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Board Accepts Alumni Association Proposal

THALIANS MELODRAMA.....

LOVE AND A RAILROAD

Love Rides the Rails or Will the Mail Train Run Tonight?, the Thali-ans' Gay-90's melodrama, is rapidly moving toward the production nights, December 10 and 17. These Saturday evening stagings promise to provide a generous amount of uncomplicated divertissement for the Dordt students.

This burlesque of melo-dramatic entertainment has something for everyone—noble heroes, rank villainy, tear-jerking sentimentality, and audience participation by way of booing, cheering, and peanut throwing. And it is liberally flavored with musical interludes from the 1890's—

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Recognizing the potential of the alumni as a strong promotional arm of the college, the board recently accepted the proposal to organize an alumni association. The Alumni Association of Dordt College will be effective in maintaining the alumni interest in the college by alerting the alumni to new developments of the college. United, the alumni can also contribute financially to special projects or develop a plan of giving.

Organization of the association will remain simple. Forming the nucleus of the association will be the editorial committee, consisting of three local alumni and the college president as supervisor, which will edit semiannually an alumni newsletter. Current addresses of all alumni will be kept on file. An annual meeting for the purpose of entertainment, fellowship, and business was suggested.



Director--Allen Huisman



"Hero" John Strikwerda and
"cafe owner" Ellen Eekhoff

Council Plans Christmas Activities....

Mass Caroling -Formal Party

The student council is trying to create a truly Christmas atmosphere on our campus before we leave for home this year. First an emphasis on the festive: about a week before vacation, a grand caroling party is planned. All the students will meet at the Commons, divide into groups, and follow various captains along different routes toward the hospital, where we all will present a mass concert. Then, everyone will return for games and lunch at the Commons.

On Dec. 19 the emphasis will be on the more serious aspect of Christmas with our annual formal program in the Commons. By using the newly-built wing of the building and more serving lines, things should move more swiftly and comfortably this year. Because of conflicts, our sister college Trinity could not come to treat us to a special program, so a delightful evening is planned with the local talent.

OPERATION: ORGANIZATION

HAAN TO DIRECT GIRLS' CHOIR

The choir that sang for the Thanksgiving chapel service is being organized to give any girls interested in singing the opportunity to sing. As yet the choir is not holding regular practice sessions, but hopes to meet in the near future.

Mrs. Haan, the director, said that if the choir could be organized she has some very good music she would like to have them sing. The choir would perform for chapel or any other occasion. The choir would meet two or three times a week and practice for about one hour. There is a need for more girls who are willing to give some of their time for good enjoyable singing. If there are any who are interested in forming a choir, please contact Mrs. Haan.

Special Thanksgiving Chapel A Success

Nearly 600 students joined a mass Thanksgiving chapel service. The students, many dressed in "picture-taking" suits, reverently entered the college auditorium for this special chapel observance. A prepared liturgy was used for the day, and Dave Bloemendaal performed the liturgist's duty, while the audience and a newly formed choir responded with various selections. These selections included excerpts from Psalm 139; hymns as follows: "Children of the Heavenly Father," "Now Thank We All Our God," and "What Shall I Render to the Lord," in addition to original prayers composed by the Student Chapel Committee with the themes of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

In the message of the Word, sophomore Kathy Huizenga commented on the following text from Psalm 116, "What shall I render to Jehovah for all his benefits to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of Jehovah." (vs. 12, 13).

Generally, the Thanksgiving chapel was quite impressive. The acoustics of the girder-lined auditorium, however, proved very detrimental to the final product of this mass effort. Furthermore, many students claimed to be psychologically tranced by the repetition of "For his steadfast love endures forever." (From Psalm 139). Aside from these minor drawbacks, this varied approach to chapel service was quite welcomed, and students seem to hope for more of the same results in the future.

DORDT KIDS MEET IN MICHIGAN

Fellowship and camaraderie were the good words Saturday, the 26th of November. About twenty present and former Dordt students met at the Dordt Get-to-Gether in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The occasion was Thanksgiving; the place was the Piz-za Hut. Pizza, pop, and a good time were enjoyed by all.



'67 Signet Advances

"Next! Head a little lower...turn to the right...O.K...smile...hold it..." Dordt students had their pictures taken for the '67 Signet on November 22.

This marked the first milestone toward completion of any one section of the '67 Signet. Eighteen pages will be devoted to the more than four-hundred underclassmen pictures. (All non-graduates are included in this category.)

Work progresses on the Signet. Pictures are being taken of events, clubs, and student life. The cover design and color have been selected.

The staff was pleased to receive a letter from Dordrecht, Netherlands, recently. This letter from the town council acknowledged receipt of Signet 1966, reporting that it will soon be placed in the city archives. The council also extended a welcome to any college member visiting Europe to come to Dordrecht, site of the Synod of Dort.

SCOPE

WHY MATH CLUB?

by Mildred Uiterdyk and
Elaine Eliason

The Math Club of Dordt College serves as a stimulant of interest in the various mathematical areas as leisure activities as well as areas of study. Mathematics is important to Dordt because man encounters it in every branch of human activity. Beauty in nature is mathematical. One can see the importance of symmetry, the balancing of shapes and beauty of varied proportions. Man as a rational being has the capacity to discover the order in God's creation. The Science of Mathematics, which deals with fundamental laws and principles, enables man to see this order and beauty and thereby glorify the Creator. This club, which is open to anyone whether or not they are specializing in a mathematical field, seeks to amplify the members knowledge by presenting mathematical topics not ordinarily discussed in the classroom.

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FORMER DIAMOND EDITOR ON CAMPUS

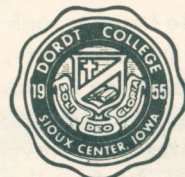
Enroute to Lackland Air Force Base, where he had been accepted into the Officers Candidate School, Roger Van Dyken made a two-week lay-over at Dordt College to visit several friends.

Roger is especially well-known among upperclassmen. During the four years he attended Dordt, he was influential in countless student activities. He served on the council for two terms, was editor-in-chief of Diamond and also functioned as president of a Political Science Club.

This past summer, Roger spent the majority of his time serving as coordinator of his father's political campaign, for U.S. Representative from California.

Roger, a '66 graduate of Dordt, was especially impressed with the new library. He also noted that the empty book shelves showed a great deal of room for future expansion.

After ten weeks training in the specialized area of intelligence, Roger will be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

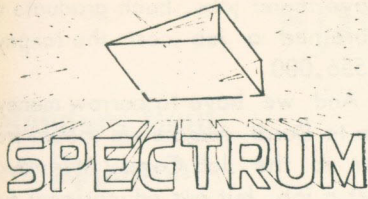


LOVE AND A RAILROAD.....

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those wispy versifications with little musical integrity but lots of schmalz.

The cast and crews have been working with dedication. The rehearsals are sometimes disorganized, often noisy, but always enthusiastic. The first-fruits of this enthusiasm will be presented at 7:30p.m. Saturday, December 10—admission charge 50 cents. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow (Tuesday) and continue through the final performance. Since arena staging assures equality seating, tickets are general admission only. Period refreshments will be available at a nominal charge. Plan now to attend this revival of Gay-90's entertainment.



by Barbara Jabaay

BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The John Birch Society has undertaken one of the leading roles in stopping and routing International Communism. Since Communism is a conspiracy, and it must cloak its operations with deception and secrecy, the greatest danger which the Communist face is exposure of their methods, their purposes, and their progress.

The Communists do not fear arms or armies. They control enough of those who would have to give the order to march. They do not fear the bombs and missiles of push-button warfare. In most cases they now own the men who would have to push the buttons. But they do fear light on their activities.

The Communists do not fear purely political action. In every country they have proved their ability, under all circumstances, to control and stultify such political action, and mold it to their purposes. But when political activity is motivated by fundamental hopes and fears of religious intensity and is made a part of a massive and permanent educational programs, it climbs above the reach of Communist manipulation.

The effect of this entirely different approach to political battles was felt by many campaigning candidates during the first half of 1964. It led to repeated observations that "a Bircher is worth a hundred ordinary workers." Yet the Society itself takes no part in politics. Their effort is to supply the information, the understanding, and the inspiration which make political campaigns merely passing episodes in the Society's continuous labors for certain basic principles; but which, for that very reason, make the same individual many times more effective in political work.

The John Birch Society is no place

for weaklings or cowards; and there is no comfort in its ranks for the parlor patriot or the sunshine soldier. It is the intention of The John Birch Society to become the finest body of men and women in the world, and the greatest voluntary team that was ever put together. Education is our strategy, and truth is our only weapon.

Therefore, The John Birch Society forms an opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before. Nowhere else has there been any sizeable body of good citizens tightly organized and unwaveringly dedicated simply to bringing out the truth about the Communist Conspiracy. This is the one thing the Communists cannot withstand. For Communism, far from being the wave of the future, is completely contrary to the whole current of man's aspirations and history. Communism is simply a huge dirty boil on the body of mankind. Like any such boil it is very painful, it is spreading poison through the whole system, it is dangerous, and needs lancing and draining. It is their duty and their destiny to be one of the doctors to do that lancing, and to help to restore the whole body to health and cleanliness again.

The John Birch Society is composed of men and women of deeply religious ideals and humane consciences, of all races, colors, and creeds. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. The hope of the Society is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or, better Moslems—out of those who belong to the Society. Their never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between the members in creed and dogma, the members believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. The members also believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which they all must listen.

The goals of The John Birch Society

have been summarized as: "Less government, more individual responsibility, and with God's help, a better world!"

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of The Federal Bureau of Investigation, made the following statement before the Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947.

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists!"

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"CONSERVATISM"

by Barbara Jabaay

If you want your father to take care of you, this is

"Paternalism."

If you want your mother to take care of you, this is

"Maternalism."

If you want your friends and neighbors to take care of you, this is

"Communism."

If you want your country to take care of you, this is

"Socialism."

But, if you wish to think, act, and take care of yourself, then this, Fellow Americans, is

"CONSERVATISM."

Eight Bits For Your News Bit

The Diamond needs news. Whose news? Campus news, your news. To get it, we are willing to give a Whose News award of one dollar to the best news of the fortnight.

Informal happenings like birthday parties, campus visitors, and even water fights could qualify as Diamond news. If you have any news pertaining to Dordt student life, or to Dordt College in general, call Diamond office (Ext. 58), or see one of the staff. Who knows, your news nose could run for one dollar!

Speaking Up

(a column of student opinion)

FOOTBALL'S PENALTIES TOO BIG

Should tackle football be included in the athletic program of the Christian high school? This question deals with a controversy which has been discussed within many of our Christian Reformed circles.

First of all, we should consider the physical benefits derived from the sport, which is the primary reason for including any sport in a school's sports program. Do these benefits justify the money that is invested in the sport? If they do not, then the sport should not be included in the program. An argument for the place of football states that besides the physical benefits that are acquired, such as strength, coordination, agility, there are also social and emotional benefits which a participant acquires. These latter values may be outcomes of the sport, but they cannot be guaranteed, nor justify the sport by themselves. Another argument used to justify the finances used for football is that the gate receipts derived from the games will exceed the initial amount of money used to establish the sport. This may be true, but the fact remains that we do not institute a sport to make money.

I feel that the money used to initiate football in the Christian high school could be used for more advantageous and practical purposes. The first concern of the constituency and the school board of a Christian high school should be the provision of the best possible Christian education in each area of the curriculum with the wisest use of the money available, whether it be for English, science, or physical education. Funds which would otherwise be used for football could be used for improvement of one of these departments. Can we ever say that our departments are beyond improvement? If our parents sacrifice to give us a Christian education, I believe they would like to see this money used for enrichment of the curriculum, or hiring of more competent teachers,

rather than for football, which is extra-curricular. Also, this money could be used for increase of our teacher salaries, which is a contemporary problem in the Christian school. The physical or mental benefits received from football can also be obtained in other sports such as soccer or basketball, which cost considerably less money to maintain. When all of our departments are sufficiently advanced, and all of our teachers receive a "suitable" salary, maybe we can think about adding football to the Christian high school sports program. However, I believe that these conditions are a long way from becoming realities.

Jim Roelofs

In Blue

by Norman Bomer

Comments concerning government welfare programs have appeared recently in this paper, and as a footnote to that debate, a brief look at some statistical examples of federal welfare programs is interesting. The Job Corps provides a profitable(?) study in this area.

In September, 1965, Sergeant Shriver estimated to the House Appropriations Committee that each 1965 Job Corps enrollee would cost \$6,000. Today the accuracy of Mr. Shriver's estimate can be seen. We now find that each enrollee costs, on the surface, \$11,251. This is 19 times more than the per pupil cost of public elementary and secondary schools. Is this great expenditure of taxpayers' money justifiable? The results of the Job Corps program provide a clear answer.

As of March 15, 1966, the Job Corps had spent \$287 million, and Mr. Shriver reports that as of March 1, the Job Corps had turned out exactly 1,061 graduates. This means that each Job Corps enrollee cost the taxpayers \$275,000. But what has the Job Corps accomplished through this \$275,000 per pupil training? Of the 1,061 Job Corps graduates, 359 entered the armed forces, and 187 are in college. This leaves 515 Job Corps graduates who

have found jobs. Each graduate who obtained a job cost the taxpayers \$556,000.

And we have to borrow money to go to Dordt. Maybe we should transfer to the Job Corps. We may not get a job, but our educational funds will be limitless.

I-M Gems

by Steve Arends

A princely pale pink prominently propounded from the paltry paraphernalia of the presently perfidious popular paragons, The Participation Points, as the poignant group met the Dirty Dribblers in a scrappy 8-41 BB loss with very balanced scoring on both sides. This last day of November marked the opening of the DBA and (what else!) the Colorful Plains League. The Interceptors failed to steal enough points against the Dauntless in a 33-42 frolic. The Kamikazes attacked some Loafers in their 60-40 victory. The finale of the evening was a demonstration in basket rearrangement by the Hoop Benders as they squashed the Microcosms 59-34.

I must remark about the numerous shots providentially inspired (sloppy, but went in)! The sportmanship reached a new level with Mr. Den Ouden, JR, throwing a rebound intentionally back to Mr. Halma, SR, so that Mr. Halma could try another shot.

The refs lived up to expectations--bad! The only good refs always sit on the sidelines and watch. Remember Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 10:30 the men will probably be basketballing and then the good-looking set on Tuesdays. Come, see, root, and, of course, boo.

"Think positive," says Coach Timmer. "If you fall in a mud puddle, check your pockets for fish."

Remember to check my predictions against yours at the I-M office door and then turn in your predictions to either me or the Diamond Box in Old Main.

"Ignorance isn't all bad. It causes a lot of interesting arguments."

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Defenders Rout First Opponent

Dordt's Defenders got off to a winning start on December 1 as they whipped Norfolk J.C., 79-56. At the half-time recess, Dordt led 40-30. Coach Timmer reported that he was pleased with Dordt's defense which greatly affected the outcome of the game. George De Vries was singled out for his fine rebounding, although the coach said that everyone on the squad performed well. Offensive scoring revealed good balance with the top five scorers swishing the nets for 16, 13, 12, 9 and 9 points respectively. Defender's bench proved to be an asset which gives indication of over-all versatility. Following a game with Westmar on Saturday evening, they will play General Beadle here on Tuesday and Briar Cliff in Sioux City on Friday, all three providing stiff competition.

Varsity Seniors Interviewed

by Jim Roelofs

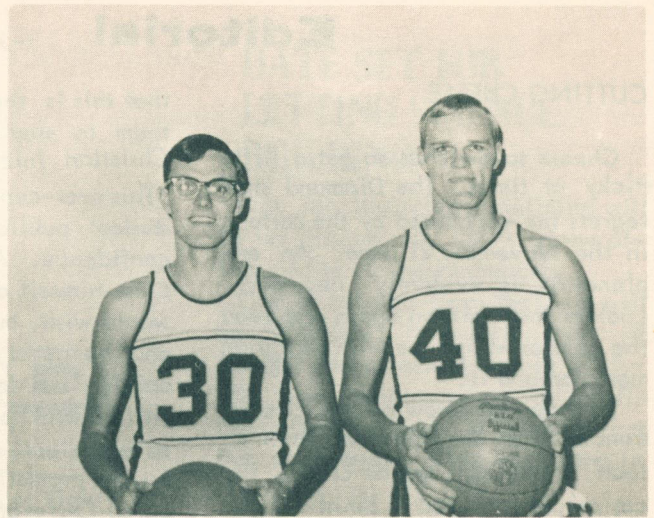
As the sports scene changes at Dordt, the spotlight is focused by many avid Dordt rooters on that popular winter sport, basketball. Don Ver Meer, a native of Pella, Iowa, and Gary Kamps, from Manhattan, Montana, are beginning their fourth year of varsity basketball competition as Dordt Defenders. Separate interviews have been conducted with these two "sage" senior married men in anticipation of the coming season.

What do you think of the potential of this year's team as compared to that of teams in the previous three years?

Don: I think this year's team should be much stronger. We will have a stronger bench and have been working hard on defense which should improve that aspect of our game. I don't think many teams will score ninety or more points against us as they have in

In their
fourth season--

Don Ver Meer
and
Gary Kamps



previous years.

Gary: We are considerably stronger this year. We have a lot of experience and good depth. I believe Dordt will have one of the most talented benches in her basketball history.

What is your opinion of the schedule for 1966-67?

Don: It is going to be a very tough schedule since we play all four-year teams except Norfolk. We will have to play our very best to beat such teams as Westmar, Northwestern, Buena Vista, and General Beadle. However, this is very good, because it gives us something for which to strive.

Gary: We have a difficult schedule this year which is good, because I feel we have a much better team. I'm glad that we are getting rid of all those push-over schools. If we make a good showing against some of the teams like Northwestern, Westmar, and General Beadle, it should put Dordt on the map as far as athletics are concerned.

How has your basketball experience been profitable to you?

Don: I think it has been three years of good clean enjoyment, but I also believe I learned how to work with others and get along with them better.

Gary: My three years on Dordt's basketball team have given me enjoyable experiences

which I will remember for a time. I really learned how to play the game, and I believe this will help me if I get a coaching job some day.

What are your post-graduate plans?

Don: (Math major) I will teach, or go to graduate school, or get a job in computer programming.

Gary: (English major) It looks like I'll be going into teaching, but there is still a chance that I'll go into graduate work in the field of physical education.

Journalism Club Discusses Controversial Diamond

Intent of the cartoon in the previous Diamond evoked discussion among Journalism Club members at their recent meeting. Besides attempting to understand the cartoon, members suggested ways in which the cartoonist might clarify his purpose.

Receiving minor attack was the "Bored Bull Announcement." The Diamond editors' defense of this feature seemed to satisfy the members. Brief announcements under "Bored Bull" are intended to refer the student body to more extensive announcements on the bulletin board.

The revision of a previous editorial received minor attention, along with other comments on Diamond articles.

On the agenda for future meetings is the examination of other college newspapers, discussions and speeches by professional journalists.

CUTTING CHEESE

Cheese sandwiches do get a little sticky at times. The Diamond staff regrets the stir caused by the cartoon in the November 21 issue. An explanation is evidently necessary. Look at that cartoon again and read the caption—this time with quotation marks around it.

To those not knowing the circumstances that brought about the cartoon, it may still not be clear. The caricature intended to point out the inconsistency of thanking and grumbling in the same breath. But we made a mistake; something should have been done to clarify the cartoon's direction. Not in the least was the cartoon meant to touch on sacrilege. Nor was it a slam against the administration; for the administrators are not the only ones who get tired of the grumblings of petty students who can see only their own immediate interests.

Yet, what else can we expect from our students? In the editorial of that same issue a certain cycle is discussed. A very good example of that cycle is manifested by the reaction to this cartoon. The word "Lord" under a cartoon is so easy to pick out, and without further thought condemned as sacrilege. Articles requiring thought and digestion are probably only skimmed, their contents seldom criticized or applauded.

That immediate circulation of the November 21 Diamond was stopped is unfortunate. It was done to prevent confusion, no doubt, and we can appreciate that.

But must the Diamond be published primarily to suit Dordt's constituency, or should it be student orientated, expressing with Christian responsibility that which stimulates thinking and action?

We have been entrusted with that responsibility. However, if the charge of sacrilege could be so quickly advanced and acted upon, it certainly implies a lack of faith in the Christian commitment of our students. This rather hints that the students of Dordt College are a bundle of dead bones, and it also implies

that this is the way we would like them to stay rather than trust their Christian intent and responsibility.

This over-censorious attitude toward student publications shows a lack of confidence. A student may not express himself as clearly as his elders would wish, but stop him from trying and he never will. Accept student opinion as developing opinion. A little lawful open-mindedness (as well as expedient) would go a long way toward promoting a mature and dedicated Christianity at Dordt College.

Increased Library Facilities Demand Competence

At the outset of the year, Dordt's students were presented with a handbook portraying the library as the "heart" of the campus.

Since the first students began studying in the new edifice nearly four months ago, there has been a continual process of activity behind the scenes. This process is one not ordinarily considered by the student as he makes use of the facilities.

The recurrent cycle of books must be handled as speedily as possible by behind-the-scenes co-ordinators. The workroom staff must work very hard at times, keeping abreast of the periodic influx of new books, as well as taking care of those in cir-

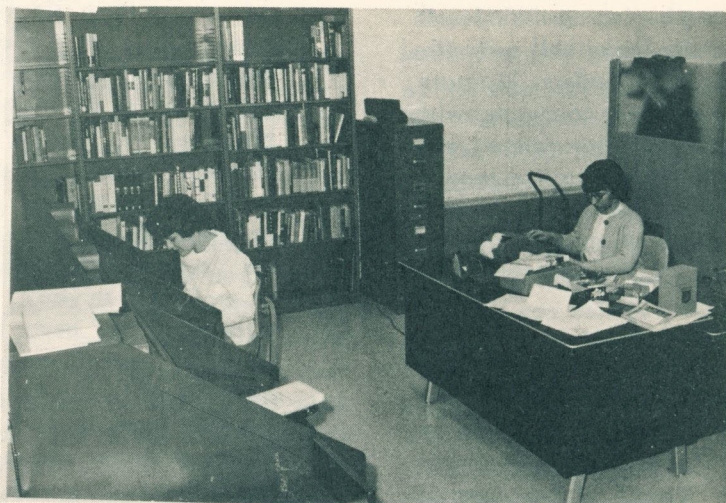
ulation.

The head librarian, Miss Hollaar, must constantly use her ability, discernment, and experience in the face of the intricate crossfire of satisfying individual students and, at the same time, looking after the general interest of the library. For as the function of the library becomes more important, the need for responsible and judicious operational guidance also increases.

The tremendous growth and subsequent need for co-ordination can readily be seen by studying some impressive statistics. For example, only the first stock of books which was added to the library this year consisted of 1,400 volumes. An additional order for 2,200 books was sent off in the latter part of October; 1,400 of these are already on the shelves. These annexations greatly increased the size of the book supply which included about 21,000 volumes at the beginning of the school season.

The build-up of books will possibly never be complete. However, a general goal of approximately 70,000 volumes has been set. In fact, before Christmas vacation another order for books will be in the mail.

The symbolic "heart" of Dordt continues throbbing incessantly. Its pulse rate, regulated by the head librarian and her staff is, in effect, also a partial indication of the intellectual growth of Dordt College and her students.



Pictured in the library workroom are Rose Prins and Delores Van Driessen.