

Dordt Pre-Sems Are Guests At Westminster Banquet

Thursday evening, May 14, was a festive, but, above all, an inspiring evening for twelve of Dordt's twenty-four Pre-Sem students. The occasion was a banquet held in the Northwestern College at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Dordt Pre-Sem Club was sent an invitation to attend the banquet for the Alumni of Westminster Seminary.

Although a heavy schedule prevented some from going, half of Dordt's Pre-Sems were able to attend the banquet. Invitations had also been sent to other local colleges and Bible Institutions, at which there were prospective seminarians who had an interest in attending Westminster. Dr. Cornelius Van Til, Professor of Apologetics at Westminster, gave the main address of the evening, entitled: "Theological Education." He presented the philosophical development of our approach to education, from the foundations of early history to the contemporary; he contrasted the approach of natural man with our theological approach. The natural man centers his ideas around the autonomy of man, which results in an ultimate "unknowable" as their "source of being." We have founded our education upon an ultimate absolute-God, which gives men stability in an unstable universe.

Everyone was very favorably impressed by the banquet and felt greatly rewarded despite the time it took to travel such a distance.

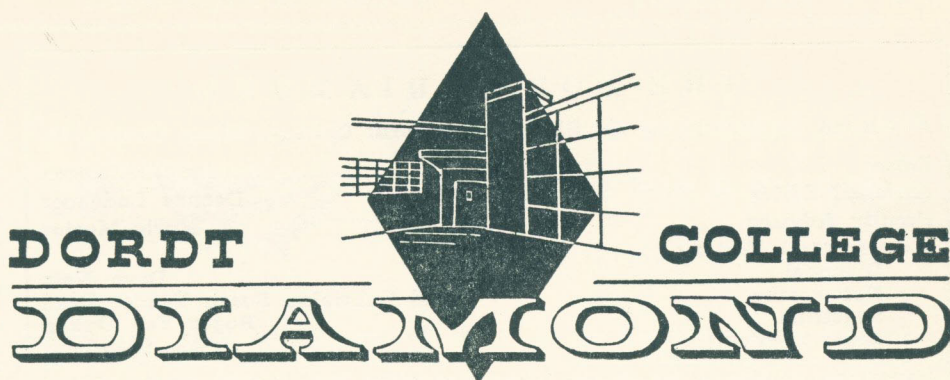
New Editor Chosen By Traditional Election

Dordt students were given Forty-five HOURS instead of forty-five minutes to choose the Diamond editor, the Signet editor, and the Signet business manager. On Thursday, May 14, 1964, after chapel balloons were cast, Roger Van Dyken was elected editor of the Diamond, Mary Hooper as Signet editor, and John Van Beek was selected as business manager of the Signet.

Defeated in Thursdays balloting were Andy Den Otter, Dave Netz, and Rodney Vander Ley as editor of the Diamond, Signet, and as Signet business manager, respectively.

Sandy Williamson is retiring as the present Diamond editor, while Dot Vander Lugt worked as Signet editor. Stanley De Vries served as Signet business manager this year.

No real change, as suggested by a previous Diamond article, was incorporated yet this year in the elections. One Diamond writer commented that perhaps not enough time was allowed for any change and he expressed the hope that changes might be made next year.



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Thalians Criticize Themselves

Revised Membership Requirements Proposed

On May 14 the Thalians held a drama critique at the home of director, Mr. Koldenhoven. Those present were key personnel from the productions of the academic year—THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON, THE OLD LADY SHOWS HER MEDALS, and ARMS AND THE MAN. EMPEROR JONES was read in the Tri-State speech contest at Northwestern College. Plays tentatively planned for the next academic year include the EMPEROR JONES, and MERCHANT OF VENICE.

There was discussed, extensively but inconclusively, the problem of membership in Thalians. In the Constitution of Thalians the requirements for new members are listed as follows: (1) "A student of this college who has satisfactorily participated in one major role in one long play, or two minor roles in two long plays, or two major roles in two one act plays." (2) "Efficient work towards production of the play is equivalent to major and minor roles according to amount of work done." (3) "Efficient work as student director in one long play will be equivalent to one major role." (4) "Honorary membership will be conferred on students vitally interested in dram-

atics." (5) "A Major role consists of appearance in two acts and at least fifty speeches. Anything less than this is a minor role." However, there are loopholes in the Constitution, and these questions arose: Who has the right and the ability to determine the status of honorary membership? Should persons contributing nothing to the club for a semester be allowed to belong to Thalians? It is hoped that next fall questions concerning membership in Thalians will be answered.

Another problem was introduced, but not solved. Thalians attended four plays produced by other colleges: PYGMALION and DEATH OF A SALESMAN at the University of South Dakota, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM and THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST at Northwestern College. The question was raised, Who may have free ticket privileges? May dates? May friends? Or should the free ticket privileges be limited to only the members of Thalians?

The heads of the several production committees gave their critiques, derogatory and commendatory. It was suggested that, after they have examined the amount of work to be done, the chairmen of crews pick accordingly their own crews. The costume chairmen suggested that no costumes be lent out until a rental service has been set up. There was given commendable criticism of the make-up committee for their research into the practices of applying make-up; the make-up procedures this year showed much improvement.

It is hoped that by next year the Thalians Club will have its own office. In that office there will be mirrors, a wardrobe, a display center for notebooks of Thailian productions.

On May 16 the conclusion to the drama year of Thalians was celebrated by a wiener roast at Newton Hills.

Dordt Bookkeeper Injured

Miss Elizabeth Verbrugge, Dordt College bookkeeper, was injured last Thursday afternoon, May 14, when she was struck by a motorcycle.

Miss Verbrugge suffered a compound fracture of her lower leg. She was hospitalized for a week in Sioux City, but was released from the hospital last Thursday.

Miss Verbrugge expresses appreciation to all those who remembered her.

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Editorial

By Sandra Williamson

Another year is passing into history here at Dordt. Courses are being concluded, and we are already planning for next year. We are anticipating the summer months, for we welcome the new experiences and the change of surroundings it holds in store. Before we sell our last book and say our last good-bye, it would be profitable to look back upon the past year and evaluate our accomplishments.

Not many of us have escaped the assimilation into our craniums of at least a bit of new knowledge. Most of us have been tolerably regular in attending classes, and preparing our assignments. We have all received something from Dordt this year, food and lodging, if nothing else. The very fact that we have been here makes it unavoidable that we have been affected by Dordt and have had an effect on it. The question then is not "Have we been influenced by Dordt?", but "How have we applied that influence?" Have we used the knowledge we have gained to cultivate wisdom and maturity and godliness? Are we just growing older or are we also growing up?

There is another question we can ask in evaluating the past year. "What kind of an influence have I been upon Dordt?" We have had the role of the parasite explained to us very lucidly; must we plead guilty to imitating this repulsive creature, or have we been a benefit to both ourselves and our host?

Dordt is expanding in areas so diverse as population and archery, chemistry and student government. Have we as individual students assisted in this growth, or have we been retarding influences? Have we used our educated minds to provide constructive and original suggestions to improve Dordt's activities and to stretch its horizons? For instance, we have all enjoyed and benefited from the bi-annual Fine Arts programs and the dramatic productions presented this year. Yet, these have not stimulated us to extend the display of student talent to include original art work and creative writing. If the student body were more interested, Dordt could profitably enrich itself with a fine arts program branching out into all areas of artistic expression. Such a program could be created for and by the students themselves, or could be

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made available to the public as a good promotional enterprise. As the number of Dordt students increases, and as we become more culturally aware, such programs will be vital to student and corporate development.

Perhaps we have planted the seeds of such student contributions to Dordt's vitality and advance during this year. Or perhaps some of us have trampled on the sprouts thoughtlessly when we should have been watering them. In any case, we hope that those of us who return next year will lead in the campaign to make Dordt an increasingly effective instrument in the cultivation and education of young Christians.

Letters To The Editor . . .

Dear Editor,

In response to the article "Band Finishes First Annual Tour" in the publication of the DORDT COLLEGE DIAMOND, Tuesday, April 28, 1964, Volume VII, Number Thirteen, I have a few complaints. First of all (first paragraph, second sentence) band members were not dismissed from classes in order to make it possible for the Band Tour to begin before Spring Vacation; however, they were dismissed early to make it possible for both the Band and Concert Choir to complete their tours in the eleven days of Spring Vacation.

Secondly (second paragraph—second sentence) may I inform the writer of the above mentioned article that the music which was played on tour was in no way "simple." Band music, in spite of its periodical position in musical history, has been generally accepted and enjoyed by the majority of the listening public. Need we stoop so low as to say that the music which our Concert Band performs is "simple?"

Thirdly, and finally, as it has been said that all good sermons have three points, (fourth paragraph—second sentence) our band tour was far from uneventful, and many of my colleagues would agree that the Band Tour was a soul-nourishing experience. Incidentally, the stop at the Wisconsin Cheese House was not the highlight of the tour, as the article infers.

Dave Bloemendaal

Dear Editor,

Since I will not be eating in the commons next year, I can take the chance of being ostracized by saying that, in the three years that I have eaten in the commons, I have enjoyed the food. Even though we were not served "rosbif et la salade jeter en l'air" every day, the cooks have done, and are doing, a very fine job.

Unfortunately the commons does not compete for international attention along with such art centers as the Louvre, New York, and London. We can be consoled, however, with the thought that it would be rather difficult to eat if the throngs trampled all over the campus to cape at our original scrambles of Picasso,

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Pollock, and Marin.

We should, however, get both Rembrandt's and Soutine's original **CAR-CASSES OF BEEF** as appropriate paintings for a dining hall. I am reasonably sure that if each student contributed about \$100 or so, we might be able to get both of them.

Andy Den Otter

P.S. I did notice that last week Sunday, when the temperature rose above 90 degrees, the commons was the coolest place in Sioux Center.

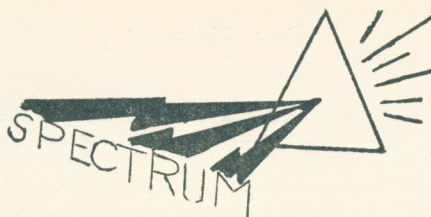
Political Science Club Hears Mayor Te Paske

Maurice Te Paske, Sioux Center mayor for the last ten terms, spoke at the year end Political Science Club meeting on May 19.

Although a great initial interest was shown in the club, the mayor spoke to something less than a full house.

The topic, Equitable Collection and Distribution of Taxes, interested the audience since taxes and death are said to be the two certain things. Although little can be done to eliminate taxes, an attempt should be made to see that they are fairly distributed.

If an interest can be generated and maintained, the club will continue to provide the campus with an array of beneficial events and speakers.



by Roger L. Van Dyken

Election years reveal one of the most interesting facets of the American way of life. The variety of Presidential hopefuls stump over 4,000 miles of land, 50 states, and 180 million people, in an attempt to win their support. As the primary campaigns begin their climax, some prognostications can be offered.

As far as the Democrats are concerned, there is very little question except as to the vice-presidential nominee. President Johnson will very likely choose someone who will not outshine him as a running mate. Robert Kennedy has made too many enemies in the South through his civil rights action to be seriously considered, especially if Goldwater becomes the Republican nominee. Senators Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy have reputations of being hard campaigners with very little serious public opinion against them and one of them will probably obtain the favor of Johnson at Atlantic City in August. Other possible running mates include Adlai Stevenson, who has intellectual appeal, but a record of constant political defeats; Sargent Shriver, the little-known head of the Peace Corps; and Governor Edmund Brown of California, who will very likely get the nod if Nixon should become the Republican candidate, since he so soundly defeated Nixon in the 1962 California gubernatorial race.

In the Republican camp, of course, it will be a wide-open, hard fought battle for the top spot. Although popular support has been directed in favor of Ambassador Lodge, his number of convention delegates is insignificant. And it is the delegates who select the nominee. Senator Barry Goldwater is far ahead in the delegate category and is almost assured of the nomination if he carries the June 2 California primary. However, many of the nominees are thinking of uniting in a drastic stop-Goldwater coalition. They are presently uniting behind Nelson Rockefeller in the California race, Goldwater's only opponent there.

No matter which team the Republican Convention, to be held in July in San Francisco, finally chooses, the odds in the November election seem to lie completely in favor of incumbent President Johnson. Only a very serious turn in international affairs, a recession at home, or extremely riotous race demonstrations will give the November elections to the Republicans. Of course, this is the professional analysis of the situation, and the professionals have been mistaken before. But no matter what events occur in the near future, the coming summer and fall campaigns will spur much activity into the American scene, as the candidates once again clash on basic issues of the American way of life.

All dormitories and

private residences

must be vacated

by 6:00 p.m., May 29.



—Sue Vander Baan

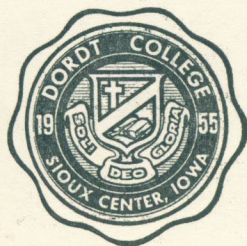
As the year draws to a close, memories of experiences of the last few months are still vivid. Basketball games, Fine Arts programs, Concert Series programs, and the banquet, usher out this school year and promise better ones to come.

The Concert series is something every student can enjoy. Of the four offered programs, there is always one or two that strikes interest. This past year provided diversion ranging from an operetta to a group of Russian Cossacks.

Next year, there is scheduled an

equally interesting program. Monday evening, September 28, will feature the Barr Two Piano Team. The renowned Norman Luboff Choir will provide an interesting Concert Thursday evening, November 10. On February 16, the Gramercy Quartet will be in Northwestern Auditorium, and the outstanding Prague Orchestra will be featured on March 1.

Tickets will be available for purchase in the same manner as previous years. Admittance will be by series membership only.



Athletes' Feats

Dale Claerbaut

The Dordt baseball Defenders played two games with Estherville Jr. College. They dropped the first game, 5-4, in an extra inning affair, at Estherville, but shut them out, 3-0 at home.

Bob Miedema started pitching the first game but injured his pitching arm in the second inning. Reliever, Fred Krommendyk hurled well, but Estherville managed to pick up three runs. In the top of the seventh, Dordt scored four runs to take the lead 4-3. However, Estherville tied the score in their half of the inning and the game went into extra innings. After Dordt failed to score in the eighth, Estherville picked up the deciding run from reliever, Don Ver Meer. Larry Redeker was the hitting standout with a double and two singles.

In the second game, Fred Krommendyk went the distance shutting out Estherville on a one hitter. Larry Redeker got two more hits and drove in the first run. Dordt added a second run on a walk, two bunt singles, and an error. The third run also came on an error. The only real trouble Krommendyk encountered, came in the last inning. After striking out the first batter, he gave up three consecutive walks. Then Prins picked off the runner on second. This was followed by a fourth walk, reloading the bases. However, the next batter flied out, to end the game.

Coach Dr. Rozeboom was very well satisfied with this year's experiment in baseball at Dordt. He says "This year should be a good impetus to a successful season next year. We have

some excellent players. It is too bad we could not have a longer schedule this year."

The intramural softball schedule had to be altered several times because of rain or wet grounds, but the sixteen games were finally completed, producing one undefeated freshman team in both the girls' and the boys' leagues. The final games played last week Monday decided the championships. Bill Eckel's team, and Clarena Bakker's team emerged victors. Excellent pitching was displayed by Al Kuiper who seldom gave up a hit; and all around team strength helped give their team an unblemished 4-0 record. The same can be said of Clarena Bakker's team as Sheryl Limberg pitched her team to three victories without a defeat.

The final standings are as follows:

Men Teams

| Captain | Year | Record |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Bill Eckels | 1 | 4-0 |
| Elvin Steensma | 1 | 3-1 |
| Glen Rozeboom | 1 | 1-3 |
| Dennis De Kok | 2 | 1-3 |
| George Vande Vort | 2 | 1-3 |

Women Teams

| Captain | Year | Record |
|----------------------|------|--------|
| Clarena Bakker | 1 | 30- |
| Lois Van Beek | 2 | 2-1 |
| Nadene Bouma | 1 | 1-2 |
| Joyce Van Dusseldorp | 1 | 0-3 |

Besides softball, the spring intramurals have included archery, badminton and a tug-of-war. A tournament was conducted in archery under

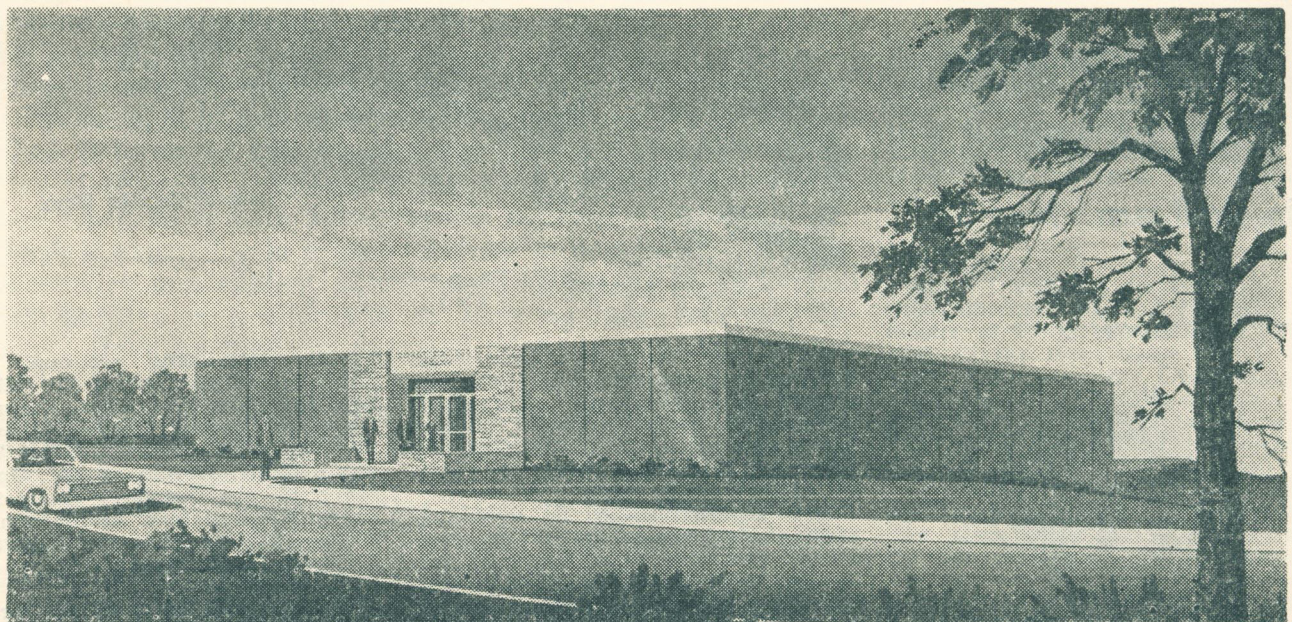
I.M. sponsorship also. Twenty-four shots were taken from thirty yards distance and twenty-four from twenty yards. Ken Post was the tourney winner with 48-48 hits and a total of 322 points. Points were awarded according to the ring which the arrows hit. The results are as follows:

| | Total Pts | 30 yds | 20 yds | Hits |
|---------------|-----------|--------|--------|------|
| Archer | | | | |
| K. Post | 322 | 142 | 180 | 48 |
| R. H. De Jong | 297 | 129 | 168 | 47 |
| W. Noteboom | 270 | 115 | 155 | 43 |
| Don Peterson | 262 | 120 | 142 | ? |
| B. Boertje | 254 | 102 | 152 | 44 |
| L. Lunenburg | 194 | 54 | 140 | 38 |

The results of the badminton and tug-of-war contests were not available for print.

Some interesting statistics have been compiled concerning the overall I-M participation. Out of 347 students, 217 participated in one or more of the activities for a 63% average. The freshmen had 66%, sophomores 65%, and the juniors 45%.

The various activities this year included volleyball, basketball, table tennis, hiking, bowling, archery, softball, tug-of-war and badminton. Now that a workable set-up has been arranged, the program will probably be expanded to include an even wider range of recreational activity. The interest and support shown by the participants and the time given by the I-M council and Mr. Calsbeek is appreciated, I am sure, by all.



Sketch Of Proposed Library