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BOERSMA ANNOUNCES EXPANSION

A representative of Deild, Grant, Reckart, & associates, architects of Rock Rapids, will open sealed bids for the construction of more new facilities on the Dordt campus. Mr. Neal Boersma, business manager of the college, announced in an interview last Wednesday. Future facilities include a new 200-bed dormitory and addition to the commons dining hall.

The dormitory will be identical to the present women's dorm, North Hall, and will be located between the auditorium parking lot and the dining hall, thus completing the planned semicircle of dorms about the dining hall. It has not been decided whether the occupants will be women or men. Mr. Boersma stated that this fact is dependent upon enrollment data for the 1969-70 school year. The contract is explicit about the completion date. One-half of the dorm must be completed by Sept. 1, 1969.

The dining hall addition to be added to the west side of the present building. This second annexation to the original commons will include dining area plus private rooms for committee meetings and luncheons. Completion date for this phase of

Library Adds Micro

There is a new addition to the library this year. It is a microfilm library. It consists of 469 separate films of back issues of periodicals which are no longer in print. There are between 8 and 138 volumes of a given periodical on each film. Everything from The Saturday Evening Post to Plant Physiology is available.

Last year, each department head was given his choice of three or four microfilms which pertained to his field. This gave the microfilm library something for almost every field taught here at Dordt.

The total cost for the films was \$4,100. Each one costs between \$3.50 and \$5.50 with the exception of The Journal of Chemical Physics and The Physical Review which cost \$26 and \$40 each, respectively. The cost was sustained by a government grant.

There is much potential in the investment of the microfilm library. The number of out-of-print books and periodicals is endless, binding cost is almost nil, and the storage space is next to nothing.

The project and the completion of the dorm is Sept. 1, 1970, according to the contract.

Delving into the finances of the project, Mr. Boersma said that the total estimated cost is \$680,000. The federal government

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HOPEFULS POLISH PLANKS

While Dordt's Convention for Student Council Representatives on Tuesday, October 15, did not quite rival the Democrats', it did display a good measure of noise, excitement, and confusion. Aside from the usual shouting, clapping, and foot-stamping, candidates were hailed with everything from fanfares to balloon-popping as students supported their choices. The Tuesday convention was the climax to a week of campaign posters, political arguments, and "Who're you gonna vote for's" on the Dordt campus.

Opening the Senior Convention, Chairman Wayne Kobes led a brief period of devotions. Gerry Ebbers, Bob Hoekstra, Agnes Siebenga, Don Sinnema, and Clarene Van Zanten--candidates for Student Council mentioned the Signet, Arete, a Dordt Chapel building, and a new Student Union building. The emphasis of the candidates was that responsible leadership for underclassmen should come from the Senior class.

The Junior Class (that is, the 40% of them present) held a quiet convention and listened to the campaign speeches of candidates Karen Bokhoven, Barb De Blaey, Thane De Stigter, Harry Fernhout, John Hull, and Mick Knierim. Most of the candidates stressed the need for students to be interested in what the Council does and express their opinions to Council members. Among specific issues mentioned were: the need for more school spirit, homecoming, longer library hours, and the Signet finances.

Following an active poster campaign, the Sophomore class finally went into their Convention to hear what the candidates had to say for themselves. Larry Meyer, Gary Verhoef, Vickie Veurink, Virg Van Esen, Herm Van Niejenhuis, and Dennis Van Voorst all willingly offered their services to the class. Some of the candidates simply promised to do their best while

others outlined elaborate plans of action. Issues brought into the light included everything from unfair bookstore prices to mice in the girls' dorm. Post-convention demonstrations were seriously hampered by the rain.

After a word of prayer and Scripture, the Freshman class began somberly though often boisterously, to hear and evaluate candidates for Student Council Representatives. In general, candidates claimed that, since as Freshmen they were ignorant of the big issues, they would stay away from them. Promises, however, ranged from putting doors on boys dorm closets to taking the proposed new Commons building off the planning board and making it reality. Those running for Freshman Representative were Martin Contant, Dave Cummings, Guy DeHaan, Fenton Groen, Elsy Nederlof, Tom Stampli, and Jackie Van Veen.

EDITORIAL

John Strikwerda

"We love because He first loved us." I John 4:19

"Make love, not war!" read the placards carried by Vietnam protestors. The hippies' entire philosophy is peripheral to its vertex of love. From the podiums of discontent and revolution come exclamations of the power of love. Ask today's youth for the answer to contemporary problems and love will make its inevitable appearance. The Humanist, the Socialist, and the Communist speak of love with the greatest admiration and respect. The evidence is all around us. Love is "in"! Love is the answer.

Why then, does the world remain in the confusion and turmoil which presently exists? The answer to this question is relatively simple but, as with much of life, the obvious is very often the most difficult to perceive. Love, to be a moving force in world affairs, must have a foundation; a basis upon which to rest securely and from which to draw its lifeblood. It is at this point where the secularized love breaks down.

What is the basis of the modern concept of love? A Platonic ideal? A metaphysical perception? A transcendental being? As a house built on sand is susceptible to destruction.

so love, built on an abstract ambiguity, is certain to be washed away by its inherent weakness. The only rock strong enough to assume the weight of love is God. What better a foundation for love than He who is love? I John 4:8b.

Love created the world. Man desecrated it. Love upheld the world. Man destroyed it. Yet love will stroyed it. Love redeemed the world. Man condemned it. Yet love will finally overcome and He who created in love will then also glorify in love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16. It is because of God's great gift of love that man is able to live a life of love through the Holy Spirit. And then man can also say with Paul: "But now abideth faith, hope, and love, these three, and the greatest of these is love." I Cor. 13:13.

VISITORS PRAISE DORDT

Quite frequently we see high school students and their pastors touring our campus. We often wonder what impression we make upon outsiders. I recently had the opportunity to visit with Rev. Sanders and a group of young people from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Winner, S. Dak. while they toured Dordt.

There was so little criticism of our college it made me wonder why we students complain. Their range of comments ran from the excellent new gym and science building to the soft pillows that the girls slept on the night before. The library was highly praised by one of the girls. Rev. Sanders could have listened to the band all day if he hadn't had other things to do.

The unusual comments about Dordt in the spectator's eyes were the prayers before class, the adequacy of the outside activities, and the cordiality of the students. There was a general concensus that the faculty seemed very

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Recently the following incident was brought to my attention:

It was a typically windy day. One of Dordt College's weary students was casually wandering nowhere. That was typical too. At any rate, he found himself walking in the vicinity of the local Baptist church, when a sheet of paper fluttered by. He picked it up and began to read:

Hey, Screwtape.

Yeah, Wormwood, you ol' devil, you?

Did you hear that our man O'Malley's been crusading for law and order at Dordt College?

What college?

Dordt College. The one Esquire listed as being "where the action ain't". The one where they go on those retreats all the time. It's really catching on--even their mission club's doing it now.

Must be some kind of a new fad, huh?

No. It's really refreshing to see a retreat in action.

I organize 'em whenever I can.

No wonder they don't bother using LSD there.

Yeah. Dordt's really quite a place. It's hard to believe.

Hear about their new ra-

dio station? It features educational, cultural, and even religious programs.

Man, they think of everything down there, do they?

Yeah, everything seems to be pretty well air-tight now.

That's good. We've got to fill in a few little chinks yet, though. Their chapel attendance dropped another one-and-a-half percentage points last week. I believe there were a few beards, moustaches, and sideburns, too.

Let's get O'Malley to take care of those little odds and ends this week, okay?

Sure. He'll come through for us. Maybe we could get his horse to help out, too. Smart animal, that one. Must be because of all the intellectual activity on campus.

He's trained well, that for sure. Goes around routing promiscuity.

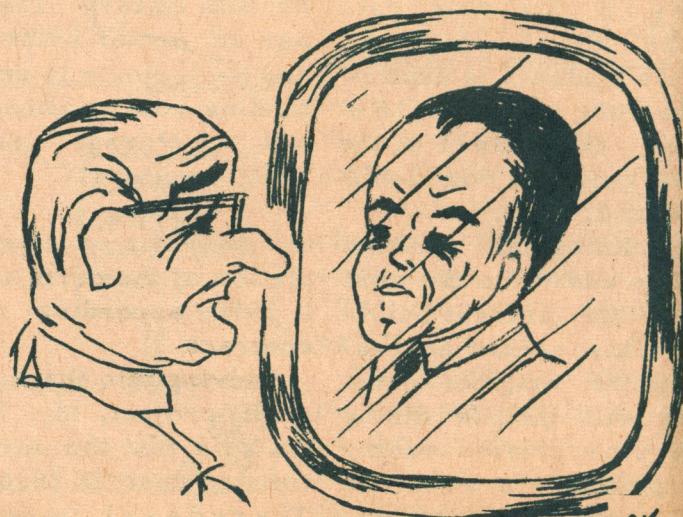
Promiscuity? At Dordt? Yeah. You know, hand holding, kissing...; it's awful.

This horse knocks the wind out of those intellectual agitators, too. They've been learning entirely too much about our Cause lately.

Well, let's hit the sack. We'll give O'Malley a few hundred bucks. He'll shave those sideburns off for us.

Goodnight, Screwtape. Good NIGHT, Wormwood.

Jack Van Vliet



MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL...



Wes Seerveld

the Christian answer to the question, Vietnam or Unjust, can only be ascertained by first determining from God's and the Christian positions (how something used) of the norms (ob- tory rules of conduct) a state conducting war. or, as Christians, being that all of creation God's, which He has ictured with different Spheres--Political ere, Economic Sphere, --that demand speci- norms of action, leads o conclude that there norms not only for a tical party and labor on, but also for war. the Christian posi- tions of the norms are erted, we, as Chris- as, have God's com- to change the pre- t pervertedness to the istian established posi- zations of the norms. , as Christians, we st bring about change by revolution and vio- ce, which means the rthrow of national law, reformationally, that change based upon 's Word and accomp- ed within the frame- k of national law. nce the norms for a e conducting war have n formulated, we then eed to determine by king at the historical olding of the Vietnam e, whether or not we justified in fighting re, according to the istian positivizations the norms of war. If s shown that the Viet- n War is a perversion he Christian positiv- ions of the norms for r, we must change the esent perversion, not violence, but under ional law, with all our ughts and actions based n God's Word.

LYRIC SINGERS OPEN SERIES

Tom Stampfli

On October 9, at 8:00 p.m., the curtain rose on the first concert of the Sioux County Concert Series. The performing group was Carl Olsen and the Lyric Singers. One could not judge the entire concert by its opening numbers. Mozart's "The Magic Flute" was an overture using the "tongue in cheek" technique sung in a gay but slightly serious tone. The one thing that dominated the selection was the harsh and shrill tones emanating from the group. The sopranos sounded especially shrill and tight as if over-extending their range. Though off to a bad start, as the concert progressed, the Lyric Singers showed some ability for sensitivity. The quartet's blend added to the effect and was done musically.

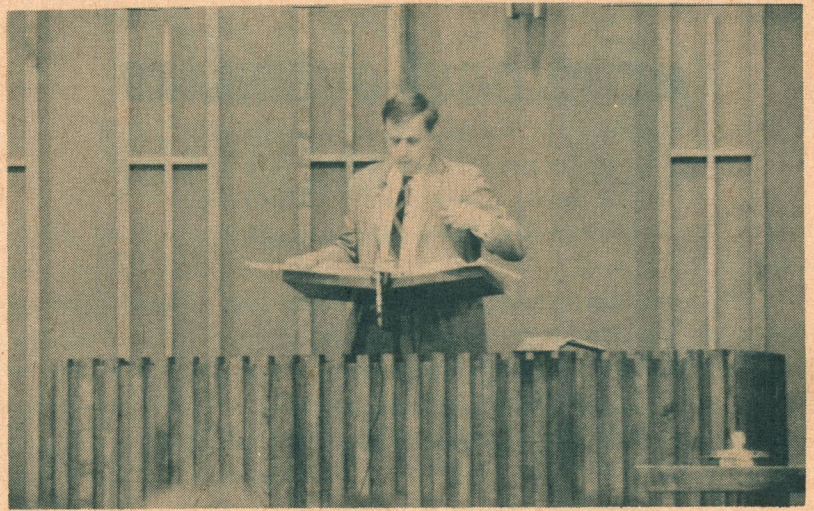
Dan Entrihan, tenor, showed exceptional talent in the clarity and mellow tone of his high range. The highlights of the concert were those of the piano rendition done by Mr. Stanford Beneson and "Old Man River" sung by Keith Cota. The finale, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", brought a finish to the concert. Once warmed up, the Lyric Singers did a bearable job. Unfortunately, it took half of the concert to do so.

SC CLOSES YEAR

The 1967-1968 Student Council held its final meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8. At the meeting election procedures were discussed and the selection of convention chairmen were approved.

On the calendar of Friday night activities is scheduled a Charity Night for Friday, Oct. 18. As before, the funds will be used for the Viet Nam project "Thank You." Looking ahead, the film, "The

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Dr. Seerveld makes a point during a lecture presented as part of the Tri-States Teachers' Institute.

SEERVELD SPEAKS OUT ON ART, BIBLE

The dismissal of classes on October 3 and 4 provided a welcome change of pace for students and faculty alike. The occasion was the annual Tri-State Christian Teachers Institute held on the Dordt campus. Teachers and administrators from over forty schools in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa attended the meetings.

Many students took the opportunity to go home for a short breather. However, the students who stayed and attended the lectures were glad they had done both.

Dr. Calvin Seerveld of Trinity gave an address Thursday morning on "The Relation of the Arts to the Presentation of Truth" which expressed the emphasis of the Institute this year. Dr. Seerveld also spoke Thursday evening on "How to Read and Not to Read the Bible" and led devotions Friday morning with a question and answer session following. For those already interested in what Dr. Seerveld has written, this was an excellent opportunity to listen to him in person.

THE LECTURES

At times one was left rather dazed in attempting to absorb the multitude of words which Dr. Seerveld tossed out with planned precision. Much of what he said was undoubtedly lost in the process of 'semantic decoding' by the audience. But, hopefully, these lectures will be printed so that they can be read at a slower pace.

After attending the evening lecture, one couldn't

help coming to the realization that Dr. Seerveld is a man with few equals. It would be impossible to give a completely accurate summary of his lectures; they are very difficult to "summarize." But after the lecture on the Bible, most of the audience left impressed with the concept of reading the Bible in a "Reformationally Christian" way.

THE MAN

When one talks with Dr. Seerveld in person, his appearance is reminiscent of a well-worn comfortable shoe. For those a bit awestruck, he can put one completely at ease and engage in easy conversation. He is unself-conscious in his allusions to other scholars and seems genuinely interested only in helping one as a student. At the same time he maintains an interest in what one is saying at the moment.

Dr. Seerveld and his brief stay at Dordt will be remembered for some time.

Karen Van Til

MONOLOGUE OVERHEARD

"Look at all the lonely people!"
mutters Father McKenzie
darning his socks by the fire,
"Where DO they all belong?"

Funny thing, those people out there
Rioting, Fornicating,
Tripping out
and wearing long hair--
it's STUPID.

Wouldn't it be wonderful
if they were all nice
and huddled in church
with us?

--"course they'd have
to wash their BODIES first
and smell like
well, smell like Christians,
you know and
and cut their hair
--circumscribe their heads,
you know, the old sign
of the COVENANT.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful
world then? They
wouldn't have to be
lonely--they'd have us!

No one has to be lonely,
in fact, I think it
should be against the law.

Yeah. Doesn't it say in
The Bible someplace
--Anyway, man's totally depraved,
AND THAT'S WRONG.

Charles W. Van Gorkom

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SIGMAS MEET

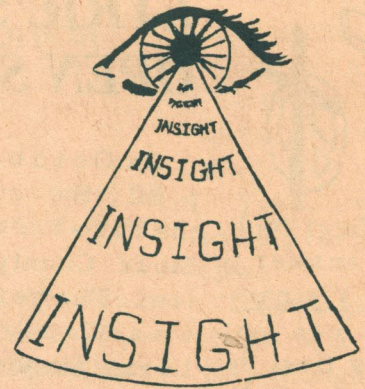
interested in the students personally and not just the subject they were teaching. Perhaps the one comment which we will take most pride in was from Rev. Sanders. "The name of Dordt College is increasing strongly in prestige among Reformed circles." He went on, "The Christian Reformed Church, The Reformed Church in the U.S., and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church are all speaking very highly of Dordt and its excellent faculty and are recommending it strongly to their young people.

Angie Opp

On Tuesday evening, October 8, the members of Phi Kappa Sigma, the future teacher's club, assembled in L201 for its organizational meeting. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president--Quentin Van Essen, vice pres.--Ron Vos, and secretary--Mary Gerritsma.

Rev. Taylor presented an informative lecture on the English educational system. He displayed the points of difference between aided and controlled Church of England schools and the many factors involving educational opportunities

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Myron Blon

A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE

Yonder in the Valley of the Shadow of Life
Over the Stream and
Under the Natural Bridge formed by Time.

Various Animals converse in whispered Animal-talk,
Elevating their Noses to indicate emphatic Points.

Blithely they talk about Problems that exist--
Expounding upon Solutions that might work,
Extending their Paws forward in eloquent Gestures, but
Never arriving at worthwhile Conclusions.

Heavenly Sunshine begins its Exodus from the Sky, and the
Animals return home from their daily Sojourn.
Darkness prevails.

TJAPKES ALERTS MISSION CLUB

Oak Grove was the site of the Mission Club Retreat on Saturday, October 12. About 50 students turned out for an inspiring and entertaining program. The speaker was Rev. Robert Tjapkes.

Rev. Tjapkes, a Christian Reformed minister in Orange City, gave a two-part speech on the questions "After SWIM What Should I Be Personally?" and "After SWIM What Activities, Careers, and Responsibilities

"These questions are important," said Rev. Tjapkes, "because no one who goes on SWIM returns the same as he was before because of experiences." He cautioned SWIMmers and students not to capsulize many experiences into 20 minutes and expect to convey our feelings to a person without our experience. "Many young people have not learned patience and humility.

Rev. Tjapkes commented that he would like to see more students participate in their home churches and Mission Club. "We all have the responsibility of

teaching the Word to others. There were other inspirational highlights as everyone found a quiet spot for personal devotion time and thanked God publicly in a campfire service.

There were also two discussion periods, one after each part of the speech. Interludes of games and singing, and sports and hiking rounded out the day.

The Retreat was concluded at the bonfire with brief meditation. The physically wearied but spiritually refreshed students then returned home.

Jake Van Breda



Ringerwole at the organ console

Ringerwole To Give Recital

Miss Joan Ringerwole, of the music faculty at Dordt College, will give recitals in the month of October. On the 18th, she will perform at Morningside College at 3 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium in Sioux City. Sunday, October 27 at 3:00, she will perform an exchange recital at Gustavus Adolphus College. The Aheic String Quartet will later perform at Dordt. Among the works Miss Ringerwole will perform are those by Beethoven, Langlais, Messiaen, Franck, Vierne and Pepping.

Tom Stampfli

(TAYLOR con. pg. 4) ... ed by the young English student. He ended by challenging Dordt graduates to seek teaching positions in the Church controlled schools of England.

As has been the custom in previous years, one Phi Kappa Sigma meeting will be held each month. Meetings will be centered around instructive and stimulating topics especially related to the interests and questions that Christian culture teachers here at Dordt may have. Controversial matters in the teaching field will be dealt with either by speakers, panels, or films. The executive committee including Mr. Norman De Jong and Mr. Verhage has already met and plans are in the making for a worthwhile year for our club.

Thalians Plan Drama Season

On Tuesday, October 22, Dordt Thalians will begin their new season with an Open House-Social. The evening will consist of a special play written and presented by several local youngsters, a brief look at the fall play, The Potting Shed, by Graham Greene, a lunch, and an opportunity to sign up for cast and crew for the coming production. There is a poster up by the bulletin board for those who wish to come. Interested people from all classes are cordially invited to attend the program, which begins at 7:30 in the Auditorium. There will be opportunity to sign up for either cast or crew Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 in the Auditorium, if you cannot make it to the meeting. Tryouts will be held Wednesday afternoon.

by David Sinclair

NEW DORM Cont. has granted a Federal Housing Loan to the college for the full amount. This loan bears 3% interest and will be amortized over a period of thirty years. The college, however, must raise \$25,000 to pay for all movable equipment in these buildings.

Mr. Boersma stressed the fact that the students themselves are helping to pay off the loan. Anyone living in either dormitory, eating in the dining hall or patronizing the snack bar is helping to raise a net profit which must be realized each year to amortize the loan. Thus those using these facilities are helping to pay for them.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Boersma noted that his door is open to all and any students who wish to find out in more detail the financing of this and other projects.

By Rich Ter Maat

TODAY'S WORLD



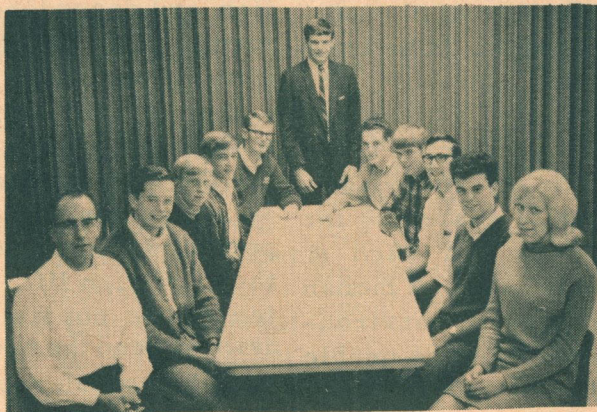
One of the most interesting phenomenon of this election year is the lack of agreement between the President of the United States and his vice-president. President Johnson and Hubert Humphrey teamed up in 1964 and seemed destined to be one of the most successful combinations in history. Yet this relationship has degenerated into one of extreme coldness toward each other and a conflict in policy. This breakup may be attributed to the fact that Humphrey is running for president this year, and he desires to free himself of an unpopular foreign policy and an unsatisfactory domestic policy. Humphrey, in order to establish his own identity, has been forced to repudiate his President's optimistic plans for his country's redemption.

This must have been very irksome and embar-

rassing for President Johnson. He had always wanted to go down in history as one of the great presidents of the United States; yet while he is still in office his vice-president is renouncing his policies. And since each is a stubborn and proud man, the differences have hardened.

This terrible schism in the Democratic Party will be the reason for the defeat of Hubert Humphrey. The Republicans will not win because Richard Nixon has such a sensational, wonderful platform or because he is campaigning so vigorously. The major candidates do not offer the electorate a well-defined choice. The records show that the majority of the electorate is Democratic. But the party split will be fatal for the Democratic Party. The Republicans will win by default.

by Willy Verhoef



ELECTION RESULTS

Following a poster-plastered campaign, the polls buzzed as Dordt's student body selected its 1968-69 government.

Campaign speeches, delivered on Tuesday evening paid off immediately for the nine candidates elected on the first ballot. Runoffs were held Thursday in the Freshman and Senior contests. The Diamond presents the '69-69 Student Council:

- Freshmen: 80%
 - Martin Contant
 - Guy De Haan
 - Fenton Groen
- Sophmores: 81%
 - Virgil Van Essen
 - Herm Van Niejenhuis
 - Gary Verhoef
- Juniors: 77%
 - Karen Bokhoven
 - Harry Fernhout
 - Michael Knierim
- Seniors: 90%
 - Gerald Ebbers
 - Agnes Siebenga
 - Don Sinnema



David Sinclair

Modern man seems to have two great fears: fear of being alone and fear of being unable to make his ideals and his reality coincide. These fears are beautifully and realistically portrayed in the film "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter." In this film the lives of four individuals are touched and healed by a deaf-mute who is, however, incapable of healing himself, and out of despair commits suicide.

The undoubted hero of the movie is John Singer, a deaf-mute. In order to help a friend, another deaf-mute, he must move to another city and take a room in a house owned by lower-class whites. His human compassion causes him to become involved in the lives of four people: Mike, the daughter of his landlords; Dr. Copeland, a Negro; his daughter, Portia; and a nameless drunk. Each of these characters is faced with the inability to cope with the reality of his individual situation. Mike longs for urbane glamour; Dr. Copeland has aspirations for his daughter; Portia wants a happy marriage; the drunk is searching for a direction. Yet each of these, because of human wretchedness or environmental conditions is unable to achieve his goal. Singer himself wants to be loved and needed, yet is only used and then ignored.

A key to the deeper meaning of this impotence can be obtained by pursuing one of the clues presented in the movie. The music of Mozart is used almost exclusively throughout the movie, and in both cases in which a piece of music is referred to by name, Mozart is the composer. Donald Jay Grout, in A History of Western Music, claims that Mozart's music is purely the working of his

inner, musical world, unaffected by the realities and hardships which affected him in the outer world. In other words, it was his attempt to make his ideal come true. The importance of this concept to the movie is obvious.

Undoubtedly, the second large reason for the frustration of the people in this movie is their inability to communicate. This is seen especially in the case of Mike. She harbors her dreams, but is unable to communicate them to anyone. Her father attempts to help her by making promises which he cannot keep, and her mother sees nothing but dreary banality in life. There is no room in their lives for her ambitions and dreams.

One more facet remains to be dealt with: the suicide of John Singer. After thoughts on the movie tend to make one believe that his death is inevitable, for he is forsaken. He had touched each one with his healing, and those whom he did not heal, would not have been helped with further contact. Yet for all his work, he received no affection and dependency in return. "He saved others, himself he cannot save."

One of the things that makes this movie relevant for the Christian is the absolute immediacy and importance of these issues to the Christian life. How often do we not listen to the news or read the newspaper, and then wonder where the correlation lies. What a problem it is to relate our ideal of the Christian life to the stark coldness of life.

The application of this movie is soul-shaking. If there was ever a plea from the unregenerate world against separatism, this movie is it. Not one of us who has the truth dares keep it to himself one moment longer. And it is not just those outside of the household of faith with whom we must share it. Even within the church there are those who need to have

someone to care, to demonstrate that love of which the New Testament so often speaks. "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" has called an end to the days in which we could remain cloistered, the days in which our faith was a closely guarded secret. A new day has dawned for the body of Christ, a day in which the command to love, the command to be a brother is more than simply dead words on a page. This is the day in which the law of love is necessary, stronger than the drive to draw the next breath-- this is the day for Christian youth to find "the better way."

MISSIONERS HEAR PERSENAIRE

Wednesday, October 9, the Mission Club held its initial meeting with about 100 students in attendance. President Dave Smit opened the meeting and outlined some of the activities that the club will be undertaking this year.

The speaker for the evening was the Rev. Persenaire, a missionary who has served a total of nine years in Nigeria and is presently on furlough. Rev. Persenaire made it clear that while we have great mission fields at home, it is also necessary to go to all nations with the gospel according to the command of Christ. He said that the force of 100 missionaries with which he works, labor in such diverse fields as evangelism, education, youth work, hospital work and distributing literature. Rev. Persenaire then gave an interesting account of political development in Nigeria in the last few years, and the growth of the church in the midst of the civil war.

After a question period, the speaker concluded the meeting with prayer.



Masquerade winners

Trick or Treat

Little Bo Peep ha her sheep, Captain is looking for treat and Father Aquin back from purgator story book? No, I College's annual maso ade party held in th gym on October 11. E type of person was th hippies, nuns, Ind cowboys, old ladies, b dwarfs, orientals, ca insects, clowns, and numerable others.

After entering the through a "haunted hou this conglomeration into groups for games singing. After a " Hunt," led by John and Bill Bird, the tumes were judged. I ry Fernhout and H Dykstra won first priz Father Aquinas and nun, Kelly Keller was c'nd as Aunt Jemima the two clowns, D Eriks and Stu Korin, took third.

Afterward, the Aut dine was packed wi wierd characters a some townspeople w honored with Christr carols and a big Trick-Treat.

Dale Bovenka (Council from p. 3.) Bedford Incident," will shown on Oct. 25.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 3:00 has been set as date for cheerleading t outs. Selection of che leaders this year will made exclusively by Council.

The finance commi submitted a financ statement of budgeted penses to Sept. 30, 19

Clarene Van Zant

Dordt Pacers Step "Hot"

In the last edition of the Diamond, Dordt's cross-country team competed in three dual meets. Men ran against Westmar General Beadle and Briar Cliff, defeating all three of them. Willie Verhoef, who has been fan favorite all year, took second in the Jay Vetter of Westmar. This was the only time this year that Willie did not take first place in a meet.

DORDT BEATS WESTMAR 24-32

Dordt's runners, acting as a team, easily defeated Westmar in a dual meet in LeMars. A very close-fought battle was waged between Jay Vetter of Westmar and Willie Verhoef of Dordt for first place as they outdistanced the rest of the runners by several yards. Jay Vetter won the race with the very fast time of 16:25. Westmar also took third place in the person of Jim Krause but the balance of Dordt's team gave them an easy victory. Willie Verhoef placed second and Stan Visser, Larry Louw, Cal Stam and Larry Wieren crossed the finish line before the third Westmar runner.

DORDT SLIPS PAST GENERAL

DOUBLE 26-29

Willie Verhoef regained his familiar position as he narrowly defeated Swanson General Beadle in another very close race. Willie won the four mile race in the time of 21:24, but Swanson was only two seconds behind him. Cal Stam was the second finisher for Dordt. He placed fourth behind St. Pierre. Cal Stam followed by Larry Wiers-fifth and Stan Visser-sixth. Three General Beadle runners came in behind Larry Van Wieren and finished the scoring by plac-

cing tenth.

Dordt outclimbs Briar Cliff (22-34)

I hope that those of you who do not know what hills are went to Sioux City and watched Dordt beat Briar Cliff in their dual cross-country meet. Try to remember when you were younger and wanted to go tobogganing-how you always tried to find the steepest and longest hill in the neighborhood. Believe me, Briar Cliff has an ideal place to go tobogganing. (I don't think that my '56 Chevy could go up and down those hills!). Fortunately I did not have to run up and down those hills but the guys from Dordt did a fine job as they defeated Briar Cliff quite easily. Willie Verhoef and Stan Visser came in first and second with Ron Schultz of Briar Cliff holding third. Willie topped the hills in 18 minutes which is not bad for mountain climbing.

The cross-country team has a very good chance of finishing the year with an undefeated record in the dual meet class. The team has two more meets left and both of them are very important. The first one is Saturday, Oct. 19, at Yankton where the harriers will compete against approximately 25 other teams in the Yankton Invitational. Since it is held on a weekend, it should be easy for you to get a carload of guys and go down to Yankton to witness this great event. Believe me, it is interesting to watch all these guys take off at the same time and try to get good position on the track. And girls, do not be bashful. Tell (ask) your guy to take you to the cross-country meet. Who knows, it might turn out to be very romantic.

I know that everyone at Dordt can go to the last meet of the season because it is going to be held at Sandy Hollow. Support your team and try to be at both of these meets. Re-

T.D.B.C.D. FLING

Many rumors about the recent celebration of The Day Before Columbus Day (T.D.B.C.D.) have been circulating recently. One source confirms that this was the most spectacular commemoration of the famous T.D.B.C.D. in Dordt College History. Intrigued by the possibility of an historic event, this reporter has endeavored to uncover the details of what actually occurred at Dordt College on October 11, 1968.

According to reliable sources, the jubilee began at 12:30 a.m. with the startling sound of a fire alarm. Within three minutes all the male inhabitants of West Hall had apparently staggered from their rooms to the grounds outside the dormitory. Here they convened a bare-headed "Freeze-In" beneath the black-and-blue sky.

Local firemen reportedly frenzied the festivities when they screeched up to the dorm to shoot a display of anti-fireworks. Forgetting the commemorative purpose of their assemblage, some brave celebrants now decided to risk a drenching in order to attack the faking firefighters. Many eye-witnesses state that several free showers were given.

Informed sources report that the cooling and dispersal of the sensational T.D.B.C.D. celebration occurred at 12:45 a.m. As they sank into sweet sleep, many residents of West Hall were supposedly murmuring about their "impossible dream." Authoritative translation renders their sighs as a thankful acknowledgment of the most memorable T.D.B.C.D. celebration in all the history of Dordt College.

member, if you go to these meets you will not have to read my lousy reports since you will already know all about them.

Arch Vanden Bosch

Dear Ethelberta:

ETHELBERTA I THELE RATHER WANTS TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR PROBLEMS. SEND YOUR LETTERS OR CARDS TO HER CARE OF DORDT DIAMOND. GUARANTEED ANSWERS.

Dear Ethelberta:

I heard you were writing an Advice Column. I have many problems and would like your advice, but want to know if you are qualified. Are you really the wife of that famous Adviser, Egbert? I don't believe it.

Hesitant

Dear Hesitant:

Yes, my name is Mrs. Egbert Ithellrather. And that is his name. In case you doubt it, I have proof. I consider that last question quite stupid. And the editors of this paper feel I am eminently qualified to write this column. So you have nothing to worry about. I would suggest, though, that you buy my book: How to Look and Act Intelligent When You're Not.

Ethelberta

Dear Ethelberta:

What would you do if you were flunking every single one of your courses already, and then you studied night and day and flunked the Harper's too? I don't know what's wrong.

Worried Flunkie

Dear Worried:

I don't believe you are flunking all of your courses. But if you truly and really study night and day you'd better buy a copy of my book, How to Pass By Hook or Crook. But have you ever considered joining the army? I don't think they ever heard of Harper. Maybe you can do that instead. I'm sure both the teachers and the army would be happy that way. And you would not have to worry about Harper's.

Ethelberta

B.M.O.C.

The room was quiet. Most eyes were focused on the floor. A few shuffled their feet, but most tried not to be seen. The moment was here! I stood. I faced the steely, gray eyes of my editor and heard him shout: "Smitty, this is your job! And you had better do a good job, because he is a good man!" Before I even had a chance to plead my case or protest, the entire room had evacuated and I was left all alone to face the awful task of interviewing one of the most dreaded men on campus.

Having some knowledge of the reputation of these disciplinarians, I anticipated a type of superman to hold this position. Naturally he would be a big man standing about six-foot-four or five, with a mighty chest and huge hands and arms. He would have bushy hair and glinty eyes peering out from beneath dark, black brows. This kind of guy had to be tough and unshakable, because he had to handle the worst types of heretics, cynics, and delinquents.

I decided that the only approach to this tower of strength and fear was the "casual" business-like approach. I must appear as if I knew what I was doing and make the interview short and to the point. With this thought in mind, one day I very calmly stumbled into his office, closed my eyes, and stammered out a weak and squeaky, "How are you sir?" For some odd reason, the door slammed behind me and when I opened my eyes, I found myself groping for a chair in a room filled with smoke. Gradually through the haze I discerned the figure of a short, bald-headed man sitting behind a desk on the other side of the room. He was leaning back in his chair with his legs propped up on the desk, and the smoke was coming from a

dark-brown pipe which he held in his hand.

Gambling once again on the "casual" approach, I proceeded in a most business-like way to ask this gentleman where I would be able to find Rev. Hulst. I was prepared for a shock upon seeing him, but not for the thunderbolt which struck when I realized that this was the man I was dreading. From that moment on, I can remember nothing of what happened except for a nightmare of stuttering, eternities of silence, lost pens, and ridiculous questions. My distorted image had been destroyed, and I could hardly believe the naturalness of what I saw before me.

As happens to freshmen at times, I finally came back to my senses; a little relieved that the interview was over, but more frightened than ever of facing my editor with nothing. The last thing I remember of the interview, however, was that he handed me a slip of paper as he was showing me to the door and said, "Here, this will help you." And to be truthful about it, Mr. Editor, this is all I have.

The paper read this way:
Dear Young Man:

Yes, I am Rev. Hulst, your college pastor. Whether you expected it or not, I am really just an ordinary minister, and I am just as new at all of this big college stuff as you are. I grew up in this area as a young minister, and even though in some ways it is like coming home, the work is a lot different from any I have ever known. Suddenly, I find myself responsible for the spiritual lives of the students and faculty of an entire college. I must keep in contact with the churches and parents of these kids, and must serve as their representative to the churches of this area. I have charge of the college chapel and all other religious activities and clubs in this school so that all know I am available as a problem solver. For the first time in

my life, they tell me I am a teacher, and I am still very much afraid that I have a long way to go before I really teach Bible to all of these Freshmen.

You see, fella, I am just as nervous as you are, but I love every second of it. My family is very happy here, and we feel as if now we are really a part of Dordt College. For many years we have worked with and for this college, but now we are finally in it. My pretty wife loves working in the library, and in my own way, I think she does a great job. I am very proud of her, but we are all very proud of Dordt!

That is my story, young man; I hope you aren't disappointed. Just,

Your Pastor
You know, I think that's really great!

Jerry Vreeman

October 14 Thanksgiving?

Insisting that they were not early but that the U.S. is late, 60 Dordt Canadians celebrated their October 14 Thanksgiving by enjoying a chicken dinner in a quiet area of the Commons. When hunger pains had abated, M. C. Herm VanNiejehuis led in the spirited singing of "O Canada." Following the singing, Rev. Vander Stelt expressed thanks to God for mercies and countless blessings received.

Harry Fernhout (alias Father Aquinas) started the program with a game to embarrass everyone. (If you wish to know the joke, ask Father Aquinas.) While everyone was recovering, Peter Greidanus accompanied group singing with his guitar. Dolly Veenstra ("the girl with the Sunday School look and the Saturday night ideas") continued the festivities by introducing a few "get-to-know-each other games. The evening was concluded with more group singing.

DEWEY SYSTEM SCRAPPED

REPLACED BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION

Under the supervision of Head Librarian, Miss Hester Hollaar, the Dordt College Library was very active over the summer. The permanent library staff, Mr. Seven, Mrs. Vandenberg, Dolores Zonneve and Karen Kooiman completed the task of switching the last 8000 volumes of Dordt's library from the Dewey Decimal to the Library of Congress Classification. Students Elaine Tinklenberg, Helen Groot, Joyce Walhof, and Gregg De Young gave valuable assistance in the monumental change over. The immensity of the task is immediately realized when one considers the procedure necessary to exchange the classification of one book. The book is pulled from the shelf and its cards (average of seven per book) are removed from the catalogue. The old call numbers are then erased from the book and the card is checked against the book for correct information. The book is assigned a L. C. number which is subsequently typed on the cards, the book pocket, and the book label. The label is then ironed to the book spine. The book is reshelfed and the cards are refiled. In short, reclassification entails a lot of work.

In addition to reclassification, an inventory was taken, the public card catalogue was cleared for missing books on the Dewey system and the stacks in the general reading area were rearranged. Miss Hollaar summed up the many remaining tasks as "all the detail work of the library which means little to the outsider."