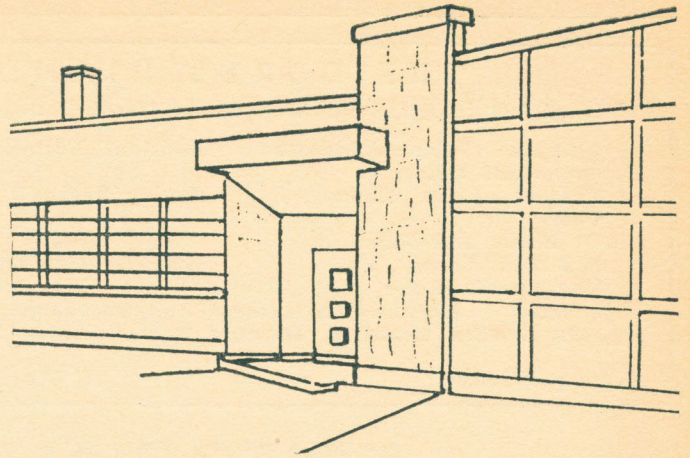


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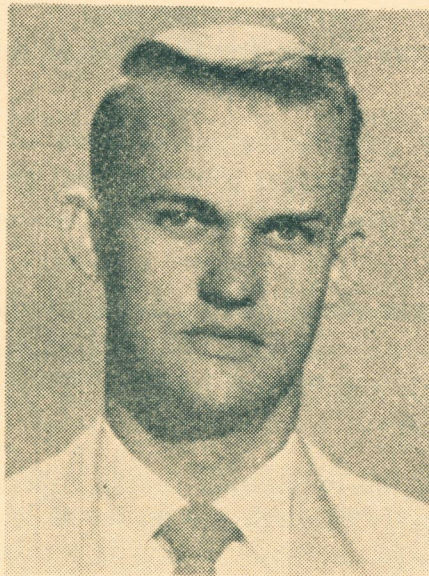
MOST TO ATTEND CALVIN OR TEACH

The following students will attend Calvin next year for their junior year of college: Peter Jouvstra, Le-roy Feenstra, Edward Feenstra, Andy Steensma, Don Pranger, Virgil Baker, Richard Haan, Clarence Fransman, Don Le Febre, Anthony Louwerse, Jim Verbrugge, Clifford Vander Ley, John Addink, Peter Andringa, Don Vos, Eunice Meyer, Marian De Jong, Elaine Te Velde, Adrianna Geels, Darlene Van Duyn, and Donna Schut. Peter Andringa and Clifford Vander Ley are Pre-seminary students while the other students will pursue their interests in the various fields of mathematics, English, sociology, languages and music.

Many of the girls will be teaching in various Christian grade schools:

Eleanor Auwema	Sheldon
Roxine Baker	Edgerton
Alida Bandstra	Oskaloosa
Velma Brandes	Prairie City
Phyllis Cannegieter	Sanborn
Joan De Vries	Sibley
Irma Dykstra	Hull
Clazina Fluit	undecided
Dorothy Gorter	Pease
Theora Hoekstra	Waupun
Gertrude Kooima	Peoria
Anita Kuperus	Sioux Center
Dorothy Maas	Platte
Ardis Meyer	De Mot, Indiana
Ruth Vander Voort	Wellsburg
Karen Vander Berg	Sioux Center
Myra Vander Zee	Oskaloosa
Wanda Vander Zee	Waupun
Pat Ver Steeg	Hull
Donna Visser	Sioux Center
Marguerite Vogel	Sheldon
Annetta Vugteveen	Hull
Lois Weg	Sanborn
Arlene Westerveld	Edgerton
Sandra Wieberdink	Rock Valley
Helena Wiersma	Grand Haven, Mich.

The remainder of the class will



Mr. Stanley Boertje

Boertje Accepts Appointment

Mr. Boertje, the professor who will be added to our faculty next year, is now a teacher at Pella Christian High. He will teach the sciences. Mr. Boertje graduated from Calvin College and received his Master's degree at the University of Iowa. This summer he plans to do field work under the auspices of the University. This summer a new house will be built in Sioux Center for him.

do the following: Syne Altena intends to look for a job. Harvey Blankespoor will coach basketball at Dordt and is undecided about what else he will do. Fred Ploegstra will attend Northwestern at Orange City. John Kosters and Owen Bouma are yet undecided.

MOST FACULTY MEMBERS TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL

Most of the faculty members have completed their plans for the summer. Some will be attending summer school. Others will stay in Sioux Center and do their own studying.

Mr. Ribbens will be attending classes for ten weeks at either Greeley, Colorado, or at Michigan State in Lansing.

Mr. Van Til will continue his studies in philosophy at Michigan State.

Mr. De Boer will travel to Iowa City with his family, where he will complete his classwork for his Master's Degree in American Civilization.

Mr. Sjoerdsma will attend Michigan State for eleven weeks. He received a grant to attend the Institute for Physical Science and Mathematics.

Mr. De Young will study at the University of South Dakota for eight weeks.

Rev. Van Schouwen will remain in this area and will study Reformed Doctrine and fulfill preaching engagements.

The first part of the summer, Mr. Grotenhuis will do some traveling. He will attend a Robert Shaw workshop at Michigan State for one week.

Dr. Van Beek will spend the summer, relaxing at home.

Dr. Zinkand also will spend most of the summer at home, filling preaching engagements. In July he will, however, be representing the College at the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in California.

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--EDITORIAL--

A paging through the former *Signets* of Dordt College, reveals that the number of school clubs is decreasing. This year there are only two active clubs, a relatively large drama club, and a semi-compulsory literary club whose membership consists of six professor-selected freshmen.

Undoubtedly, there must be some reason for the obvious decline of interests in school clubs.

At the beginning of the school year, the students were told that any club could be organized by the student body and that any professor would be willing to take over the responsibilities of leadership.

Although forming new clubs was considered by some of the students, no action took place. Some leader who could transform this arousal of interest into tangible results was lacking. Therefore, the clubs were never organized.

Evidently some must be under the impression that a college education must be obtained exclusively through the media of lectures and books. Admittedly, they are the major means of obtaining an education, but clubs do have a proper place in a good academic education.

School clubs do fulfill definite purposes. Some, like chess clubs, provide recreation. Others, such as the drama club, help to develop various talents. Still others, the majority of college clubs, provide excellent opportunities for cultivating the ability to effectively communicate ideas. Students with common interests meet in these clubs to join in healthy intellectual conversations.

Leading psychiatrists contend that the ability to express oneself well is the greatest prerequisite to becoming a success in this world. In a Christian college with a student body composed of future teachers, ministers, church society leaders, and consistory members, this ability of self-expression becomes even more important. Therefore, clubs should play a particularly important part in Dordt's educational program.

ed blankespoor,
assistant editor

Of Books and Men

The Moon Is Down, written by John Steinbeck, deals primarily with the question, "Can a democracy be destroyed?" Steinbeck develops the answer well by telling the story of a small democratic nation which has been invaded, defeated, and occupied by an army of a dictator. But the question still remains, "If a brave democratic people is defeated in battle, can its spirit also be conquered?"

The invasion took place on a Sunday morning while the policeman and postmaster were fishing and the army of twelve men were picnicking. The invasion left the people in confusion and the army with a false claim to victory. However, the exact time and place of the invasion have been omitted by Steinbeck in order that the time and place may be any time and any country.

Mayor Orden, whose office as mayor symbolizes democratic government, is the main character in *The Moon Is Down*. He is the symbol of the unconquerable spirit of democracy. That there are as many leaders as there are people, was his belief.

Annie, Mayor Orden's cook who possessed a quick temper, threw boiling water on soldiers who were standing on her back porch, on the day of their arrival. For this act of bravery, Annie became the symbol of hatred for the invaders. Annie, as others, confused the standards upon which judgments rest. She felt that Alex Morden should not be tried for murder, because he gave his wife, Molly, a dress for her birthday, and Molly could bake a cake well. That he would kill, she found hard to believe for he never hurt anyone before. She also reveals the reluctance of a people in breaking existing opinions and forming new ones.

A secondary theme in Steinbeck's book is the study of the character of Colonel Lanser and his staff. War was an arithmetic problem to Major Hunter who was all engineer. Captain Bentick admired the English to the point of being English. He had ambitions in the army for when the war came his loyalty was to England. For Captain Loft, the army was life. He had a driving ambition and was determined to reach the top. Throughout the occupation he demanded that the army follow its orders to the letter. Lieutenants Prackle and Tonder, who were young and inexperienced in war, believed in that which they were fighting for, but they did not realize the results of war. In some of their desires and acts, the rather unrespectable character of some army personnel was revealed. Colonel Lanser, the commanding officer, knew

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The Temper of
the Times

Political campaigns of various candidates are fast gaining more attention as more primaries and the all-important conventions approach.

On the Republican side, Richard Nixon finds himself in some difficulties. Politicians are saying that his campaign strategy has misfired. He planned to present a picture of a busy, hard working government official while the Democrats were slugging it out. Thus Senator Kennedy and Senator Humphrey are getting votes and the national attention. But Nixon is no amateur in politics and undoubtedly we can expect a change in his campaign strategy soon. The fact that he has the personal endorsement of President Eisenhower will aid him greatly.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller cannot be counted out of the Presidential race. Although he formally withdrew from the race, he didn't quite close the door on the nomination. He has stated publicly that Nixon is a fine man, but he has refrained from endorsing Nixon as a candidate. Possibly he is watching and waiting for the time to enter the Presidential race in earnest. Unfortunately, he doesn't seem to be interested in the Vice Presidential nomination. I believe a Nixon-Rockefeller combination would be ideal for the Republican party and stiff competition for any ticket the Democrats could offer.

On the Democratic side, John Kennedy appears to be receiving most of the attention and support at present. The fact that he is a Catholic may hurt his chances, since some Protestants still will not vote for a Catholic. If Kennedy received the nomination, it could hinder the Democratic chances for the election, as the "Solid South" possibly would not back a Catholic nominee. However, Kennedy is a popular individual, an excellent campaigner, and will be a strong contender for the nomination.

Kennedy's toughest campaign rival in the primaries is Hubert Humphrey, the talkative politician from Minnesota. Humphrey claims he does not want to defeat Kennedy on the basis of Kennedy's Catholicism. Humphrey recently stated, "I have repeatedly said that I don't think any man should be voted against because of his religious affiliation, or voted for because of his choice of church." Humphrey was defeated in the Wisconsin primary and, should he lose in the West Virginia primary, he will definitely be at a disadvantage.

Adlai Stevenson is beginning to look more like a candidate even though he insists that he is not. He

is definitely a strong party man but the fact that he is divorced and has been defeated twice places him at a distinct disadvantage.

Lynden Johnson, majority leader of the Senate, has been taking his time. If Kennedy falters, Johnson will be prepared to make a run at the convention. He hasn't been in the foreground yet, but he could well end up being a strong contender.

This is also true of Senator Stuart Symington from Missouri. Symington's defense issue could be a major factor if he is to succeed. He has not made too many enemies and might receive some solid support at the convention.

The Presidential race should be very interesting, especially in the Democratic party, where there seems to be a tossup between several candidates. Many things can happen, and we'll have to watch developments in these next couple months, before we can make any predictions. j.v.l.

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Dear Mr. De Young:

A final agreement has been made with the Regents of Education that I am to retire on June 18, 1960, with the status of Professor Emeritus. I am now able to submit a proposition to your school for the purchase of my complete library as per the enclosed listing. Many of the publications and books will serve as valuable references for background information of what is being published today, and will be of great value in accreditation and recognition.

The replacement value of the entire library is well over \$7500.00. I will accept \$4000.00 in 1, 2, or 4 yearly installments, under the condition that your school will take care of the hauling or shipping cost. You will note that this price is less than the present replacement costs of Chemical Abstracts and, thus the remainder of the library content may be considered as a free gift with the purchase price. The purchase will also include the paid-up subscription periods.

Yours sincerely,
A. Karsten

Professor of Chemical Engineering

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Editor's Note:

Although \$4000 may seem like an

Did You Know . . .

that President Haan traveled to Le Mars the other day to take the test for renewing his driver's license, and failed it. . . ?

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that people who make the best of it seldom get the worst of it. . . ?
Salada

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that if you have to burn the midnight oil to succeed, you cannot be the early bird that gets the worm. . .
Willis Forbes

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that the freshmen are hurrying to finish their term papers by Monday. . . ?

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that dieting is the penalty for exceeding the speed limit. . . ?
Henry Youngman

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that cars that did not have the right of way injured 608,400 and killed 3,890 persons on U.S. highways in 1958. . . ?
The Banner

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that within a week two girls from the dorm got diamonds. . . ?

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that half truths told about us are something to dread. . . ? For the worst half is the half that is usually spread.
Live

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that the faults of others are like headlights on an automobile . . . ? They always seem more glaring than our own.
Anonymous

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that there are only four weeks of school left this term. . . ?

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that sympathy is never wasted except when you give it to yourself. . . ?
Salada

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that the world owes you a living only when you have earned it. . . ?
The Banner

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that the best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm. . . ?
Salada

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that a pedestrian is a fellow whose wife beat him to the garage. . . ?
Cherokee Courier

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that the best proof that appearances are deceiving is the fact that the dollar looks just the same as it did ten years ago. . . ?
Floyd R. Miller
j.v.g.

enormous sum for college students, every effort would help to attain this goal. Perhaps a student fund could be organized on the science department could conduct a fund-raising project. Certainly these periodicals would be a valuable asset to the Dordt College library.

The Sports Scene

In bowling, the top teams in the two women's leagues squared off for a championship playoff. The results showed Team I of the Wednesday league the winner with 1340 pins in two games. The members of the winning team are: E. TeVelde, L. Haarsma, E. Auwema, S. Wieberdink, D. Visser, and J. DeVries. J. DeVries of Team I was top bowler in this league with a 127 average.

Runner up was Team IV of the Thursday league with 1292 pins in two games. Their players are A. Geels, W. Vander Zee, N. Tobak, M. Hoogwerf, and H. DeGroot. High bowler in the Thursday league was Theora Hoekstra of Team II with a 117 average.

In men's bowling, Team IV capped the title with 12,134 total pins. Their players: G. Meyer, R. Haan, T. Den Ouden, E. Blankespoor, H. Kramer, and R. De Haan. Team II hit 11,675 total pins for second place. This team was composed of J. Kusters, L. Munneke, R. Mulder, R. DeJong, H. Obbink, and M. Van Boven. High men bowlers were J. Vander Lugt with a 153 average, and S. Altena with a 152 average.

Now posted are the schedules for Badminton singles and doubles in the women's division, and horseshoes, shuffleboard singles and doubles, and table shuffleboard in the men's division. Last round playoffs are still to be finished in men's badminton singles and doubles and in the women's shuffleboard singles and doubles, but the women finally completed their playoff in the table shuffleboard. The winners—P. Canegieter and D. Van Duyn.

Major league baseball is now in full swing with (as of Monday) the Tigers and the Yankees fighting in first and second place in the American League and Pittsburgh and San Francisco in the two spots in the National League.

Statistics already show that game attendance has increased over last year with the greatest increase on the West Coast, while Pittsburg, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati are showing slight decreases.

d.s.

OF BOOKS & MEN (Continued)

what war was really like for he had been involved in the occupation of France and Belgium some years before. He hoped to avoid killing for he realized that to defeat and rule a people by military means, could never gain decisive victory over democracy.

a.h.



Above is the committee in charge of planning the Dordt College Music Festival. From left to right, Joan De Vries, John Addink, Hermina Van Dyken, and Bill Van Tol. The Music Festival will be presented on Friday, May 13.

DORDT COLLEGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The third annual Dordt College Music Festival will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, in the Sioux Center High School Auditorium.

Six choirs representing the following schools in four states will take part in the program: Central Minnesota Christian High of Prinsburg; Dakota Christian High of New Holland; Denver Christian High; Southwest Minnesota Christian High of Edgerton; Western Christian High of Hull, Iowa; and the Dordt College Choir. The Western Christian High band will also perform.

Four mass numbers will be performed by the entire group:

My Lord, What a Mornin' — arr. by Burleigh
O God, Thou Faithful God—Brahms
Pilgrim's Chorus — Wagner
Psalm 150 — Grotenhuis

Tickets will be on sale at Dordt College and at the door for 50c each.

Blankespoor To Coach

Harvey Blankespoor, who has attended Dordt College for two years has accepted the appointment to coach the basketball team next season.

Mr. Blankespoor was a member of the college team for two years and holds the individual scoring record. He will take the place of Mr. Ted Sjoerdsma, who will devote full time to teaching mathematics and directing the physical education program.

COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 27th

Rev. Esler Stuart Will Be The Speaker

On Friday, May 27, at 8:00 p.m. Dordt College will hold its commencement exercises in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium. Approximately fifty students will receive the Associate of Arts Degree.

The Reverend Esler Stuart, pastor of the Minneapolis Christian Reformed Church, will be the commencement speaker. The college choir will sing.

In using the Sioux Center Auditorium sufficient room is provided so that the general public can be accommodated.

Principal's Conference To Be Held At Dordt

The annual Principals' Conference is to be held at Dordt College in the first part of August. Principals of our Christian grade schools and high schools throughout the nation will attend. It is expected that there will be well over one hundred in attendance.

This conference is sponsored by the National Union of Christian Schools. The annual convention of the National Union will be held the second week in August in Worthington, Minnesota.