game with Southwest Minnesota State U. this weekend should show just how much potential the club has. SWMS has been a strong opponent last year and plays a stylish game. Last year, the two teams played to a 1-1 tie.

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Cross Country Prepares

Sandy Hollow Golf Course by Mr. Rhoda, the team is releasing its grip on those "local pros" and is witnessing an invasion of a new breed of men. Those taking over the course are fleet-footed men of endurance of Dordt's Cross-Country team. Practicing each day by running four miles a day, if not more, the team is getting prepared for some stiff competition this year. Coached

by Mr. Rhoda, the team hopes to maintain their reputation of good runners and seeks to improve whenever they can. At this time a schedule has not been completely worked out although the first meet will probably be held within the next week. The team members must certainly be commended for their willingness to compete in such a sport.

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Dordt College Soccer Club 1973 Schedule

Sept. 15	S. W. M. S. U. at DORDT	10:30am
Sept. 19	DORDT at U. S. D. (Vermillion)	1:30pm
Oct. 11	Morningside at DORDT	7:00pm
Oct. 15	DORDT at Northwestern	10:00am
Oct. 20	DORDT at Augustana	10:00am

All home games will be played on the Sioux Center Athletic Field.