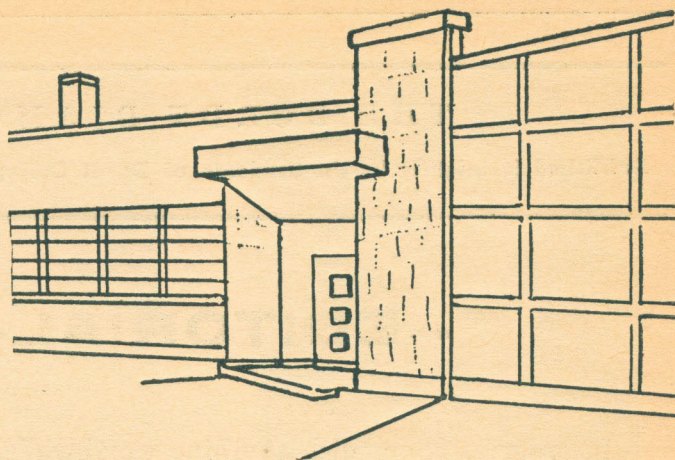


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A Record Enrollment

A MESSAGE TO THE DIAMOND

The Dordt Diamond has already established itself as a respectable student publication. It provides an excellent medium for the development of literary skills. It gives students an opportunity to present campus activity, problems, and thought in a form that reflects their ability to write, to evaluate, to be cogent, to provoke discussion, to display originality, to report accurately.

Through this publication both the alumni and others outside of the campus life are given a tangible product by which to gauge the calibre of the student mind, heart, and skill. Those responsible for its contents should keep alive a keen sense of the significance of this paper. We owe it to ourselves, to our college, to our constituents, and to our expectant alumni to maintain lofty standards, to place in their hands a publication that reveals careful, rigorous, painstaking effort—a sense of the artistic.

We eagerly look forward to this year's issues of the Diamond, confident that they will achieve the high purpose for which they are intended.

B. J. Haan
President



Freshman Class Swells Student Poulation

On September 6 and 7 a record number of 161 students enrolled for the 1960-61 school year. This is an increase of 33 over last year's enrollment. This may not seem like a great increase; however of the 161, the Freshmen number 121. This is a substantial increase over the 70 Freshmen enrolled last year. The 161 students represent ten states and Canada.

The following is a breakdown of the student enrollment:

	Men	Women	Total
Freshmen	48	73	121
Sophomores	20	20	40
Total	68	93	161

	Fresh.	Soph.	Total
General	54	21	75
Teacher Training	61	15	76
Pre-Seminary	6	4	10
Total	121	40	161

States

California	4
Colorado	6
Iowa	78
Michigan	1
Minnesota	33
New Mexico	1
North Dakota	1
South Dakota	21
Washington	4
Wisconsin	9
Canada	3

Total 161

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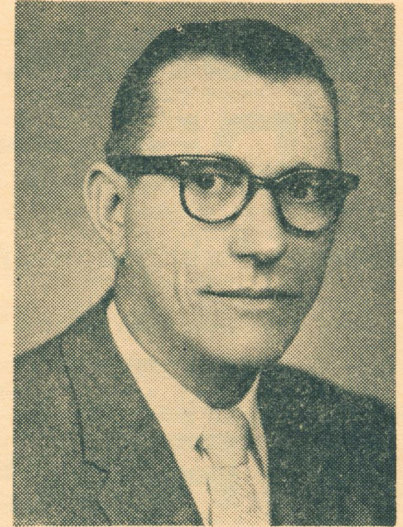
In order to accomplish anything worthwhile, a goal must first be set. Many projects have failed because their promoters were aimless in their goals. At other times, failure has resulted because persons have followed unworthy or evil goals. Take, for example, the masses of people in the Communist regime blindly following their leaders who have set up misdirected goals of over-throwing capitalism with communism.

Christian college students and Christian college educators also need a sound goal to keep Christian education dynamic and forward-looking. If educators can establish no goal or purpose for their meting out a Christian education, the cause for Christian education is lost. Likewise, students must have fostered within themselves, not only an appreciation for Christian education, but also an ideal which they feel Christian education should meet. The object, then, is to obtain a standard ideal for which everyone is striving.

There are many educational goals in this world. John Dewey would educate a person so he would be capable of solving the problems which he would meet in this everyday world. A traditionalist would call a person well educated if he would know a specific body of facts. Totalitarian countries often educate their youth for the best interests of their state. Hence, the Russians place much emphasis on science and technology. Others, such as Gilbert Highet, contend that the primary objective of a college education is to obtain a discriminating mind.

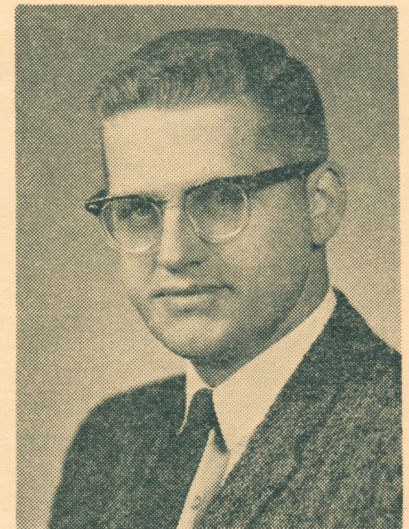
A Christian college, such as Dordt, has unique aims. Dordt College educators intend to produce discriminating minds. However, it is a discrimination based on the Holy Writ. Christian principles must have their influence enabling a person to rightly distinguish between the right and the wrong.

Only if this goal is predominant in this year's students and educators at Dordt, will this year be a success — (training young people to be distinctive minds in this world.)



President Haan

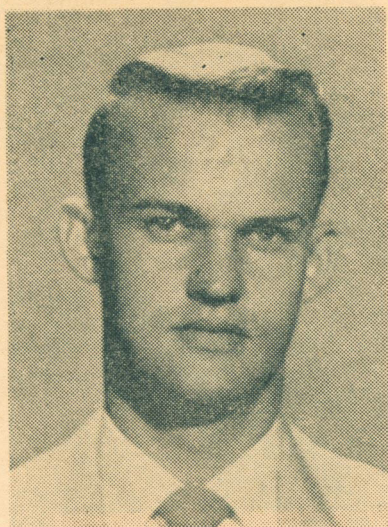
Rev. B. J. Haan, president of the college, was appointed to this position in 1959. Prior to this he was acting-president from 1957 to 1959. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church and is pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa. He has an A.B. degree from Calvin College, and a Th. B. degree from Calvin Seminary.



Dean Ribbens

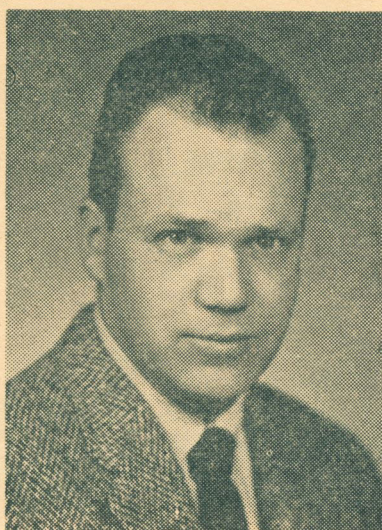
Mr. Douglas Ribbens, dean and registrar of the college, was appointed to the position of dean in 1960. Prior to this he was registrar and director of instruction from 1957 to 1960.

Before coming to Dordt in 1955, Mr. Ribbens was principal of the Christian School at Oostburg, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Calvin College, has an A.M. degree in Education from the University of Chicago, and has done graduate work at Colorado State College.



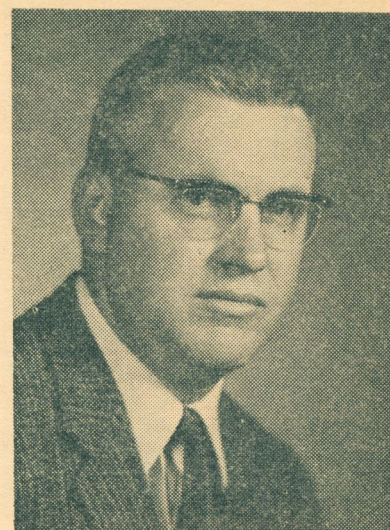
Stanley Boertje — Biology

A.B. Calvin College
M.S. State University of Iowa
Graduate Work, Drake University



Peter P. De Boer — English

A.B. Calvin College
A.M. Montclair State College
Graduate work, State University
of Iowa



**Marvin De Young
Chemistry, Physics**

A.B. Calvin College
Graduate work, Northern State
Teachers College, and University
of South Dakota

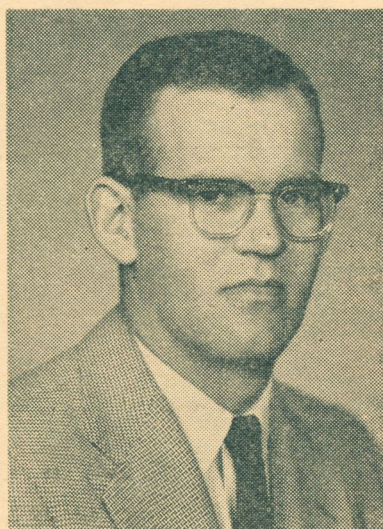
Dordt College Faculty

1960 - 1961



Dale Grotenhuis — Music, Speech

A.B. Calvin College
Graduate work, University of
Michigan
A.M. Michigan State University



Theodore J Sjoerdsma—Mathematics

A.B. Calvin College
Graduate work, Michigan State
University



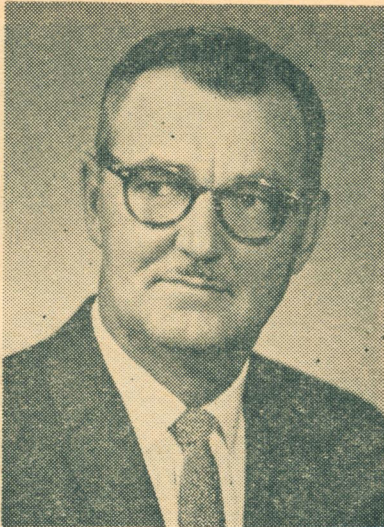
Peter Van Beek — German

A.B. University of Michigan
A.M. University of Michigan
Ph.D. State University of Iowa



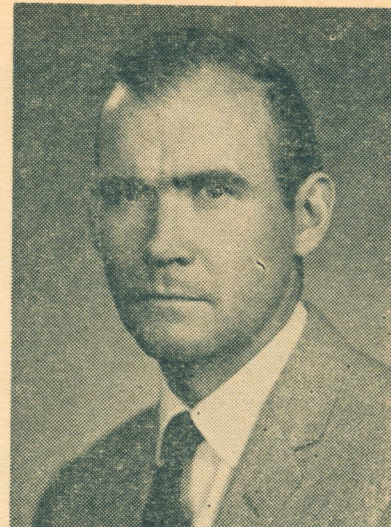
Cornelius Van Schouwen
Bible, Psychology

A.B. Calvin College
Graduate, Calvin Seminary
M.S. University of Indiana



Nick R. Van Til
History, Philosophy, Speech

A.B. Calvin College
A.M. University of Michigan,
History
A.M. University of Michigan,
Philosophy
Graduate work, State University
of Iowa, and Michigan State Univ.



John M. Zinkand
Latin, Greek, German

A.B. Wheaton College
A.M. Johns Hopkins University
B.D. Westminster Theological
Seminary
Th.M. Westminster Theological
Seminary
Ph.D. Brandeis University

Dorm Changes and Campus Improvement

Up until this year Dordt College had but one dormitory, the old Maris mansion on Main Street. But this past summer the Executive Board purchased Sioux Center's one and only hotel, the former Sioux Manor, for an additional dormitory. This additional dormitory has forced the college to name the dorms to obviate possible confusion. The old dorm on Main Street is now College Hall, and the newer dorm is now College Manor.

There are also personnel changes for dormitory supervision. Mrs. Ben Wassenaar has replaced Mr and Mrs. Herman Lantinga at College Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grotenhuis and family are living downstairs at College Manor and are in charge of that building.

All students returning to campus were immediately struck by the beauty of the flower beds. Mr. Albert Boersma, local Christian School principal, is responsible for the flowerers and their arrangements. Mr. Teunis Visser, Dordt's first janitor, has been in charge of the flower bed upkeep; Mr. Gerrit Gesink, the regular janitor, is responsible for the lawns.

On the front facade of the college building the red (to match the brick) letters DORDT COLLEGE now stand out and can be easily read from Fourth Avenue.

Most recently the Executive Board approved the purchase of the fourteen acres of ground contingent to the original seven acres of the col-

lege property. This land lies to the east and north. This gives the college twenty-one acres of land, wholly adequate for future expansion.

Alumnus To Coach

Mr. Harvey Blankespoor has been appointed to the post of basketball mentor for the 1960-61 season. The well-known Harv is a 1960 graduate of Dordt and his appointment marks the first time in the short history of the college that a graduate is serving his Alma Mater.

Blankespoor is no novice when it comes to the hardwood floor, for he played basketball for four years as a student at Western Christian High, Hull, Iowa, and was a standout center for Dordt during his two years here. He was selected as a center to the All State Junior College team after Dordt appeared in the junior college tournament in the spring of 1959.

Blankespoor is presently taking a course in coaching from Mr. Colenbrander at Northwestern College, Orange City, as well as some additional studies. During the second semester he plans to continue his studies at Westmar College, LeMars.

Library Assistants

This school term Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper will serve as library assistants. Mr. Cooper, originally from Clifton, New Jersey, graduated from Eastern Christian High School and received his A.B. degree from Calvin College. He has had much experience in the field of Christian

education and has taught at Eastern Christian, Western Christian, and Dakota Christian High School, and at Sioux Center Christian School. He has done graduate work at Montclair State College and the University of South Dakota. This past summer Mr. Cooper attended the School of Library Science at the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. Cooper is from Fairlawn, New Jersey, where she completed her schooling. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were married in 1950 and have four children. Mrs. Cooper served as library assistant during the 1959-1960 school term. We are thankful in having the qualified full-time service of Mr. Cooper and the efficient part-time service of Mrs. Cooper during this school year.

Dutch Professor Lectures

On Saturday evening, September 10, the faculty and several ministers and teachers from this immediate locality heard at the college a lecture by Dr. S. U. Zuidema, professor of philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam.

Dr. Zuidema spoke on the topic "Crisis of Christianity." He discussed the existentialist thinking of the Danish philosopher and theologian Soren Kierkegaard and the inroads which this influential figure is making upon orthodox theology.

Dr. Zuidema is presently touring Canada and the United States under the auspices of the Association for Reformed Scientific Studies in Canada. He recently lectured at Unionville, Ontario, for this association.