

POLITICAL INTEREST UP

Non-conformist honored

Henry Thoreau is in. He feels the government is waging an unjust war against Mexico and refused to pay his taxes. This forms the setting for Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's play, "The Night Henry Thoreau Spent In Jail." Interspersed with prison scenes are glimpses and flashes of his past, reflected to show the development of his character. Thoreau, played by Alwyn Van Zee, is an unusual person. He is extremely sensitive and intensely emotional. He lives in the rights of individual and is a complete non-conformist. A majority of one," says. Only three characters in the play come close to understanding Henry; the former idol, Waldo Emerson, played by Gordon Thumus, Waldo's wife, Hattie Allen, and Henry's brother, John, played by Gregg Sjoerdsma. His mother, Brenda Eken, cannot understand why he is so peculiar. Bailey, his cellmate, played by Mark Kema, thinks Henry is crazy by respecting his education. Bailey is also deeply moved when Henry stands up for him against the prison system. Deacon Ball, Marvin Link, condemns Henry for his unorthodox ideas of transcendentalism, universalism and naturalism. Ellen, Hilda Havenan, would like to relate to Henry, to reach out to him but her upbringing holds her back. Sam, the Miller, Corney Pool wishes Henry would conform so he wouldn't have to arrest him. Williams, runaway slave, played by Wally Owens, almost loves Henry because he treats him as free and equal. Edward, Kathy Young, Ellen's brother, the only student left in Henry's school until his



Photo: Van Dyke

Dick Clark, Democrat opposing incumbent Jack Miller for U.S. Senate from Iowa, spoke with Dordt students during Political Awareness Week--October 16-20.

father takes him out too.

Through the play Henry Thoreau is presented as a courageous man who does what he believes. The expectations and pressures of others do not make him conform.

Most of the production crews have begun their work but the stage under Gregg Sjoerdsma and the costume headed by Bev Wedell are especially busy.

"Thoreau in Jail" will be performed in the round with a new variation. Four somewhat square-shaped stages will flank the round stage on two sides. These will be used for various scenes. The round stage is the jail.

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Political interest was up 9 points this week in Sioux Center, Iowa, with political apathy down a third. It was a booming week for politics at Dordt College. Films, critiques, and politicians, under the sponsorship of the Political Emphasis Week Committee, combined to activate the student body.

An Emphasis Week bulletin board spread in the classroom building separated the McGovern from the Nixon campaign material--pictures, purpose statements, past political accomplishment ads,

and paraphernalia. A table in the classroom building hallway offered lapel pins, bumper stickers, pamphlets, and pictures of presidential candidates as well as state office seekers.

The highlight of the week promises to be the lecture tonight by Dr. Rene' du Williamson. His topic is the "Problems of Church and State."

Political Emphasis Week opened with a seminar on city government, attended by seven people. From that point on, student interest developed, and several of the seminars were well attended.

Rally

Features

Hellinga

The eighteenth annual Reformation Day Rally is scheduled to be held October 27, at 8 p.m. in the Dordt College Gymnasium. The Rev. John D. Hellinga, pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa, will be the speaker.

Rev. Hellinga will speak on the topic "Our Reformational Place and Task in the 70's." In addition to the address the Rally will feature several numbers by the Chorale and Concert Choir.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK
On the Waterfront, starring Marlon Brando and Eva Marie Saint. To be shown in C-106 on Saturday, October 21, at 8:00 pm. Admission: Tentatively \$.50.

Hattie Allen, secretary of the Film Committee, says: "A story of syndicate crime and intrigue mixed with a touch of romance. Showing Marlon at his best."

Let Loose with Sand and Paint



Photo: Van Dyke

The Fine Arts Festival Committee has renovated the 1972 Festival. The emphasis has been switched from product to process. FAF members: Sue Du Mez, Bill Kimble, Helen Blankespoor, Gregg Sjoerdsma, Mr. Gerald Bouma, Karen Walhof, Gary Wondergem, Allen Vander Pol, Karl Neerhof.

A festival of doing will involve the whole campus April 10-19, 1973. The Fine Arts Committee is busy restructuring the entire event, gearing it towards process, away from the art product. The Committee hopes to get paint brushes into the hands of those who've never tried to paint, to stir up the creativity of those who have never written poetry or music before, and to start the dramatic impulses of future actors moving. Students should be able to tell that it is Fine Arts week by the artistic activity going on, not only by the presence of art works, photographs, and guest lecturers.

Mr. Bouma, faculty advisor, said it's hard to express in words the spontaneity and excitement which his top notch committee is displaying this year. Karl Neerhof and Helen Blankespoor are co-chairmen, aided by Gregg Sjoerdsma, Allen Vander Pol, Bill Kimble, Karen Walhof, Susan Du Mez and Gary Wondergem. If Anyone has more ideas on how to involve all the faculty and students in the art festival, contact one of these people. Can you beat this idea: dump a truckload of sand on campus and let students loose in it for an hour to build sand creations?

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--A Proposal

by Karen Walhof

An announcement on the bulletin board last week advised senior education students to sign up for their second semester practice teaching assignments. Last year the education department instituted a mini-teaching service. Junior and senior education students can participate in this program which, like the practice teaching program, offers practical experience in the classroom situation.

Great! Now I have a question. What about all the non-education students that are attending Dordt?

In the days when Dordt appealed only to students interested in teaching, the number of general students was negligible. However, that appeal has changed. Increasingly, general and pre-professional students are attending Dordt, looking for preparation in their particular field, as well as a Christian liberal arts education. The institution of the Placement Office last year was a recognition of that fact.

It seems to me that the institution of an internship program for those non-education students is entirely possible for Dordt. Not only possible, this type of on-the-job experience could give positive direction to those students who now can only anticipate the demands of their interest area.

For example. The number of students enrolled in the Sociology-Psychology program here is amazing. Many of these students are seriously considering a career in some area of social work. Wouldn't it be possible to place these students, through an internship program, in the actual situation they will experience after they graduate and face a social work career? Sioux City, Sioux Falls--they could assist the social service programs established in those cities. Perhaps they could work as close as Harmony Home, Orange City.

Also, I have discovered that there are students at Dordt interested in physical therapy work. The local hospital has a physical therapy program. The possibilities in Sioux Falls and Sioux City are obvious--hospitals, nursing homes, rest centers, children's hospitals. Hope Haven's even closer.

Another example. The business department has established a strong program it seems. But wouldn't an internship program strengthen the already existing set-up? Banks, law offices, business organizations offer possible placement. Just experiencing and viewing the actual business procedures could be a learning experience.

One more idea. Journalism--radio, newspaper, TV, photography. Think of the possibilities. Radio journalism does not consist merely of the speaking that you hear coming out of your radio. News must be gathered, examined, edited, compiled, written into a coherent message. Music, background sounds must be added. Programming is basic. TV adds the visual element--and again, Sioux Falls and Sioux City aren't that far away. Newspaper and photographic journalism--the possibilities! Just experiencing the atmosphere of a newsroom, participating in the hurry and demands of deadlines would be an essential educational experience for those who are interested.

I've mentioned only four fields in which an internship program would be possible. There are many more, I'm sure.

So now what. You can file this idea, this suggestion under one of two headings: lousy idea, possibility. If you think "lousy" then ditch it. But if it has any merit, and obviously I think it does, don't file it away. Bat it around. Discuss the possibilities. Talk to people who can do something about it. But, please, do something.

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Guard Our Little Ones From Evil ...

Dear editor,

It is so wonderful a thing that I can write you again. I just to say I think it is good the way the policemen took care of school when the lights were out. When me and my husband, came riding back from watching the electricians move the minister's house, Wednesday night, we drove over to the college. first was a little bit scared because the lights going all over place made him think of when he was in Nazi concentration camp. Now, I talked to Ben about it, and we both think that maybe it is a good thing. At a time like this you never know what he is with the young people. Like Ben said, we must keep them from bad things. I think so too; we must be sure that they always like good Christians. Another thing I thought about was that should not shine the lights on the girls rooms. For maybe it is wrong, but it keeps the girls up.

I like the way they take care of our covenant children.

In your trust,
Mrs. Ben Poel

Blacked Out Freedom

Wednesday midnight, the night of the "black out" and I could not sleep. The powers of concentration needed for studying almost escaped me that night. Out of desperation and eager to clear my mind, I decided that a walk would do me some good. Engrossed in thoughts of my own I wandered in and out the side-street. After a short while I found myself in front of the classroom building. Hearing screams from the other end of campus I strolled over to investigate.

As I turned the corner of the east wing of the classroom building, I was confronted with a scene that I simply cannot forget. A police car cruised along College Avenue, a revolving white spot light adorning its roof. The light's hideous gaze scanned the campus grounds, meticulously, as if in search of some dreaded campus criminal. As the albino-eyed monster approached East Hall, it focused its gaze on the dorm itself, sweeping the windows and the various exits.

Due to the "black out," everything else was dark except for isolated pools of yellow-orange light created by candles and kerosene lamps situated at the doors of the dorms. A dark shadow of a sentry could be detected to one side of the pools of light. To put it simply, I was astounded! Before me was a dramatic incarnation of prisoner of war camp scenes that I had only read about in the past. Determined now to understand this phenomenon I headed for the Commons. As I approached it, a student with a badge came from the shadows and directed his flashlight straight into my eyes. After asking me where I lived and what I was doing on campus, he told me to hurry up and get off because they (the cops, I guess) expected trouble from the students. I inquired as to what sort of "trouble" he expected. He could only say that they had heard rumors of a panty-raid and that some students were breaking curfew. That's right! These men were authorized to contain students in their dorms so that they would not have the opportunity to engage in any activity that might in the least way appear to be unchristian. If the students did not adhere to the rules, they would be caught by the policemen and sent back to the dorm after a thorough scolding by the dorm counselor.

Well! ? Where is the trust, love and freedom in Christ that only Christians can know? Will the actions last Wednesday of the authorized policemen stimulate a thoroughly distinct Christian atmosphere at Dordt? I must make clear that these questions plague me because the situation at Dordt indicates to me a negative mentality. Dr. Arnold De Graaf in his book, The Educational Ministry of the Church summarizes my analysis of the whole matter by writing: "When man's human nature (his freedom and his responsibility) is not respected, nature invariably turns into a pure demonstration of power and domination or it becomes mental persecution, manipulation, mechanical training, or it is reduced to over-protection, doting, or a mere laissez-faire attitude. Such antinormative guidance can only result in stubborn rebellion, obstinacy, aggression, fearful submission, immaturity, neurotic tendencies, disharmony, and in some instances, permanent deformities, or give rise to undisciplined behavior, confusion and uncertainty. The violation of humane nature inevitably leads to pedagogical impotence and failure."

Bearing this fate in mind, I urge the students and faculty of Dordt College to set upon a genuinely positive Christian path. Now, before it's too late!

Wally vander Kleut

CHRP on Life-saving

to the Editor:

The traffic situation at Dordt is not good. Cars, bikes and pedestrians all use the same street. Anyone with any foresight can see that this only invites an accident. We focus your attention particularly on the area around the triangle, especially during the "change of classes" time. What potential danger exists there? This coming week, October 22-28 the second CHRP team (College Health Information Reinforcement Program) from the Health class will focus your attention on this problem, and try to make you aware of the danger which exists toward you and your friends. Many things will be happening, like films and questionnaires, to mention only two.

Please plan now to show your cooperation and to participate. Use a worn-out but well-suited cliché, "the life you save may be your own!"

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Dordt Has a Friendly Campus.

to the Editor:

Why do I say Dordt has a friendly campus followed by a period? Because I don't think it is a question whether we have a friendly campus. But before we stop with just a statement let us see what is really meant by friendship. There are levels of friendship each having its distinguishing characteristics and accompanying responsibilities. Many people fail to achieve meaningful friendships because they do not have a clear understanding of the various levels.

Acquaintance--spasmodic personal contact--freedom to ask general questions, based on public information--consider each as "divine encounter", two parts of God's workmanship coming together. Eph. 2:10. Discern appropriate general questions. Casual Friendship--based on common interests, activities and concerns, free to ask specific questions--recognize what God has done in each life. Ps. 27:13, discern appropriate specific questions.

Close Friendship--mutual life goals, free to suggest mutual projects--visualize potential in each, discern appropriate projects. Intimate Friendship--based on commitment to development of each other's character, free to correct each other--open honesty, discern basic causes of character deficiencies.

The necessary pre-condition for friendship is self-acceptance. Unless you are a friend to yourself, you will find it difficult to be a friend to someone else. Prov. 15:13: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken." The outward appearance is the frame for the real picture God is seeking to create within each person. God's reputation is at stake in our appearance and actions. Matt. 5:16.

With the atmosphere and types of kids that come to Dordt, if a person can't find friends on campus the problem is not in the campus but with the person looking.

There are some kids on campus that think they are too good to say a friendly "Hi" or smile to "some" other kids, or maybe it is just the outward appearance. If this is the case let us step back a minute to something said earlier taken from Proverbs, Does this not mean that what we think on the inside will show on the outside? Consider the words of Philippians 2: 2-6, "Fulfill me my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. . . Look not everyman on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

I'd like everyone to think of something G. Warmink said that I stuck with me. He says he thinks that there is a little bit of heaven here on earth and I think he's right. When you get a bunch of Christians together this is something there which is missing in the "world." Now if we were in heaven and met a fellow Christian would we not say "Hi," smile, or at least let him know that we are aware of his presence. I know it is impossible to say something to everyone, but is it too hard to smile? As Christians we are here to strengthen each other and a smile can do a lot for a person's day. So why don't we try to wear a smile and make Dordt a little "friendlier" than it is already.

Harvey Van Gelder

REPLY: If the friendly atmosphere on campus is caused by students filled with joy and love, I agree with the general thrust of your letter. My first impressions were that this was not always the case, but I realize I may have been wrong. My main point was that there is a difference between having an acquaintance and a friend, and I think you agree with me there.

Syd Hielema

Towards A Christian Life-Style

by Janet Vlieg

The cloistered walls of Bethel College Seminary housed a number of Dordt students a few weekends ago. With students of Bethel College and a number of others from the Minneapolis area and Thunder Bay, Ontario, they shared in the excitement of discovering a Christian approach to current problems. Lectures were given in the chapel by Arie Leegwater and Rockne McCarthy, professors from Trinity College and by Bonnie Greene, a high school teacher from Snohomish, Washington. Over unlimited amounts of coffee and cookies, problems and questions relating to the lectures were discussed.

"History is man's unfolding of Creation" was the basis for Dr. McCarthy's lectures "The Conflict of Spirits in America." History is the embodiment of man's faithful or unfaithful response to the Creation mandate. At the time of the American Revolution, many sincere Christians were not sensitive to the unChristian spirits of that day. The work ethic, "work for God," was secularized into "work for work's sake" and many confessing Christians are still unaware of the disobedience of blind American patriotism today.

Only when we recognize the reality of the American civic religion can we let the world know what the Christian way of life is all about. Public school systems are in fact American institutions of the civic religion to instill faith in the democratic social order. Political parties express the democratic ideal, not differing significantly in ideology but rather, only in theoretic and pragmatic questions.

We must draw a line between a distinctive Christian community and the American civic religion. What does the Lordship of Christ mean in our lives? Christians must challenge themselves and others to become "spiritually disaffected from all forms of the American spirit." The fervor of American patriotism has become so blatant that youth now asks the question: Is God America and Nixon his prophet?

Ms. Bonnie Greene, in her lecture "Woman's Liberation and the Third World Revolution" asked why the Christian community was not doing anything to carry the redeeming healing of Christ to the woman's liberation movement and the exploitation of women. "We have to be activists, protesting what industry is doing to the family." Industry is forcing women to take care of the children when really they should have two parents. And about the "Christian takeover" of the Miss America Pageant? After having paraded about like meat, Miss America testifies to her faith in Jesus and the status quo.

Christians must come to grips with the reality of the situation and "stop reducing American problems to questions of ecclesiastical unity. Who cares about the ordination of women? It's not going to have a great deal of effect at this point." The basic drive of the feminist movements to date has been a tardy attempt to catch up on autonomous man. No attempt has been made to present a carefully worked out position that will affect the thinking of a great segment of the American public. No one has asked if the role of man's autonomy (or woman's) is right. No one has asked about the source of the institutions in question. Bonnie Greene challenged Christians to bring the Redemption of Christ to a lost and fragmented movement, to ask these questions and provide answers, based on the Word of the Lord.

Dr. Arie Leegwater, in his lecture "The Scientific Revolution" exposed the technocratic spirit directing western society. Man is technically preparing for the future with knowledge as his tool. Can he capture all the factors to form a predictable future? In disobedience to the Word of God, man sees himself as an autonomous being in a world without structure. Only by overcoming his external environment, by the proper use of his intelligence through science and technology, can he hope to control an uncertain and chaotic future. The Scientific Revolution was the acceptance of a world view that worshipped man's power of rational analysis as very revelation. This grew to faith in science itself as well as in man's rationality. Man's progress was to be insured and truth was to be found in man's living science.

We can never talk about an integration of science and faith. To talk about the relationship between faith and science is to presuppose a basic duality. The question is not one of integration, but of differentiation. How do I differentiate obedient and disobedient scientific activity? In order to demonstrate that this is not a matter of integration, we must demonstrate as students and faculty that historically all scientific activity has risen out of a religious faith or heart commitment.

We have no option of dropping out of society. We must witness to the new creation in Jesus Christ where science and technology have a proper place. Faith in technocratic progress directs our American democracy and it is this spirit we must challenge. It is hoped that what was learned at the Study Conference will be implemented into our studies and work within the Dordt community. Only when we can recognize the spirits that mark our times in the Light of the Word of the Lord can we even hope to attempt a truly Christian life-style.

Pieta

by Lloyd Den Boer and Wayne Farr

In this issue, Pieta takes a look at an interesting television film an analysis of the American Dream by Peter Schrag, and presents a condensed review of the film, Nicholas and Alexandra.

The Hill; a CBS television produced film. It is surprising, indeed healthy to cross a television film which leaves an impression more than momentarily. Such a film, The Hill, recently ran the circuit on CBS affiliated television stations in late May of this year and again last week. With Sean Connery in an opposite role of 007 as the orderly yet uncertain Sergeant-Major Roberts, The Hill proved to be well-directed professionally and convincingly acted, and suspenseful in a fashion that made two hours whizz by like five minutes.

From a theme similar to The Bird Man of Alcatraz, Connery and cellmates of a military reform center experience the tormenting Hill: a pyramid of sand on which the camp prisoners march up and down, up and down, physically degenerating under the burden of a full 30-lb. back-pack and the blazing Sahara sun. A prisoner dies of severe sunstroke instigated by a sadist camp sergeant who delights in crushing his prisoners with over-exercise, especially those prisoners he immensely dislikes. The camp erupts with inmate demands for retribution as the camp hierarchy cracks under pressure of quarreling officials. And in the final scene, we assume the sadist sergeant is murdered by cellmates of the deceased prisoner, while Connery screams for them to stop the beating for they will win their case in court. The emphasis of The Hill asks a question not solely in relation to the military reform center, but also in our society, and more closely here at Dordt: to obey orders is fine and right, but when laws and rules are wrong...

The Decline of the WASP by Peter Schrag; Simon and Schuster, publishers, New York. \$6.95. Peter Schrag capitalized on the lack of documentary work in Soul on Ice, the disjointed, incoherent The Greening of America, and the dry style of Future Shock, to arrive at the latest analysis of American society; The Decline of the WASP. The WASP (White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant) is the author's target. Schrag strikes viciously at the illusionary American Dream banner that has flown since the Puritan writer William Bradford. Mr. Schrag, like his regular Saturday Review commentaries, has dug deeper than the black-white-Indian-Orient rhetoric that ceaselessly floats in the American air. Schrag has embodied a look at the historical development of Western and sub-Western emphasises in our society, a critique of the aesthetic models and symbols in art and literature, a theoretical account of the American Dream, and an expose of contemporary aesthetic developments in American since World War II, all within a brief 255 pages. Schrag's overall battle is with the melting pot, or American Dream, ideal: "The melting pot, as Will Herberg pointed out in the fifties, was nothing of the kind; it was a cover for a process in which 'all ingredients have been transformed to an idealized Anglo-Saxon model.'"

And further than the critique, The Decline of the WASP is a eulogy, a second thought on the America of the past: "Perhaps if we start looking we will find a whole stock of neglected literature and art, not merely black but Indian, Mexican-American, Chinese--songs and stories, trampled rituals and forgotten craft. We are just now breaking through the locked doors of our ethnic chauvinism to learn what's behind, are just beginning to discover in the feats of which we were once so proud as a nation heavy tinges of racism and genocide--empires built up, as Mencken said, 'by swindling and butchering unarmed savages, and after that by robbing weak and friendless nations' without exposing 'the folks at home to any serious danger of reprisal.' Every black musician of the twenties and thirties knew that white performers were not only using his material but removing its vitality and jazz, its shit and humor and reproach, in the process. Tin Pan Alley thrived on stolen goods."

Reading, discussing and laughing, contemplating and praying through The Decline of the WASP, we can't help but recall that voice of John Oltuhs in his essay "The Wages of Change": "While America, the titantic, the unsinkable giant, is sinking indeed, the Christian community is busy moving deck chairs from position to position. While America is fighting for survival, the Christian community is withdrawing into its luxurious church shell."

Nicholas and Alexandra, a film based on the book by Robert K. Massie.

The film is a treatment of the fall of the Romanov dynasty in Russia, and especially of the family of the last czar, Nicholas II. The props and settings reveal that the film well deserved the



Gregory Rasputin

Oscar awards it received for art direction and costume design. Janet Suzmann plays Czarina Alexandra, a mother whose concern for her son, Alexis, the heir apparent, drastically clouded Nicholas's control of his government. Nicholas (Michael Jayston) fails to understand his people, and by the time he does he has ruined his chances to restore justice; he must abdicate. The excellent portrayal of Rasputin includes the amount of debauchery and intrigue any student of Russian history would expect. But he is treated fairly--he is not merely the hypocritical monster but the confirmed mystic (although certainly the most "earthy" mystic we've yet seen!) and the advocate, in his own peasant way, of a Russian Russia. The acting is a rarity for film in that it is progressively better, especially on the part of Mr. Jayston. The film also contains a well organized thirty second symbolic expose of the "War to End All Wars"--World War I.

By way of criticism: The film is not satisfactorily coherent. Too many themes (the plight of a working class family, the frivolous outlook of the aristocratic youth, the spiteful reaction of Alexis to his captors, and many more) are suggested but never developed. The setting, as well, jumps too quickly from St. Petersburg, to the Livadia Palace in the Crimea, to Moscow, to a hunting lodge in Poland, etc. All in all, the film presents too much in too short a span of time to be a unified artistic product. The one organizing theme, Alexis' illness, is overemphasized, making the film's analysis of the historical situation leading to the Romanov's demise far too superficial. There are also certain historical inaccuracies in the film, the most obvious being Stalin's presence in the midst of the top early Bolshevik officials. Regretably, the music is schmaltzy and neo-Romantic rather than Russian. Rimsky-Korsakov or Moussorgsky could easily have fit the film, alleviating the expense of an incidental music composer as well. If the film possesses any coherent vision it must be embodied in Nicholas' belief that as long as there is youth there is hope. In juxtaposition with the complex problems of the Russian Revolution, that belief seems incredibly, unbiblically naive.

But we must conclude by saying the film is worth viewing; at least once, although probably not twice.

Musica Antiqua of Iowa State University.

From the delightful, frolicking melodies of Praetorius to the antiphonal choruses of Monteverdi's Magnificat, Musica Antiqua displayed a concert rarely experienced today. Carl Bleyle, Musica Antiqua's director, set the audience in an informal, joking atmosphere which is practically required in this day of stiff concert formality in order to properly draw out the festive atmosphere essential to Medieval and Renaissance music. The performers, too, showed relaxness in their performing, and willingness, jokingly, to improve upon their mistakes. Certainly there were some technical problems (what can reviewers say about squeaky krummhorns?); nonetheless, the entire concert displayed such a thorough Medieval character that such minor discrepancies were easily forgiven. Although the concert was well attended, certainly Musica Antiqua deserves twice the audience next time around.

items of interest

For those of you modern music enthusiasts who recall in 1965 a group comprised of Chris Hillman, David Crosby, Roger (Jim) McGuinn, Mike Clark, and Gene Clarke, you may be delighted to know that the original Byrds will swing themselves back together again to produce an album that is to be released sometime this winter. From the Byrds to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, to Hicks and Clarke, to the Flying Burrito Brothers, to Crosby & Nash, and back to the Byrds: four years of transition should make some very interesting music.

Congratulations to Alexander Solzhenitsyn of the Soviet Union on the birth of his second son, Ignat.

Vote McGovern!

by Gary Wondergem

On April 3, 1971, I voted for George McGovern. The election was the Wisconsin primary. My vote was a part of the margin, although a small part, that helped swing the campaign momentum around for a man that most analysts said didn't stand a chance.

Why did I vote for George McGovern? I believed that Senator McGovern, if elected, would institute into his administration a new political vision. A vision that would end a war that I believe to be unjustly waged. A vision that would end a system of welfare that destroys human dignity. A vision that gives those men, who, led by the guiding light of their conscience, fled a military system they deemed oppressive, a second chance within a system they once judged at best tolerable to find a new life.

For this vision, McGovern has come under fire. His views have been labelled leftist, and it has been predicted that George McGovern will suffer the same fate as Barry Goldwater. But, even with this dire prediction in mind, I will still vote for George McGovern in November.

McGovern on the campaign trail has been called inconsistent, and I must agree. George McGovern has swayed on his views. But, this has not swayed me in my support of his candidacy. Yet, I do not see myself as a blind follower, for one reason. In American political history there is another case of a presidential candidate who was a sure loser, a man who changed his campaign direction often, a man who was called many things by many people. That man from history was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Perhaps one of the greatest leaders this country has chosen.

I believe that George McGovern has some of the qualities of F.D.R. That is the main reason I will vote for him. America chose a good leader in F.D.R. I hope McGovern will prove, if elected, to be as good.

Re-Elect Nixon!

by Becky Maatman

President Richard Nixon should be re-elected because of the work he has carried out in the last four years.

The President has cut inflation rate in half by his wage and price freeze program. He created 125,000 more jobs. Nixon has proposed a change in the welfare program so that there would be more training for the unemployed and work incentives, but also relieving America's taxpayers.

President Nixon has made ecology more than a passing fad. He is the first president to set up an Environmental Protection Agency and propose 25 environmental bills.

During his administration, Nixon passed a law giving eighteen-year-olds the right to vote, a right that has been long over due.

President Nixon has set up a program for an all-volunteer army. American forces in Viet Nam have been cut 60%, he has brought home more than 500,000 men from Viet Nam. Casualties have dropped 98%. He is phasing out America's involvement in the Viet Nam war. Military spending has been cut from 44% of the national budget in 1968, to 34% of the total budget in 1972.

Dealing with other foreign countries, President Nixon made agreements with Russia. In Moscow, this past May, agreements were made to limit antiballistic systems, explore space together and work together curing diseases. Nixon has reduced the tension in the Middle East. In Peking he also improved the relations between the U. S. and China. (Who else has brought Panda Bears to Washington?)

Richard Nixon has decreased the crime rate. In Washington, D. C., (ironically having the highest crime rate in the nation), the crime rate has dropped 30% in the last year. Throughout the nation the rate has increased one per cent but half of U.S.'s major cities have had a decrease in the crime rate.

Nixon has acted against legalization of drugs. He has made agreements with Turkey and France, totally banning opium and halting the inflow of drugs to the U. S. A few weeks ago Mr. Nixon met with Mexican officials, conferring about the drugs coming through the Mexican borders. Rehabilitation for addicts has increased 600% and there is more drug education. Since he became President, Nixon has increased the punishment for drug pushers.

Many college students, in the past wanted to volunteer work in helping other people. President Nixon has started an agency "Action" which organizes the volunteers to help in a program such as VISTA or the Foster Grandparents Program. As a result, many more people can be involved in helping others because they like the work and aren't doing it for money.

In the health area, the President increased the money support to cancer and sickle cell anemia research. (There is already some breakthroughs in cancer research.) He has proposed to make health care available to everyone who needs it.

I realize that Nixon could not be labeled as a Christian politician, but it is important to note that he is morally against abortion, legalization of prostitution, and drugs.

For these reasons I will vote for Richard Nixon in the National election November 7.



Let's Surprise Ourselves!

by Gail Stockmeier

There's been more political discussion and debate at Dordt during the past ten days than in the last three years combined. It's suddenly dawning on everyone that a presidential election is less than a month away, and that this involves each one of us.

Last week a few students took the time to tell us that they support McGovern. A lot of kids took the time to tell them that they didn't. By the weekend the opposition got organized, and a poster battle was on. It would seem that conflict breeds political interest. When opinions contrary to our own force their way into our vision and hearing, a verbal debate often ensues. Some are even stimulated to action of their own. It's good that a lot of students started thinking and expressing themselves.

The whole affair raised a question in my mind: Why is it that we who serve the same God and experience being one in the Spirit, are so politically fragmented and disunified? Is our unity limited to doctrine, dogma, morals, mores? There is a basic contradiction between being bitterly opposed at the voting poll and united as one on Sundays. If we truly believe that God speaks to all of life, then He is speaking about November. I don't think that his people are listening for Him to speak on that day. They're merely listening to Nixon, McGovern and their own interests and making a decision based on incomplete data. I hope that none of us is guilty of limiting God when we chose either a candidate, or not to vote at all.

We're now in the middle of the much-heralded Political Emphasis Week. Local, state, national, and international politics have come to Dordt via speeches and films. Problems, analysis, suggestions, whole political philosophies are being presented to those of us who care enough to listen. What's our response? Do we respond, or do we merely listen and remain unchanged, unmoved?

What happens when the election is over? Do we stop caring for another four years? If the events of this week cause only a few to listen who then proceed to limit their political activity to periodic voting and reading the paper, then all is futile. The scope of Political Emphasis week envisions much more demanding and exciting results. There's work to be done! We must keep talking and searching together for God's will on political issues. What about abortion, Parochiad, penal reform, corrupt campaigns, the war? Certainly we can look at these problems together in the light of Scripture. Christians must speak together to our government.

There's an issue right now which needs our support. Congress has been considering tax relief for the parents who send their children to Christian schools. An organization named CREDIT is calling for letters to be sent to our Congressmen and Senators. What about it? Can Christians work together now? Do we care enough?

Let's surprise ourselves.



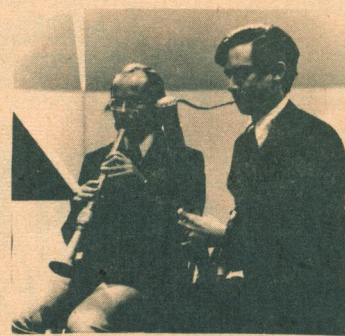
Photo: De Vries
The Musica Antiqua group communicated with the Dordt audience, using antique music and instruments.

Intimate Music Lost in Gym

This is a music review. Review meaning thoughtful, hopefully fair but admittedly subjective critique, written to stimulate intelligent listening and learning.

Take last Friday's concert by I.S.U.'s Musica Antiqua. Their specialty: "antique" music from the English, Italian and even German Renaissance. Two fascinating consorts were used (small groups of instruments of similar tone color). First, the woodwinds: Recorders, Rauschpfeifen ("drunken pipes" with a harsh, oboeish sound), Krummhorns (curved wood pieces

with reeds inside the mouthpieces, making surprisingly pleasant buzzes), shawms (the forerunner of the oboe). The second consort: Sackbuts (trombone-like in sound and looks), cornetts or zinks (curved, leather-covered wood with 6 finger holes and wooden, cupped mouthpiece, capable of sounds like bellowing heifers, hunting horns, ETC.). The viola da gamba, approximately like a cello, is used as bass support. Speaking of support, the gamba has no floor peg; thus the player holds it by wrapping his knees and legs around its lower half. A lute, drums, tambourine, tracker-action organ (the keyboard action is controlled mechanically not electronically as in 19th-20th century organs), and psaltery (auto-harp-like) were also used. Anyone at the concert learned all of the above and more.



The scene was refreshingly un-concert-like with the performers at ease, the director, Carl Bleyle, joking as he talked. Real concentration on performance subtleties seemed difficult and led to occasional shoddy playing. The Great Handicap to an otherwise good concert was Dordt's gym. It was unfortunate that this intimate music whose natural habitat is close surroundings was performed in that mammoth, echoing cave. C160, C217, 1st CRC, Bethel, anywhere but a place like that gym. Brass choirs-- by all means--but Josquin or Praetorius!?

Students Join Festival

On October thirteenth three Dordt students, Judy Brouwer, Brenda Dieken, and Linda De Wit, participated in the Oral Interpretation Festival held at Sioux Falls College. The theme of the Festival was "American Literature Since 1950 and selections chosen from this category were read by the participants in three different rounds. Based on the rankings achieved in these rounds, eight readers were selected to read in the final round. Dordt was represented in this final round by Brenda Dieken. Her selection was "Why I Live in the P.O." by Eudora Welty. The final round was critiqued by Dr. Christine Sturges from the University of Northern Colorado.

Dordt speech professor Mr. Martin Dekkenga coached the readers, and helped to judge the three rounds of oral interpretation at the Festival.

Readers

Theatre

Plans

Spook Show

A "spooky, horror-t show" for the late night October 31 is being planned by this year's Reader's Theater group. Poetry and prose selections by Edgar Allan Poe and some of his compatriots in horror will be performed for students who are in the mood for spookingling entertainment.

The Reader's Theater in itself does not constitute a club. As a student theater group under constitution and jurisdiction of Thalia, it is directed by a steering committee made up of three students and two faculty advisors: Ron Sjoerdsma, chairman, Dorothy V. Haaftan, Rich Dykstra, Miss Addink and Mr. D. Kinga. The committee is responsible for selecting material, scheduling tryouts, assigning parts and selections, and general directing of the entire program.

Last Friday Reader's Theater traveled to the Speech Forensics Festival in Sioux Falls to participate in an evening reading session. Dr. Rotman, Rich Dykstra and Gord Posthumus read "Light in the Asphalt Jungle" by Vincent Harding in keeping with the Festival's theme: "American Literature Since 1950". The evening of Reader's Theater did not involve any competition or rating but simply an oral critique by Dr. Christine Sturges, a speech and drama expert from the University of Northern Colorado.

According to Mr. Dekkenga, advisor to Reader's theater, the Festival was a good experience for Dordt's Theater group in that it showed the students that Reader's Theater is not a limited type of activity. Even in Reader's Theater, costumes and props are allowed, dramatic lighting is encouraged and there are times when the script can be left on the stage as well.

Reader's Theater hopes in the future to prepare for performance both for college students and the neighboring communities and church groups.

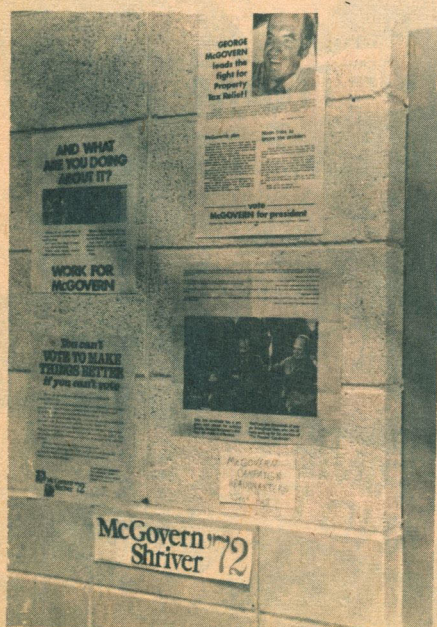


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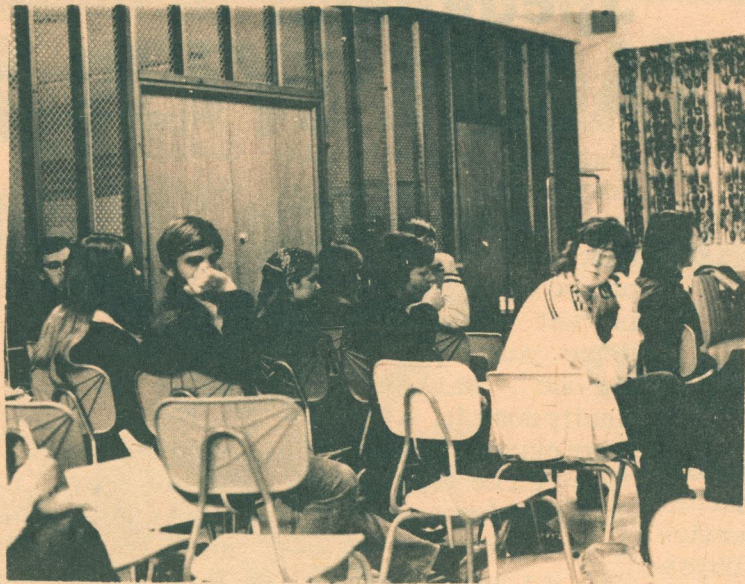
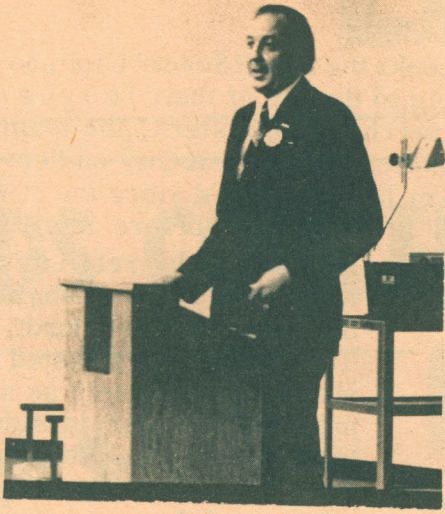
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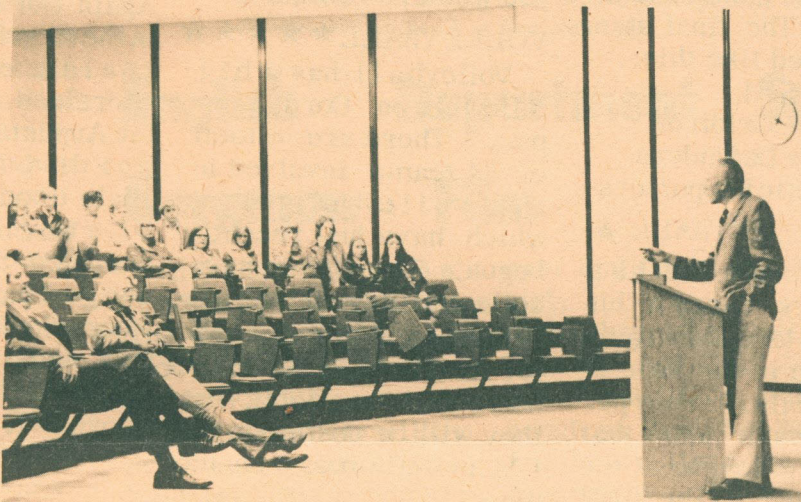


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Colleges Compare Rules and Regulations

Housing and dorm policies were the subject of discussion at a recent meeting of Calvin, Dordt, and Trinity's Dean of Students.

According to Rev. Hulst, the presidents of these sister colleges meet twice a year to discuss academic affairs and general management of the learning communities. The Academic Deans and Deans of Students accompanied them to the October 5 conference at Trinity.

Comparisons of the rules and regulations are necessary, said Rev. Hulst. Each of the Deans hears of the different policies at the other colleges and this meeting was to determine which type of governing principles was right or at least worked the best.

After much discussion, the Deans came to the conclusion that none of the colleges have a "better" system of housing and rules than the others. According to Rev. Hulst, they saw that each college had a different size and

type of student population and a different setting as far as local community was concerned. These factors demand that the rules and policies governing housing are not better or worse at different colleges, but suited to the specific needs at the particular location.

Rev. Hulst made clear that each of the colleges must learn from the others and study and discuss other systems. But each college must realize that what works for one is not necessarily the best for the others.

At the mention of Dordt's new system of government, this topic was quickly decided upon for discussion at the next meeting of these college representatives in February or March. The conference will be held on a different campus next time giving the Presidents and Deans a chance to become better acquainted with the other colleges.

Bible Study Initiated

The Dordt College Mission Club is pushing hard this year to be a real witness of the glory of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The program is extensive, and on the whole is proceeding as well as can be expected.

Tonight the club is going to the Pleasant Acres Nursing Home in Orange City. The club is also sponsoring a survey for

the Back to God Hour. Having covered most of Sioux Center, Saturday it plans to go to Alton, Iowa, which should be a real challenge since this is largely a Roman Catholic community.

Next Wednesday night the club will hold its weekly meeting. Stuart Cole and Edie Geldermans will tell the club how they shared Christ in the ghetto of Philadelphia. There will be prayer and songs as usual.

There will be a "Key '73" study series on campus using Evangelism Thrust's booklet entitled Called to Serve. This is a series of seven lessons geared to preparing the church for its evangelism task. Mission Club has been requested to organize these studies starting Wednesday, Nov. 15. They will be held every second Wednesday thereafter at 6:30 pm. The booklets will be provided free and the Spiritual Activities Committee along with the Mission Club executive committee encourages everyone on campus to participate.

Clubs Do

Their Thing

During the months from March to August the Biology club was busy collecting discarded cans and bottles. To date they have delivered three-quarters of their collection, twenty thousand cans and bottles to Omaha, Nebraska where they will be recycled.

The collection has temporarily been terminated due to the amount of work involved.

The Seventh Seal-Bergman's Classic

Ingmar Bergman presents an allegory of man's search for life's meaning in his film "The Seventh Seal." The English Department and the Film Committee are co-sponsoring the four showings of this film on November 7, 1972.

Antonius Block, a disillusioned knight returning from the crusades, faces the Black Death in its sweep across Europe. To counter Death's claim on his life, Block proposes a game of chess. Death takes him on.

A squire, a troupe of players, and a deaf-dumb girl fall under his protective custody. His sacrifice of his life allows his compatriots to escape.

SOCCER CLIMBS IN LEAGUE

P.E. Deserves Equal Time

by Julius de Jager

When I was in junior high back in Lethbridge, Alberta, my teacher had me around his finger in the winter months. Why? This teacher told the class that if anyone misbehaved they would have to stay in their desk and write lines while the rest of the class would board a bus and play hockey at an indoor rink. When hockey season started I made sure I didn't offend him at all.

This type of attitude by my teacher toward physical education is definitely wrong because it reduces the importance of physical education in the curriculum. In the primary and secondary grades physical activity should be taught. Teachers must instruct the children in how to play rather than supervising them. Physical education is important because when the student leaves secondary school he must be able to fulfill his responsibility of exercising and keeping his body fit.

In the college situation a student chooses an area of investigation to study. Here again physical education should be treated on the same level as Biology, English or Music. The P.E. department should teach the students about physical activity and prepare them for occupations such as teachers or recreation directors.

While all this academics is going on each person in the academic community still has the responsibility to keep fit. Since they have been taught (?) how to participate in athletic activity they can fulfill their responsibility without having that activity forced on them. The organization of intra-murals and sports clubs would provide competition and facilities for the community.

Keeping in mind what physical activity is responsible for, the purposes of competition in sports becomes clear. Teams should play for enjoyment and skill development. This does not mean that rough sports should be avoided and that everyone take up bowling. Games such as football hockey or lacrosse can be played if the players remember why they are playing. The "kill" attitude and the glory-seeking in sports must be weeded out. These influences take away from competition the purposes of enjoyment and skill development.

The same attitude toward physical activity should also be extended to other non-academic communities. Young people's baseball in the summer is a good example, but don't limit yourself to the youth. The friendly competition between teams or persons is a terrific way to fulfill your responsibilities. This activity is amateur in the true sense of the word and not some politically and economically determined notion.

CC Finishes Season

Dordt's CC team has finished another decent season. On October 3 Dordt ran against Westmar on the Sandy Hollow four mile course. Westmar is one of the finest CC teams in the area. And Dordt came out on the long end of the scene with 42 points; Westmar had 15 (low score wins). Westmar runners captured the first five places with Gary Johnson winning with a time of 21:27. Dordt ran good times against their fine competitors with Lynn Bleeker 6th, Mark Kauk 7th, and Ron Van Weelden

8th.

On October 10, Dordt ran in a triangular with Westmar and Northwestern. Dordt runners fared pretty well in the second spot. Westmar again finished with the low score (15) with Dordt at 48 and NW 95. Westmar's runners took the first five places. Guettel winning with a very fast time of 19:51. For Dordt, Lynn Bleeker finished 6th, (22:05), Mark Kauk 7th, and Ron Van Weelden 10th. NW's Volman placed 15th in the meet, the first of NW to place.

Briefly Speaking...

I-M FOOTBALL ★★★

Now that the bone-crushing, head-banging touch-football season is over, we can take a quiet look at just how it all turned out. The big news is that after trying for three years to win "the big one", M.A.S.H. has finally done it. As one of their players commented, "For three years we've been together and not once have we come out the victor. But now we've got it!"

The last game was a rematch of the championship game last year and to the chagrin of all the Juniors the best team wasn't the same one as last year. The final standings looked like this:

1. M.A.S.H.
2. Grit's Gridiron
3. Doc's Defenders
4. Athletic Supporters

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL ★

In Women's Softball the Juniors fared a bit better. Here they came out on top in the form of the "Revivals." They put down a Senior team that had led the league at the last printing. The final standings in the Women's

Hockey Club

Plans

Full Schedule

After hectic last-minute scheduling, the Dordt Hockey Club has found an opponent for their season opener to be played this Saturday. The opposition is made up of past members of the Sioux City Youth League and players practicing with the Sioux City professional team the Musketeers. The Independents and Dordt will face off at 4:00 p.m. this Saturday in the Sioux City Auditorium.

This year the Dordt team looks strong. The forward line will be hampered by the loss of a few go-getters from last year's team but the incoming freshman should take care of that. The defence has remained intact from last year but could use some tightening up. There have been three players trying out for goalie this year; all of whom appear solid between the posts. The coach will have a chore picking one for the game. There are a few new faces

In the past three weeks the Dordt Soccer Club has been steadily climbing to the top of their league. After an opening tie with Northwestern, the team played Morningside College from Sioux City on September 27. The team had developed since the NW game as they pumped in three goals before Morn-

ingside could retaliate. After the first half the score was 3-1 Dordt. The Dordt team tasted victory prematurely as a more unified Morningside team came back to tie up the score. The last few minutes of the game were hectic for Dordt as the opposition tried to put in the winning goal. Final score 3-3.

1. Revivals
2. Senior Sluggers
3. Slimmy Sluggers
4. PJ's

100 MILE CLUB ★★★★★

The 100-mile club has attracted many runners to the track. They are led by Steve Carlman, a freshman, who has burned up the track for 110 miles. There are two more fitness buffs who have passed the 50 mile mark. They are Sophomore Lyle Faber and Frosh John Sikema. Hang in there all you who are behind!

VOLLEYBALL ★★★★★

Volleyball has a big following on Dordt campus. There are a total of 34 teams involved in the volleyball games which have just recently begun. The women have collected themselves into 19 teams and the men into 15. At this time there are no results available but they will be posted on the I.M. bulletin board in the gym.

The total point standings so far look like this:

- Juniors - 132
- Frosh - 120
- Seniors - 110
- Sophs - 98

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Determined not to lose momentum, the Dordt team out-hustled Augustana College on October 4. Again Dordt took the lead in the first half with three goals and held Auggie scoreless. Refusing to let Augustana come back, Dordt put in two more goals to put the game out of reach. Auggie managed, however, to put one goal past goalie Steve Hoogerhyde. The game was well-played by a unified Dordt team. Final score 5-1.

The situation was different when Dordt played S.W.M.S. from Marshall, Minnesota at Sioux Falls. The game was played the Saturday of Teacher's Institute and the team was hampered by players going home. The rest of the team played against a skillful but individualistic Marshall team. Neither team could do anything. Dordt has a slight advantage but couldn't score. With a 0-0 tie going into the second half both teams locked horns again. Marshall managed to put in one goal and Dordt was losing. A fortunate goal with five minutes left put Dordt back in the game. Time ran out with the score 1-1. This game was poorly played and the goals were just fortunate accidents.

The soccer team has one more league game to play and after their last game were on top of the league. The game with USD could change things though. There is a three-way race for first with Dordt in contention with USD and Morningside College.

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