

Guret Lectures Students



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Student Council Holds Elections

Juniors and Sophomores Require Three Ballots

Twenty-one students vied for the twelve student council seats on campaign night, October 26. The following day, Friday, Oct. 27, elections were held. From five Senior candidates, Bert Polman, Sheila Tuininga, and John Schuurman were elected. Agnes Siebenga and Jerry Ebbers were the only two of the six Junior candidates receiving majority votes. The Sophomore class, with six official candidates and one write-in candidate, elected only Eric Schilperoort with a majority vote. The Freshman class elected Larry Meyer, Marv Rietema, and Brenda Top from their four candidates.

Because a majority vote is needed to elect any candidate, a second election was held on Monday, October 30, for the Junior and Sophomore classes to fill their remaining seats in the council. The results of this election showed that there was still no majority vote for any of the remaining candidates. Another run-off election was then scheduled for Tuesday, October 31. The final results brought Wayne Kobes into the student council for the Juniors, and Linda Rupke and Jerry Blum for the Sophomores.



In a Greek setting Professor Guret lectures on "The Mind of Greece."



On the evenings of October 17, 19, 24, and 25, Professor John Guret, on the invitation of Professor Donald Morton, delivered a series of lectures on "The Mind of Greece." The lectures were presented in Room 201 of the library to the Freshmen Western Civilization classes, the World Literature classes, and the Goethe Literature class. A candle-lit amphitheater and a classical Greek setting were provided by "Burns Scholars," members of Professor Morton's classes. The attending students were ushered by young ladies in togas.

The series consisted of two lectures, each presented twice. Part I addressed the tragedians Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. Professor Guret elaborated on Pythagoras' ideal that man is the measure of all things. Aeschylus' drama about Agamemnon had no measure; Oedipus Rex, by Sophocles, stressed that man is man or true measure; man's false measure was introduced by Euripides.

In Part II, "The Laughter of Greece and Rome," Mr. Guret discussed Aristophanes' The Birds, and Plautus' The Pot of Gold. Aristophanes searched for a utopia which would be free from the traffic of men, and in which he wished to soar like the birds of his title. In Plautus, a man fails to find happiness in riches.

In both Aristophanes and Plautus, tragedy lies just beneath the comic surface. Professor Guret suggested that each playwright had been given the common grace to realize that his life on earth was without true happiness and meaning. He suggested, too, that each had repressed the truth of God (Romans 1:25) and so was unable to find the utopia which he sought.

EDITORIAL

Norman Bomer

Where stands our nation after two centuries of maturity, when national security and the defense of our institutions depends on the deployment of troops to protect the national capital? Recent outbreaks by "demonstrators" in Washington and other major cities point to the tragic result of the unprincipled emphasis of a once "Christian" nation. Growing permissiveness and weakening of standards by the courts have contributed to the general acceptance of domestic guerrillas, a minority of rabble which can destroy our freedom as quickly as can our external enemies.

Without due process of law to handle this internal threat, these same anarchists will be in the streets without excuses such as opposition to the Vietnam War. Destruction of our social order is their goal, whatever the excuse, and without the enforcement of law and the dealing of punishments commensurate to their crimes, the assaults of anarchists will demolish our freedom.

We as members of the church are responsible for witnessing to the necessity of obedience to God's law and the rule of government. We are certainly responsible, even as a denomination, for the actions of our own members in relation to their role in society. The recent "march" on Washington was promoted and supported by a small yet vocal segment of our own church. Although contemporary religious spokesmen such as Bishop James A. Pike tell us that such civil disobedience as last week's antidraft disturbances is a sign of "a growing moral sensitivity which is a very encouraging development," we Christians must realize the necessity of obedience to law and participation in the due process of law for the promotion of our political and social concerns.

LONELY PLACES

My soul cries out
In search of strength—
Strength to face
The lonely place
Where devils lurk.

Taunting behind their clever masks,
They plan to lead my fickle soul
To nights in sundered valleys,
Where lying lights shine eerie-dark
And dream-lush pastures never fill.

A long-forgotten promise stirs
The cooling embers of my soul:
Ask, My child—
My strength is thine.
To eat My bread,
To taste My wine,
Believing, you are safely led
To wholesome pastures, living streams
Where angels bring a heavenly strength
And lonely places disappear.

Hester Hogan

THEN PRAY*

Traveling down the mountain path
where unkempt orchards stood
and rotting apples under trees
hid among the scattered leaves,
the Stranger walked the cores of
death
with passionate eyes that saw beyond
to sun-drenched wheated valleys—
ready-ripe,
full-ripe,
white-ripe,
but destitute.

*Matthew 9:36-38

Orlin Hogan

Administration Hires Student Teachers

This fall fifteen students have been hired to assist the faculty in the Chemistry, German, Biology, and Physical Education Departments. These students work under the direction of the professors and instructors in their respective departments. Their duties include teaching labs and classes as well as personally assisting students with problems. Working in the chemistry labs are Ronald Blankespoor, Larry De Young, Michael Du Mez, and

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Candidates plead their cases as they vie for positions on the new Student Council.



Sylvan Gerritsma

"SLIGHTLY SAYING, PEACE,
PEACE; WHERE THERE IS
NO PEACE"

The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene, Viking Press, 1948, 306 pp.

The Heart of the Matter is a book of unmitigated gloom. Its temporal setting is in Africa where the muggy heat makes even an affectionate touch produce an irritating flow of sweat. Its main characters are frustratingly rejected in life and love ("he Wilson was always on the outside of the door"), wretchedly tormented ("There was no joy anywhere" for Scobie), or too shallow to experience such agonizingly human emotions ("It's odd how easily I can talk about him," Louise said, 'now that he's gone'").

To put new meaning into an old cliché, one might say that Henry Scobie is a peace-loving man. He craves peace, not merely in the superficial sense of absence of war, but in a much more profound sense. He wants peace with himself, with other people, and with his god. He has such a morbid preoccupation with peace that he finds himself almost hysterically reciting the Latin declension—"pax, pacis, pacem"—fearful that he has "left... the hope of peace forever." And, paradoxically, he experiences this intense anxiety when he is attending mass to set peace.

"Peace seemed to him the most beautiful word in the language: My peace I give you...." But Henry Scobie could find none of that peace, because he was looking in the wrong way and place. He assumed, even after Father Rank told him differently, that he could claim Christ's peace without Christ's blood; he could claim Christ's forgiveness while flouting Christ's law. Consequently, in desperation for at least some quasi-peace, he thought he found peace in adultery, and when Yusef, a noted criminal, offered to take care of him. In other words Scobie is vainly saying, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14b).

But Scobie's failure to obtain peace is only a symptom of a much more pernicious depravity. The root of his dereliction lies in his displacement of God's law (Rom. 1:25) for his own situation ethics. His self-vindicating ethics is a hodgepodge of excuses for his sins: 1) his "responsibility" for both Louise and Helen, 2) his fear of "hurting" Helen, 3) his "pity" for her, 4) his desire for her "happiness," 5) his greater love of persons than of God (how "can one love God at the expense of his creatures?"), and 6) his desire to impose his ethics upon God. It is "unfair of God" to treat him as He has, and because "death never comes when one desires it most," Scobie can "choose the date" better than God, justifying his suicide.

This separation from God ("I shall be alone for ever") logically, yet paradoxically, means that "solitude" alone speaks to him and "it was loneliness that seated itself like a companion...." Pathetically ironic, too, is the fact that marriage, the strongest earthly symbol of spiritual unity, is portrayed with great gulfs between its partners. Every pseudo-love affair portrayed in the book is unilateral at best.

Greene himself, in a very peculiar authorial comment, seems subconsciously and almost accidentally to espouse Scobie's doctrine of the impossibility of peace when he says, "Point me out the happy man and I will point you out either egotism, selfishness, evil—or else an absolute ignorance." But the Christian, who knows that peace comes without the works of penance and the dead of Purgatory may reply, "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

SPARKLES

by Betrol Vreedink

At the witching hour one night, I walked through Dordt's silent empty halls. "Do strange things happen at the thirteenth hour? Can walls talk?" Magically, as if in answer, a rumble of voices began. I heard only scattered phrases.

"The bigger, the better!"

"Huh! You gotta concentrate more with the small ones."

"Unify it with one color theme!"

"But that gets sickening."

"Psychedelic is best."

"No—restraint."

"Yours cost too much."

"They look better than yours!"

"Wish I was rich."

"Hey, how about this one: 'I cough, we must not be in the pink.'"

"I've got a better one, 'Don't B#, Bb; get trampled by the mob joiners!'"

"Rip it and watch things untangle!"

"Mrs. Wassenaar likes don't get tricked out of your treat."

"He may be ugly, but Confucius seth, 'See how much better it gets.'"

"He can't promise a wedding but don't despair, don't dismay, go to bat."

The window shouted above the din, "For a shade better government..."

The skylight, the brightest of them all, intoned, "Hold everything! We aren't allowed to vote anyway."

The rumble died and the halls were again mute.

I returned the next morning in the cool light of reason, gazed at the inanimate, now undecorated walls, and said to myself, "What an imagination you have!" I checked both directions—no one was looking—I furtively put my ear to the wall and heard deep inside a contented sigh of relief.

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Prominent Physicist Lectures

Dr. Homer T. Mantis, of the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, was a guest lecturer at Dordt College on Thursday, October 26.

In the afternoon Dr. Mantis spoke to interested physics students about curricula for physics and engineering. His intention was to distinguish between these fields in order to help Dordt students chose their vocation. Dr. Mantis also met with Dr. Ribbens, Dean of Dordt College; Dr. Marvin De Young; and Dr. Russel Maatman to discuss the physics curriculum at Dordt.

Dr. Mantis' second lecture was addressed to Dordt students and to members of the Sioux Falls - Brookings Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, including four people from Brookings, S. D.; four people from Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Dr. Marvin De Young, Associate Professor of Physics at Dordt. In the evening lecture, Dr. Mantis spoke about his research in the physics of the upper atmosphere. He has learned much about temperature, ozone content, and dust layers in the upper atmosphere by working with balloons. He also showed a film describing such an exhibition during a sun eclipse.

Dr. Mantis visited Dordt as a representative of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics.

Wildlife Travelogue Comes to Campus

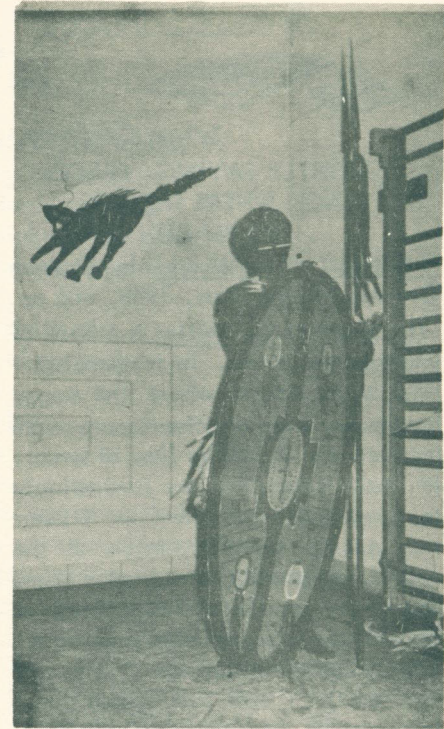
The first travelogue in this year's series will be shown on Friday, November 3 in the Dordt Auditorium. The film, "North American Wildlife, in Action," shows battling buffaloes, elegant elk, and caribou caravans. Taking the viewer on a trip through the American and Canadian Rockies, it portrays the scenic West in all its beauty and ruggedness. Bighorn Sheep, square dancing grouse, black and grizzly bears, and the call of the bull moose all add to the splendor and grandeur of this trip through one of the most beautiful and exciting parts of the world.

This film was shot by Larry Linnard, a Civil Engineer and Landscape Architect. Mr. Linnard is a past-president of the American Society of Landscape Architects and his love of nature is shown in his effort to "bring 'em back alive."

Cook Presents Concert On Dordt Steinway

James Cook, pianist from Morning-side College, presented a concert on Dordt's new Steinway Grand piano, October 26. His repertoire included selections from Debussy, Beethoven, Bach, Liszt, and Brahms. Approximately 100 students were in attendance at the performance.

Mr. Cook received his training at the Julliard School of Music in New York City. This is the second year he has been associated with the Morningside faculty.

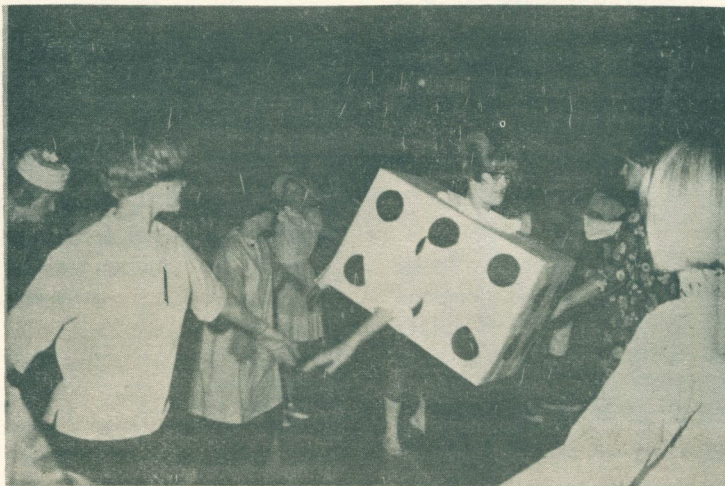


Forced into a corner, Herb Vanden Broek quells his savage notions as photographers catch a rare scene.

Council Sponsors Costume Party

On Friday evening, October 27, the Dordt gym was the scene of the all-school costume party. Approximately 100 students participated, each wearing an original costume. Snowflakes, barrels, and nightgowns were only a few of the unique costumes worn. All those present entered the costume contest which was won by Herb Vanden Broek dressed as a native African warrior.

The following evening, old-time comedy films were shown in the auditorium. The student body laughed to the antics of *The Little Rascals*, *Buster Keaton*, and other past comedy greats. The highlight of the evening was a film entitled "The Great Chase," a take-off on the "good guy-bad guy" theme.



Masqueraders join in games at Dordt's Halloween party.

- Q. How do you make a decent sandwich with a large bun and one level spoonful of barbecue meat sauce?
- A. You don't.

Intramurals

Basketball will begin sometime during the week prior to Thanksgiving. The team captains must sign up and pay dues before November 7. Registration fee for basketball will be \$5 per team. The size of the teams is optional.

The official results are also in from the intramural track and field events. The official scoring by classes was Freshmen 27; Sophomores 25; Juniors 70; Seniors 30 1/2.

Some of the individual first place awards are:

Shot put—Duane Addink
50 yd. dash (w)—Donna Groen
50 yd. dash (m)—Pete DeHaan
Standing broad jump (m)—Preston Moerman
Standing broad jump (w)—Maryane Vander Molen
Softball throw (w)—Sylvia Lengkeek
440 yd. dash (m)—Gene Hospers
75 yd. dash (w)—Doris Maas
100 yd. dash (m)—Case De Haan
200 yd. relay (w)—Freshmen
200 yd. relay (m)—Juniors
Mile run—Willy Verhoef
200 yd. shuttle relay—Seniors
220 yd. dash (m)—Gene Hospers
440 yd. walk (w)—Janel Wubben
440 yd. walk (m)—Carl Nunnikhoven
440 yd. relay—Juniors

REMINDER

The intramural council reminds award winners in golf, table tennis, archery, and football to pick up their trophies at the office.

CUMULATIVE INTRAMURAL TOTALS

Seniors, 216 1/2; Juniors, 333 1/2; Sophomores, 151; Freshmen, 152.

BOWLING

Female readers will be happy to know that women's intramural bowling will start soon. In fact, sign-up deadline is set for Nov. 10.

According to the list of rules, bowlers must sign along with four other members of the same class. Individual team members may bowl separately, leaving their score sheets with the alley manager. Each participant must bowl twelve lines at 25 cents a line. Contenders bowl for high team and individual scores.

Men's bowling intramurals will be scheduled later in the year with the same set of rules.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

It's back to the books for intramural football players. The season is closed except for the championship tourney at the time of this writing.

Soon, of course, the 30 yard line will give way to half court as the basketball season shoulders its way in. However, since football is the primary preoccupation at this time, we will give the final standings. These statistics do not include the championship playoffs.

White League

	W	L	T	G.O.
1. Gestapo	5	0	0	-
2. Buckeneers	4	1	0	1
3. Rinky Dinks	3	2	0	2
4. Born Losers	2	3	0	3
5. Red Barons	1	4	0	4
6.	0	5	0	5

Black League

	W	L	T	G.O.
1. Mafia *	4	0	1	-
2. Blitz Krieg	3	1	1	1 1/4
3. Dirdt Diggers	1	1	3	1 3/4
4. Dirty Dozen	1	3	1	3 1/4
5. Ten Plagues	0	1	4	3 1/2
6. Drop-outs	0	3	2	4

*No actual defeats in two seasons.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Since girl-watching is really man's favorite sport, the girls' volleyball games are well attended. The question is, "Have they been worth watching?"

The Freshman girls at least have the participation points sewed up with six teams. The Junior girls mustered up five teams, followed by the Sophs with four, and the mighty Seniors with three teams.

The women's volleyball season will be climaxed by the championship playoffs on November 21. First and second place teams in both the White and Black leagues will be in action to determine the top four positions.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS WHITE LEAGUE

	W	L	G.O.
1. Mugwumps (Jr.)	4	0	-
2. Sassy Ones (Sr.)	3	1	1
3. Twinkies (Sr.)	3	1	1
4. Lively Set (Fr.)	2	2	2
5. Konk-outs (Sr.)	1	1	2
6. Novices (Jr.)	1	2	2 1/2
7. Late-comers (Soph.)	1	2	2 1/2
8. Last Recruits (Jr.)	1	3	3
9. Utnapishtis (Fr.)	0	4	4

BLACK LEAGUE

1. Doodles (Jr.)	4	0	-
2. Smiterines (Jr.)	4	0	-
3. Upsetters (Soph.)	3	0	1/2
4. Blanks (Fr.)	1	2	2 1/2
5. Volley Victors (Sp.)	1	2	2 1/2
6. De and Do's (Fr.)	1	3	3
7. No-Ones (Fr.)	1	3	3
8. Unpaid (Fr.)	1	3	3
9. Vollaires (Soph.)	0	3	3 1/2

ADMINISTRATION HIRES STUDENT TEACHERS

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Richard Ter Maat. Milton Schonewill, Mrs. Jean Du Mez, Donald Dykstra, John Hofland, and Donald Godeke are teaching biology labs. Harold Van Stryland is in charge of the German lab. Teaching women's physical education activity classes are Mrs. Jean Du Mez, Joyce Van Leeuwen, Jean Meyer, and Gloria Kramer.



Students enjoy(?) the season's first snowfall.

Cross-country Expands As Collegiate Sport

Cross-country is a new but fast spreading high school and collegiate sport. It is offered in most colleges across the country, but often only a limited number of participants show interest in the long run. Observation and coverage of this sport are also often limited. Much of this lack of interest is possibly due to an ignorance as to what the game is all about.

The track used in this event is usually a rough trail over hills and un-level ground. The course's length may vary between two and five miles. Competition results, therefore, are an indication of the runner's speed and endurance.

Scoring of the game depends entirely on the placement of the runners. In a two-team meet, the first seven members of each team to finish the race are given their placement numbers. The score is calculated by adding the numbers of the positions of each team's first five runners. The team with the lowest score wins. Many meets involve three or four teams.

Considering it was their first year, the Dordt harriers can be commended for an impressive effort. They furnished good competition to all their opponents despite a shortage of runners.

Cross-country could be a big sport in the coming years. Coach Van Slooten, already looking forward to next year, hopes to see an increase in interest and participation.

Basketball Practice Begins

Dordt's Varsity basketball coach, Mr. Timmer, got his first look at the 67-68 basketball prospectives on Friday, October 27, the first regular practice. Approximately 26 aspirants showed up for this session, about half of which were Freshmen.

Since October 9, these athletes have been running and conditioning under the leadership of team captain Gerald Bovenkamp.

Coach Timmer will be keeping a careful eye on these prospectives and picking out his varsity squad before the season opener against Briar Cliff on November 29. Mr. DeWitt will be taking over the reins of the Junior Varsity.

Some people break their necks to study, while other people break their studies to neck.

Harriers Place In Meets

The Dordt cross-country squad placed second in a triangular meet in Sioux City on October 17, to open their first season. Briar Cliff, paced by Tom Schultze, took the meet with 26 points. The Dordt runners were led by Willy Verhoef, who captured 2nd place. Cal Stam and Stan Visser took 4th and 5th. The Defenders compiled 33 points. Buena Vista landed on the bottom with 62.

On October 20, Dordt dropped a meet to Dana College 32-23. Willy Verhoef took the number one slot and turned in a fine 13:40 over the rugged 2 1/2 mile Dana track.

In its third meet Dordt lost a close one to Westmar, 30-25. Jay Vetter of Westmar led the pack followed by Dordt's Willy Verhoef. Cal Stam, Stan Visser, and Larry Van Wieren were the next Dordt runners coming in on numbers five, six and seven.

Students Compete For Cheerleading Positions

On Saturday morning, October 28, cheerleading try-outs were held in the gymnasium. The new Student Council members, Mr. Timmer, Mr. Van Slooten, Mr. Norman De Jong, and Dr. Lothers were given the task of choosing six girls to be the '67-'68 cheerleaders. The six girls chosen from twelve contestants were Carol De Jong (captain), Marcia Den Hartog, Janice Dyk, Linda Meyer, Barb Van Gelder, and Wilma Veenstra.



Enthusiastic campaigners actively support their candidates at one of the class conventions for student elections.