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## Hulst-- Students Present Facts On Chapel Change

The current topic about the chapel changes at Dordt has aroused unprecedented student interest (possibly better known as gossip). The Diamond, in an attempt to present some of the facts which may not be understood by students, conducted interviews with some of the individuals involved. In the two following articles, information from two sources is presented. ed.

Rev. J. B. Hulst, college pastor, announced changes in chapel services for next semester on Tuesday, January 14, 1969.

"The Public Law 88-204 of the Higher Education Facilities Act, 1963, does not allow use of Federal funds for '... any facility used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship.' Dordt College has been notified that chapel services are considered 'religious worship' and it is therefore advisable not to hold chapel services in the new auditorium."

This announcement from Rev. Haan, president of Dordt College, was the result of an investigation on the part of college officials to clarify the terms used in the law. Late in the Fall, the administration was alerted to this matter when it was indicated that other colleges were having problems in regard to the same law. It seems that the government regards chapel as worship. Therefore, if Dordt continued to use the new auditorium for chapel it could be libel to lawsuit. However, the government gave no ultimatum, but only informed the school of what could happen. The administration then decided it best to move the chapel services to the Old Gym.

### Changes Clarified

Next semester, according to the college pastor, the student body will be divided in half. Each group will meet in the Old Gym for a regular chapel service and once in the Commons for a more informal devotional period.

For next year, the Spiritual Activities Committee has suggested that four chapel periods be scheduled each week. This would enable students to register for two chapel periods instead of one

as will be the case this coming semester.

### STUDENTS DISPEL RUMORS

Prior to the change of locale of chapel services, rumors had circulated around campus that the college faced a lawsuit due to the investigations of two students. The rumors named the instigators of this plot, Juniors Tom L. Vanden Bosch and Wes Seerveld. The Diamond contacted them and they gave the following account.

Vanden Bosch had been employed in college admissions work in the year prior to attending Dordt. In the course of his work he became familiar with the regulations imposed upon colleges applying for construction funds as granted by the National Defense Education Act (NDEA). Dordt obtained their funds for construction of the auditorium under the same act. The requirements include a clause, Vanden Bosch remembered, which stipulates that the facility financed thusly is not to be used for "religious" and "sectarian" purposes.

An article in the November-December, 1968, issue of "Liberty" magazine described a similar situation in which another small college was forced to pay back its Federal grant. Incidentally, the same article had also alerted college officials to the problem.

### Contacts Chicago Office

Tom decided to contact an acquaintance in the Chicago Office of Education for private advice. A staff member there confirmed the facts and further advised that Vanden Bosch inform college officials of the possible predicament in which they had placed the college.

He then discussed the  
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## Luther Choir To Appear At Dordt

The Dordt College Music Department announced today that they have completed arrangements for the appearance of the nationally-known LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR, Decorah, Iowa in Sioux Center, Iowa on Thursday, January 30, 1969. The concert will be given at the new auditorium-gymnasium on Dordt College campus at 8:00 P.M. Dale Grotenhuis has been named chairman of the committee arranging for the concert by this noted choir.

The Luther College Choir interprets in a superbly distinctive style, the finest sacred music. Audiences and critics have ranked this choir as one of the leading vocal groups of our day. Since its beginning in 1946, the choir has made annual tours throughout the Midwest with trips to the West Coast in 1948, 1955, 1959, and 1963. Numerous special appearances such as National and

State Music Educator's Conferences, five national NBC and CBS radio broadcasts, and television appearances are a part of the Luther College Choir tradition.

Directed by Weston H. Noble, the 67 voice choir strives with sincerity to communicate the text and spirit of the music to its listeners. The works of contemporary and classical composers are listed on the tour program. The 1969 concert tour includes appearances in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The highly trained group of devout and gifted young people will bring to this community a concert of sacred music; distinct in style and interpretation to be appreciated by all.

Tickets may be obtained from Dordt Concert Choir members or bought at the door at performance time.





# EDITORIAL

by John Strikwerda

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and there-with curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God." James 3: 8-9.

"Did you hear the latest?"

"I heard that. . . ."

"She didn't!"

"That's what I was told."

"Well, if he said so it must be the truth."

Are these statements part of your conversation as you go through the daily routine at Dordt? If they are, maybe you should reread the Biblical quote above. It speaks to all of us about the evil powers of speech. Believe it or not, this one negative aspect of our lives is probably the strongest foothold the Devil has in our social activities.

All too often we indulge in the questionable pleasure of slandering a fellow Christian. We hear and spread ugly rumours with such celerity that Apollo 8 is a snail in comparison. A half-truth, a juicy bit of gossip, or an ordinary lie is often the start of a personal character defamation in our closely-knit society. Whether we are the executioner or the victim, this process of idle talk reaps nothing but sadness and devastation.

Why is it that we are so vitally interested in listening to gossip about other people? Are we so small that we must tear down another's reputation in order to build up our own? I wonder if minding our own business would eliminate the harm done by minding some one else's. Surely gossip does not justify itself under the heading of Christian love and concern for a fellow man. If that's the case then we might as well demolish every belief we have.

The next time someone reports to you a second-hand story about a mutual acquaintance ask him whether he has all the facts. When he claims to be telling the truth, verify his version by going directly to the party concerned. If the story turns out to be just that - a story, make sure you inform the guilty party of his lying and remind him of the damage he has done to someone's reputation. If, on the other hand, the original story turns out to be the truth, go to the gossip and tell him that nothing is gained by letting the world know about someone else's mistakes. Rather he should go to the hero of his story and offer any assistance possible.

The courts in the United States will not tolerate hearsay evidence. Yet we all too often condemn a friend and brother on

hearsay evidence alone. The laws in the United States allow for great punitive damages to be paid out to victims of slander. Yet we go through life not only allowing others to slander but doing it ourselves.



MAYBE NEXT SEMESTER?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A bit of good news. Graham Greene has been informed that Dordt's Thaliens produced his play, The Potting Shed. And as you might expect of a conscientious author, he was very interested in our reaction to the play.

How do I know? My uncle, who is editor of the Sunday school paper, is a close friend of Graham Greene. This same uncle read your Diamond critique of the play. When he told Mr. Greene about our reaction to the play, Mr. Greene was very disturbed. (It was stated, among other things, that the play "does not give a very clear picture of true Christianity. It leaves out the problem of sin almost entirely and focuses on the hope and despair of belief and disbelief in God.") He wants to be Christian in all of his writings, and hence took our critique to heart.

And this is the good news. He is writing another play in which the errors we found in The Potting Shed theology will be corrected. The play, to be entitled The Potted Easter Lily, will be devoid of Roman Catholic stains. Unlike The Potting Shed, The Potted Easter Lily will deal with the problem of sin. Not only that. Two of the characters will be led from despairing unbelief to conversion. As you might expect, the conversion scene, which pictures Tom and Lucy struggling while they have devotions, forms the climax of the play. The play will soon be completed (Greene is a prolific writer). It will be published in the February 16 issue of my uncle's Sunday school paper.

John Hofland



by Dave Sinclair

The problem of form and content seems to be one of concern to the Reformed community. It is also a problem which played a role in the making of the movie "Funny Girl." In many ways this movie is typical of Hollywood: a collection of big names singing and dancing their way through a rather less and dreary script. The item that rescues "Funny Girl" from this fate, and then, to an extent, is the individual performances of the big names.

Barbra Streisand, as Fanny Brice, can, of course, do no wrong. As usual, she is singing beautifully and acting sensitively. Her musical number made the price of admission considerably easier to bear, and her portrayal of a Jewish girl from the Lower East Side ("bagel!!") was faultless.

Omar Sharif, too, was remarkable. It is, however, rather fortunate that he sang in the movie. Nevertheless, his brilliant Nick Arnstein is a perfect mate for Barbra's Fanny Brice. He moved on the screen with the savoir-faire one would expect of a professional gambler.

The lesser characters were interesting. Walter Pidgeon played Florenz Ziegfeld in class, and Anne Francis was convincing as Georgia James. Medford and her poker-playing crowd provided several amusing moments in the film. And the Ziegfeld girls all looked like they had just stepped out of a dream!

As might easily be expected, the staging was elaborate, tasteful, the costumes, likewise. As far as the mechanical aspects of the movie are concerned, it is beautiful. However, it is, as we have stated, all form, no content.

Like so many other movies of its type, "Funny Girl" fades into the background, and only the stars shine. But with a star like Barbra, what more could we want?

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## MED SCHOOL OK's SENIOR

The year 1968 ended on a high note for Clarene Van Anten, a senior Chemistry major from Rock Valley, Iowa. On December 31, she received a letter which officially notified her that the University of Iowa College of Medicine, considered to be one of the best in the nation, had accepted her for admittance into the incoming class next September.

Clarene is the second Dordt student to be accepted at a medical college. Last year Burnell Mellema, also of the Class of '69, was accepted at the University of Minnesota. In addition, approximately a dozen Dordt alumni have received graduate assistantships at several major universities in the areas of biology, chemistry, English and mathematics.

Clarene is not only active in the chemistry department, where she has worked in research under Dr. Edwin Geels for three years, but has participated in Thalian productions and is a member of the Diamond staff.

Her career plans beyond medical school are as yet naturally vague, but she does consider either specialization (following the trend of most women in medical careers), or private practice in a medical center with other doctors.

For only 5¢, Dordt students will soon have the chance to immortalize their names on a mural. The mural, to be hung in the Commons, is sponsored by the Student Council and the Art Club.

## Council Approves Homecoming & Harvey

The Student Council centered its discussion on Homecoming and Lecture Week at its last meeting on Tuesday, January 14. A report first, however, by Agnes Siebenga from the Student Activities Committee, disclosed the following calendar of events:

January 17: "Beckett," starring Richard Burton; and hockey game in Sioux City.

January 18: Basketball game at Sioux Falls College.

January 25: toboggan party at Oak Grove.

January 30: Luther Choir

January 31: "Rebel Without a Cause."

February 8: Talent Night  
Next the Council dealt with the issue of hosts and hostesses for Homecoming. Questions were raised as to their purpose at a homecoming, and opinions were expressed. The Council concluded that the hosts and hostesses would not be merely figureheads, but would function as guides for tours for the alumni and parents and as hosts of the reception following the game. Each class will select its host and hostess at a designated class meeting.

Selection of lecturers for Lecture Week was the second item discussed by the Council. Harry Fernhout, chairman of the Lecture Committee, reported that Dr. Evan Runner, professor at Calvin College, will be at Dordt February 12-14. The Council also accepted the challenge of raising \$3000 in order to secure as lecturer the nationally famous news commentator, Paul Harvey.

The Rev. J. B. Hulst gave the following information to the Diamond concerning the recent chapel rescheduling:

Those whose last names begin with A-Mo will attend the Tuesday chapel.

Those whose last names begin with Mu-Z will attend the Thursday chapel.

# TODAY'S WORLD



By Bob Senti

From the time the Communists took over Russia until 1933, the American government had not recognized Soviet Russia. What were the reasons for this non-recognition? Alexander DeConde, in A History of American Foreign Policy, pages 531-532, gives several reasons. First, the Soviets had repudiated the Russian debts and had confiscated private property without compensation. Second, the Soviets preached world revolution, and finally the Soviets plotted the overthrow of capitalism and democracy. But the reasons that are given for recognizing Soviet Russia are that some Americans thought recognition would increase trade between the United States and Soviet Russia and thus stimulate the economy of the United States. Others encouraged recognition because they felt the threat of the Japanese in gaining much control over Asia.

At any rate, Roosevelt approached Russia and on November 16, 1933, the United States formally recognized Soviet Russia. Was Roosevelt's recognition of Soviet Russia a mistake or simply inevitable?

## Puerto Rican Missionary Speaks

The Dordt Missions Club sponsored the Rev. Ron Sprik, missionary to Puerto Rico, on January 8, 1969, in the Old Gym.

Although the body of his talk consisted of a series of slides depicting the work, Rev. Sprik also gave a brief summary of the history and background of the island. Puerto Rico was discovered in 1493 by Columbus shortly after America and became a Spanish colony. Then as a result of the Spanish-American War, it became a U.S. possession. More freedoms were gained and Puerto Rico began to progress. Especially since 1948 rapid progress has knocked out most major disease and poverty.

Associating the three million inhabitants with "social and spiritual unrest," Rev. Sprik described the one hundred by thirty mile island as "very open to the Gospel." The island is a predominantly Roman Catholic society, but church membership has become more a status symbol than anything else according to the missionary.

The small Christian Reformed mission, located in San Juan, presently meets in the carport of the Sprik home. In spite of a record attendance of 37, plans have been made to eventually convert the entire house into a church building.

Rev. Sprik closed his talk with a challenge to promote greater interest in missions, both in actual service and through prayer.

I feel that this action was inevitable on the part of the American government. After the recognition the United States gained very little economically from the trade with Soviet Russia. Whether or not this should have been a primary motive or not I shall not discuss now. I do feel that whether we liked it or not, Soviet Russia existed in a very real sense and it had to be dealt with. This was best effected by the exchange of ministers and diplomats. Perhaps the tragedy of it all is that Soviet Russia was not recognized by the United States and the community of nations during Wilson's administration. Although it is conjecture may we not say that, with the added responsibility in the peace after World War I, Soviet Russia might have taken a different attitude toward the West? But we did not, so the question seems useless, and yet if we look at the conditions regarding recognition of Communist China, perhaps the question has some value.

We deny diplomatic recognition to Red China and yet the United States is very concerned with the real existence of this powerful mass of yellow humanity. Should we recognize Red China and deal with them directly or must we continue to depend on other nations' ambassadors to speak for us? I say we must face the obvious and recognize Red China. Not long ago we had very little to fear from this yellow power. Now they have changed their chopsticks into atomic bombs and their swords into missiles. Must we wait until we are forced to recognize her by an

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## ON THE STUDENT REVOLUTION AND THE REALITY OF CHANGE

by Tom L. Vanden Bosch

"Hayakawa Calls for Additional Police at S. F. State",  
"Brandeis University Scene of Demonstrations", "Student Coalition  
Meets--Urges 'Solidarity Strikes' in California Colleges"

These and similar headlines have, in recent weeks, told the story of the new wave of student unrest on college campuses across our nation. Sit-ins, Be-ins, picket lines, marches, and violent confrontations threaten to disrupt the workings of even the most prestigious academic communities. "Flower Power" has given way to "Black Power". "Black Power" has yielded the spotlight to "Poor Power". And now "Student Power" is where it's at.

There is a dangerous tendency in the Christian community, especially the Christian academic community, to write-off such students as just so many unbalanced malcontents. It is easy to stand piously at the sidelines voicing our righteous indignation. It is also wrong to do so!

Don't misunderstand! I don't attempt to defend the hatred and anger, the violence and disruption, of the student revolutionaries. Nor do I give blanket endorsement to their motives and objectives. Actions such as those which rocked the stability of Columbia and closed down San Francisco State cannot be justified. But they can, and must, be understood.

Students have almost intuitively sensed the irrelevance and emptiness of their education. They are "fed-up", "sick-and-tired", of education which neither discerns nor deals with the crucial issues. They have "had it up to here" with an educational system which has refused to change along with the society it supposedly serves, thus relegating itself to a position of un-planned obsolescence. And they are right!

That's right! I said, "change along with the society it serves". Education which fails to remain contemporary by constant re-evaluation and revision of its programs and objectives, which stresses the continuity of historical development at the expense of its differentiation (an equally valid norm), can never hope to command an audience. The "Black Students' Union" and the "Third World Liberation Front" have clearly recognized this--most of us here at Dordt have not.

What attitudes, then, must we take toward the changes constantly (and inevitably) occurring around us?

I think we would all agree that, however desirable such change might be, it is wrong to force change by means of revolution. We may not, because of personal picque or for personal aggrandizement, seek to forcefully overthrow the existing order. To do so is clearly not Christian.

A second attitude taken toward change is to forget it, ignore it, deny it. This is an easy approach--we run away from the

challenge. This is a cheap approach--it demands nothing of us. This is an un-Christian approach--it places the Church in a position of irrelevance. Unfortunately, this is also a prevalent approach--here at Dordt College.

Sure it works! It's easy to ignore change in society--this requires no formative Christian influence. It's easy to deny the crucial issues--this requires no Christian scholarship. It's easy to endlessly hassle over "Thee" and "Thou" while others come to grips with The Secular City. It's easier to dig up the sacred cow of 6-day creation than to wrestle with Kuitert. It's easier to talk about last night's basketball game and this morning's sports page than to struggle for solutions to problems of race relations, and the war. It's easier to read Playboy from cover to cover and revel in its clever (pseudo) sophisticated "philosophy" than to struggle with the articulation of a radical Christian philosophy relevant to all of life. It's easiest to let the whole world go to hell, while

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## Library Panel Discusses Role

On Monday January 13, a panel discussion was held in the Old Gym on "The Role of the Library in the Christian School." The meeting, which began at 8:00 p.m., was divided into two sections. In the first part, the members of a panel was open to questions from the floor.

The panel was chaired by Mr. D. Netz and composed of Mr. N. De Jong, Miss H. Hollaar, Mrs. E. Vanden Berg, Mr. Vander Grien (Principal of Rock Valley Christian School), and Dr. J. Veltkamp.

Items of discussion ranged from the importance of the library in modern learning to the feasibility of central libraries and the means of obtaining federal money for library material.

The Phi Kappa Sigs attended the meeting as well as the Library Science Class and a representation of local teachers.

## HOMeward BACK ...ANYONE?

Everyone sang "Homeward Bound" a few weeks ago and the busses rolled. West to California and Washington and north to Canada. Innumerable cars went in every direction and Christmas vacation had begun once again. The trips home seemed to go quite well, but it was while all were home that the trouble started. Snow fell, the wind howled, and drifts piled up into roads all over the country. And then all had to come back!

Have you ever been stuck in a snowbank with a truck stuck on one side of you and another car stuck on the other? Or have you ever sat in a truck-stop for four hours because the road had been closed down by the highway patrol? Or how about spending from one o'clock till four o'clock in the morning in a bus depot in the middle of Montana waiting

## Thalians Retu To Shakespear

TO PRESENT TAMING OF THE SHREW

The coming semester promises to be an exciting challenging one for Dordt College drama enthusiasts. Shakespeare's rollicking comedy, Taming of the Shrew, will be presented March 14, and 15. To do justice to a play of such caliber will require much imaginative work for both cast and crews. Rector Koldenhoven announced Wednesday that to insure there is enough student interest to insure a successful production, all students interested in working on it in any capacity--are asked to sign up backstage before Wednesday, January 22. If interest is sufficient, reining try-outs will be held Tuesday, January 28. Koldenhoven stressed there will be a special emphasis for creative thinking in technical aspects of the production--costuming, stage lighting, etc.

This will not be the first time Dordt College students have performed Shakespearean drama. They have previously put on The Merchant of Venice and Macbeth.

for the bus to be fixed? Or be pestered by two drunk How about eating four breakfasts in 38 hours? Or not be sliding down the Illinois Turnpike sideways for a mile? (Or so it seems.) Would you believe staying overnight in the county sheriff's house in some hick town and sleeping three in a room and two on an army cot?

All of these questions will be answered "yes" by some one, somewhere on Dordt campus. They say anything goes on the Christmas home and, as you can almost everything did. Now that we are all safe and sound, we can settle down to a "hard night" of studying for the beautiful semester exam

Dale Bovenkamp



## IOWA COLD GREETINGS STUDENTS

In California it was 85° above zero. In Canada it was 65° below (without a wind!).

Then Christmas vacation ended. Students and faculty members came back to Sioux Center with its cold and its wind. Some of them came back to disastrous side effects.

The Timmers came home to a lot of frozen water pipes because the furnace had stopped running. Inconvenient? Definitely. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Piersma, both Dordt seniors, came home to an even bigger mess. Although their furnace had been left running, a basement pipe had frozen and broken, flooding the basement (including the furnace) with six feet of water. The city had pumped out the water and removed the meter, but the water-logged furnace didn't work and the big freeze made new plumbing an urgency. One consolation: "The landlord is paying for it."

The Men's Dorm didn't escape the frozen pipe epidemic. There, a pipe in the room above the houseparents' apartment broke, releasing a deluge on the De Vrieses below. Mr. De Vries noted that they still have scars in the form of water spots on the ceiling.

January fifth's heat wave maybe partially responsible for the welcome that the girls living in the campus trailers received. When they started to unpack, they found that the clothes which were left in the closets were damp or wet--including "dry clean only" dresses and suede shoes. Counsellor Phyllis Memmelaar theorizes that the clothes may have frozen in the extreme cold, and then thawed out in the brief warmth. Damage was not estimated.

In case you haven't noticed, this is winter in north-west Iowa.

## NOTA BENE...

This weekend is "Beat Sioux Falls Weekend." Tonight the Sioux Center Blades meet the Sioux Falls Hockey Club in a rematch. Earlier this semester the Blades beat this same team by a convincing score of 5-2. The Sioux Falls Club will be out for revenge, but the word is that Fernhout's Blades are going to be tough.

Tomorrow night the Dordt Defenders move into Sioux Falls for a game against Sioux Falls College. This game is probably going to be one of the toughest this season for the Defenders. It should turn out to be a top-notch battle.

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act of war before we see the light that the recognition of Russia has shown us?

We should try to encourage the democratic processes as much as possible, but persisting in non-recognition seems to me to be sticking our head in the sand. We try to ignore officially what is impossible to ignore practically. This seems inconsistent and foolhardy in the long run. What must this attitude produce besides hatred from Red China and misunderstanding from those in the community of nations who have recognized Red China.

NOTE: In the next issue of the Diamond arguments will be presented against diplomatic recognition of Red China.

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we sit smugly back in our comfortable pew!

But it's wrong! We must recognize and welcome the "fact" of a changing society. We must seek to give a Christian direction to the changes occurring in that society. We must get where the action is--no longer may we expend the better part of our energies on trivia, feeling somehow safe because we know we're where the action ain't! Recognizing the reality of change, we must (Christianly) offer reformation as an alternative to revolution. Don't let "Christian Reformed" become past tense.

If we fail to pick up the ball, if we fail to offer reformation as an alternative to revolution, then we'd better dig in for several years of violent revolution. For we'll surely have it!

## DEFENDERS CHALK UP BLACKHAWKS-BEAVERS

The Dordt College Defenders pushed their seasons record to five wins and two losses as they scored a hard fought win over Norfolk Jr. College on their own floor Jan. 10. The final score was 86-81 but even the closeness of that score doesn't tell the whole story. With 27 seconds left in the ball game, Gene Hospers pumped in 2 important free throws and Warren Vander Pol added a basket and a free throw to put the icing on the cake. Hospers' turn-around jump shot from the corner finished the first half with the score 42 to 41 in favor of the Norfolk Blackhaws.

Hospers led the Defenders in scoring as he chipped in 23 points. Terry Van Hofwegen added 18, hitting on his favorite corner shot. Larry Louters and Warren Vander Pol helped the balanced scoring with 17 and 12, respectively.

The Norfolk Blackhaws were led by Keith Williams who led all scorers with 24 points. The Blackhaws found an unexpected offensive punch from reserve Ernie Boone, coming off the bench to add 15 points.

### DEFENDERS EXECUTE DORDT'S FIRST BEAVER DEFEAT!

Dordt has not forgotten how to play offense. This was illustrated Tuesday night in the defeat of Buena Vista College of Storm Lake, 109-98. Making baskets from all over the court, the Defenders jumped into an early lead. The Defenders were never headed as they led all the way, although the Beavers were never out of contention. A unique stall offense, devised by Coach Timmer, proved to

be very effective in the last 4 minutes of the game. In this offense Gene Hospers played center for the first time of his basketball career as Timmer used five guards.

Hospers was at his best as he pumped in 34 points, including a couple of 35 footers. Larry Van Wieren came off the bench and played an excellent game to score 17 points.

Larry Louters was sidelined with a sprained ankle. His substitute, Warren Vander Pol, came through as he usually does with a very fine 22 points. The entire team played a great ball game. The refs were very busy as they whistled 28 fouls on the Defenders and 27 fouls on the Beavers.

Buena Vista had very balanced scoring as Robert Johnson, Ron Dick, Marv Brandts, Jim Bisenius and Noel Austin each scored ten or more points. The Beavers were led by Robert Johnson with 19 points.



Warren Vander Pol receives a rousing send-off from team manager and fellow-players preceding the game with Dana. Dordt was victorious in the match by a score of 91-70.



# Workshop Introduces New Teaching Techniques

What is the situation of foreign language teaching in the U.S. today? Is there a need for a coordination in foreign language instruction in the state of Iowa? What new developments have linguistic studies produced in the field of foreign language teaching?

These questions and others were dealt with in a language workshop held at Dordt on Saturday, Jan. 11, and sponsored by Dordt College and the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls.

The purpose of the workshop was to inform area elementary and secondary teachers of a system of foreign language teaching, called the "psych-o-generative method" which has been formulated by Dr. Samuel Nodarse and his associates at N. U. I.

Dr. Nodarse came to the U.S. from Cuba approximately six years ago. He had formerly taught economics at the University of Havana. In the states, however, he found that the most available positions were teaching Spanish. As a result, Dr. Nodarse immediately became engrossed in his new field and began to study linguistics extensively.

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matter with Rev. Haan and informed him of the facts which he had accumulated. Haan acknowledged that it was probably illegal and also had read the magazine article. But, Vanden Bosch recalled, Haan said that as long as no one made a complaint, there would be no difficulty.

No further action has been taken by the two. To the best of Vanden Bosch's and Seerveld's knowledge, no lawsuit has been brought against the school as a result of their investigations.

The students made these moves as a reaction to what they term the legalistic attitude produced by the laws imposed on the students by the Administration. "The list of rules laid down by the college for the students allows very little academic and religious freedom," Vanden Bosch explained. Having observed the manner in which the college has enforced their list of rules, they decided to point out to the college its infraction of Federal law. The essence of the argument was expressed by Seerveld: "If we must abide by small, petty laws, the Administration surely should set an example by abiding by the Federal laws."

The practical aspects of language teaching attracted him as Nodarse noted the high drop-out rate among language courses. Dr. Nodarse thus became interested in the motivation of language students and recognized an important psychological factor in teaching foreign languages.

The basis of the "psych-o-generative" system is the concept that every language operates according to a limited number of fundamental rules. By using these rules the language student can

"generate" an infinite number of varied sentences, just as any five-year-old can speak an infinite number of sentences without formal language teaching.

The panel discussion in the morning session and the demonstrations with volunteer Dordt students in the afternoon engendered much discussion among the observers. Some teachers expressed the desire to use the Nodarse materials for their elementary, secondary and adult classes. The students participating in the demonstration found that the oral work done with transparencies seemed effortless and even enjoyable. They were not required to do the written work that is also assigned with the method, however.

In an interview, Mr. Bos,



## Dramatist Lyttle Enacts Bible

He just slipped in one night quietly, naturally, and in such a way that some of us never knew that he was here. He didn't appear to be a very special person because he conducted himself just like any other college student would. He screamed at a basketball game, goofed off at the Catacombs, bombed around in an old Chevy, went to class and even ate in the Comm

He lived with students, talked with students, worked and played with students, but the funny thing about it is that he wasn't a student.

He was here for only three days, but they are three days many of us will long remember. It happened while he was at the Catacombs, and then later on it happened right here at school. Everything was quite normal until he disappeared; and out of the door he left, the apostle Peter came walking right into the room. Oh, he was flesh and blood all right, because some of us touched him. And then there was a respectable yet revolting character named Job who cursed and praised, and moaned and prayed. It was almost as if we were all brought to the top of a mountain, and out of the great blue vastness of the starry heavens three men from the past came down to talk with us.

Some say he was one thing, and some say he was another. Around here he was Lyttle--James Oliver Lyttle to be specific. He wasn't anybody special, they say, but just another colored kid who lived away out East in the clouds of Pittsburgh. Just an ordinary person who had the boyhood dream of becoming an actor. When he was sixteen, it is said, he met Jesus Christ and now it seems as if there is a large part of Him living right in the middle of Jim Lyttle.

Strange things like this have been happening now for nearly twenty years. From Pittsburgh to Hollywood rumors are coming thicker and faster that a great little man is bringing back the past in order to lighten the present. He doesn't represent any political party

of the language department, mentioned some significant facts about the "psych-o-generative theory and method." It deals with man as a total being who functions on more than just a biological or physical level. The theory also shows a more correct description of language as containing basic rules by which all language can be "generated." Mr. Bos noted that he felt this was a definite step forward by the modern linguist who has thus far failed to recognize a distinct lingual aspect in man and that, as such, man is also a "creature created to operate linguistically by linguistic laws."

At present, some aspects of this method are being used by Mr. Apol in his Basic Conversation class. But, further discussion will be necessary before the Dordt language department adopts the "psych-o-generative method" completely or in an adapted form.

religious campaign, but just got by his own name and the name of a Christian.

A lot can be said about the people he brings back, and the things they say, but probably what is best remembered is that Jim Lyttle is real and one of us. He is just an ordinary person, they say, but here we have our doubts. Around here we have witnessed some pretty extraordinary occurrences, and still cannot quite comprehend all that was said. For this man has caught a vision that few have ever seen and he gave to us in a mere three days a real and living glimpse of that revelation.

He has left us now, but only in a physical way. Somewhere across this wide country he is still making new friends and giving new vision. But we around here having met such a "little" man must ask with one of those men from the Past, "How shall we escape if we neglect something as great as this; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him?"