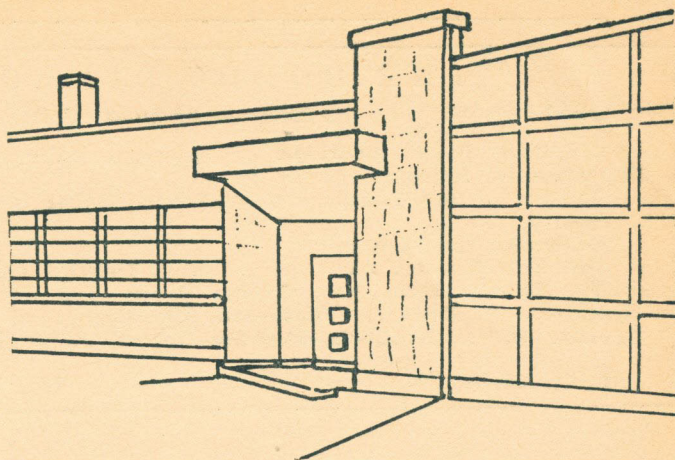


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## Fine Arts Program Soon

### Program To Be Presented February 26

A Fine Arts Program has been planned for Friday evening, February 26, 1960, to be held in the Dordt College Auditorium.

The following program has been planned:

A Brass Choir consisting of Irma Dykstra, Marian De Jong, Margaret Kalsbeek, Marguerite Vogel, Helena Wiersma, Owen Bouwma, Pete Jouvstra, and Cliff Soodsma.

A Piano Duet, performed by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis and Annetta Vugteveen, who will play "Sheep May Safely Graze."

A Baritone Solo by Peter Jouvstra.

The Dordt College A Capella Choir will present four numbers: "Stodola Pumpa," "Vive La Compagnie," "Born To Be Free," and "There Were Ninety and Nine."

A group of Madrigal Singers, including Irma Dykstra, Phyllis Jensen, Roxine Baker, Marilyn Vande Werfhorst, Trudy Modderman, Marian De Jong, John Vander Lugt, Bill Van Tol, John Addink, Art Haverhals, Pete Jouvstra, and Virgil Baker, will present two numbers: "It Was A Lover and His Lass," and "Allan-A-Dale Went A-Hunting."

Harvey Blankespoor will present a vocal solo entitled, "Kitty of Coleraine."

"Liebestraum" will be performed as a piano solo by Marion De Jong.

A Girl's Sextet including Phyllis Jensen, Roxine Baker, Marilyn Vande Werfhorst, Marian De Jong, Sandra Wieberdink, and Trudy Modderman, will present "Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be."

A Mixed Quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Grotenhuis and Mr. and Mrs. De Boer, will sing "Vrenelie."

Eunice and Galen Meyer will perform a comedy skit.

The Male Chorus of the Dordt Col-

lege Choir will present four numbers: "I Ride An Old Paint," "Nelly Bly," "Allouette," and "Stars of the Summer Night."

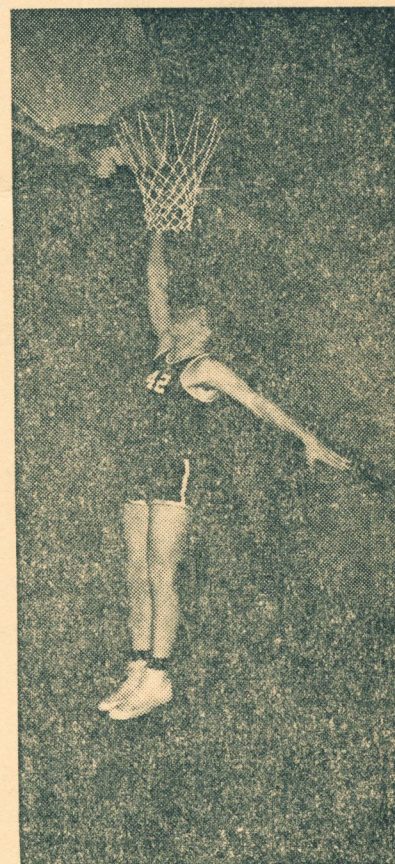
The program will begin at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are on sale at 50c for students and 75c for adults. They may be obtained from members of the Dordt College Choir, at Sam's Variety, or at the door. All proceeds will be used for the Spring Tour of the Dordt College Choir.

### HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

Eight sophomores and only six freshmen have been announced as members of the Dordt honor roll for the first semester of the 1959-1960 school term. Only two students were able to maintain an "A" average. They were Ed Blankespoor, a freshman, and John Addink, a sophomore. This marked the third straight semester in which John Addink received such an average.

No other students managed to come even close to an "A" average. If a student had an "A" record with the exception of one "B", he would be about 2.8 on the numerical system, but the next closest student was John Vander Lugt with a 2.6 average. Following with 2.5 averages were Arthur Haverhals, Alvin Hoekstra, and Ruth Vande Voort. Those with 2.4 averages were Clarence Fransman, Eunice Meyer, and Hermina Van Dyken. Five students attained a 2.3 average. They were as follows: Phyllis Cannegieter, Stanley Vanden Berg, Harold Vander Ziel, James Verbrugge, and Grace Wolterstorff. An average of at least 2.3 is required to become a member of the honor roll.

Averages are figured on the following basis: A-3, B-2, C-1, D-0, and F as a minus 1. A "C" average, 1.0, is required for graduation.



Harvey Blankespoor, shown above, has scored 619 points in his two years at Dordt. This year he scored 300 points for an average of 23 points per game. While doing so, he committed only 65 fouls in two years. Last year he was named to the All-State Junior College basketball team, and set Dordt basketball history by doing so.



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## --EDITORIAL--

This motto, *Soli Deo Gloria*, has been indelibly engraved on the cornerstone in the entrance of Dordt College. Thus, each student is continually reminded that all things must be done to the glory of God alone.

However, doesn't this seem somewhat idealistic? Many times ministers have exhorted us to direct all to God's glory. How is it possible to say that all which we are doing every minute of our lives attains this goal? Or once again, can we say that each deed we perform, each word we speak, and each thought we think has behind it the basic objective of enhancing God's glory? Indeed, even the most saintly Christian cannot attain this goal.

Although it may seem to be idealistic, it becomes beautifully realistic and "down to earth" when upon striving to direct all things to the glory of God, we partially attain our goal. It is especially appropriate for us Calvinists whose theology is fundamentally based on the sovereignty of God. Perhaps it is most beautiful since *Soli Deo Gloria* can be so universal, covering every facet of our college life. Yes, if we are doing all to the glory of God, our college work takes on new emphasis seeing that we are fulfilling a definite purpose.

*Soli Deo Gloria* also implies a negative connotation that we should not profane the glory of God. Instead of seeking the glory of God, some would contribute to the dishonor of God. Even we as Dordt students are guilty of being a disgrace to God. Witnesses expecting us to be model students from a Christian college often see in us that which causes a smear on God's name. We also directly dishonor God's will through some of our actions. Therefore, it is good for all of us to strive to do all things *Soli Deo Gloria*.

e.b.

Assistant Editor

## The Temper of the Times

As President Eisenhower begins his Latin American tour, we all wonder how he is going to be accepted. We all remember the angry mob that greeted Nixon in 1958 and we also know that resentment has been aroused against the United States by Cuba's Fidel Castro. I'm sure many people in the United States feel Mr. Eisenhower isn't moving in there a moment too soon, since it seems that "Communism is making steady headway—creeping in some places, marching in others, but everywhere gaining ground."

Looking at the Cuban countries, we find that since 1952, eight of the countries have overthrown dictatorships. Yet, many of the people are unhappy for they are judging their poverty by United States standards. The Communists have been quick to note these dissatisfactions and are building cultural centers and are sending economic emissaries.

According to reports, Latin America is the world's fastest growing area and it is predicted to finish the century with double North America's population. Thus, what the Latin American countries are to the United States can be compared to what Red China is to Russia: a friend for the present, but a challenge if the tide should turn.

In Cuba, Castro presents the leadership of a nationalistic, bourgeois-democratic revolution which precedes a Communist rise to power. Castro is almost like a tyrant. He is exercising more control over the people than Batista did, yet the people are behind him. Those who don't favor him are put in jail.

In Panama, we find that the Panamanians, inspired by Nasser's seizure of the Suez and encouraged by Castro defiance, have demanded bigger cuts of Panama Canal revenue. Here too, a few Communists have been happily stirring up the strife.

Many of these Latin American countries are poor and dissatisfied. For example, Bolivia is very poor and has a depressed tin industry. The Bolivians are angry at the United States' tariff policy which serves to protect the American tin industry. Chile has a democratic government, yet she too is angry over United States tariffs and of late there has been occasional talk of revolution.

Peru is considered pro-United States, yet the Communists have made some inroads and there is a danger of their old dictator returning. Then there is Argentina, who is struggling to get back on her feet after Juan Peron used up all her gold reserve and left her poor and broken. If she doesn't recover, the

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## Of Books and Men

In the preface to **The Chaos of Cults**, J. K. Van Baalen states that both membership and interest in cults is on the increase. He suggests that the propaganda of the cultists which is directed toward the masses, whereas scholars approach only scores of people, may be the reason for the two-fold increase. The main objective of his book is to "... help a little in the direction of understanding truth as distinct from religious error. ..."

In **The Chaos of Cults** there are thirteen chapters on the various "isms" and in addition to these there are also chapters which define the issue and tell how to approach the cultists. To give an idea of a typical cult, we will review the chapter on Baha'ism, whose very name arouses ones curiosity. Van Baalen divides the chapter into five sections: **History, Teaching, The Willmete Temple, Appraisal, and Baha'ism and Scripture.** Because the purpose of this column is at this time to whet your interest in cults and especially in the book, **The Chaos of Cults**, I will give a brief history of Baha'ism and a summary of its basic tenets.

Baha'ism, which is of Persian Mohammedan origin, is centered around the belief that the last successor of Mohammed never died but is still living in a mysterious hidden city with his followers and will issue forth at the end of time. From time to time, the will of the mysterious hidden successor of Mohammed was made known to people who are called Babs or gates. The last Bab foretold the arrival of a divine prophet, and his successor soon declared himself to be this divine prophet, and called himself Baha'u'llah. His followers called themselves Babs or Bahais. After a life of imprisonment and exile, Baha'u'llah died in 1892. Baha'u'llah was succeeded by his son who called himself 'Abdu'l-Baha. 'Abdu'l-Baha became the interpreter of his father's teachings and was responsible for its introduction into the United States, where the cult has grown faster than in any country except Persia. Today the leadership is in the hand of 'Abdu'l-Baha's grandson.

Their basic doctrinal tenets are characterized by the words, unity and love, and by a pantheistic conception of God in relationship to the universe. Baha'ism accepts all the religions of the world and all nine prophets on the ground that all religions are fundamentally the same. They do not give Baha'u'llah a greater divinity, but claim that he has given the latest revelation from the Divine Source. "Baha'ism," says Van Baalen, "claims that unity and brotherhood are the only im-

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## Did You Know . . .

that a good memory is one that is so poor you can't remember what you worried about yesterday . . . ? —Samuel Smiles

that an optomist is a man who thinks his wife can drive a six-foot car through an eight-foot garage doorway. . . ? —D.O. Flynn

that the future tense of courting is caught . . . ? that the past participle of sip is drunk . . . ? —Mary C. Dorsey

that TV isn't replacing radio half as fast as it is homework. . . ? —Pathfinder

that anger is righteous if it has in it grief on account of what is happening to others, and not a grudge on account of what is happening to oneself. . . ? —E. Stanley Jones

that "I always find that statistics are hard to swallow and impossible to digest . . . ? The only one I can ever remember is that if all the people who go to sleep in church were laid end to end they would be a lot more comfortable." —Mrs. Robert A. Taft

that a college education seldom hurts a man if he's willing to learn a little something after he graduates . . . ? —Anonymous

that a man is never too busy to talk about how busy he is . . . ? —Cincinnati Enquirer

that an automobile is a guided missile . . . ? that fashion is something that goes out of style as soon as most people have one . . . —Sylvia Bremer

that: "Here's a definite feminine trait Clearly worth the knowing: When a woman say's 'It's time to go,'

It doesn't mean she's going." —Philip Lazarus

that wisdom is knowing what to do next . . . ? —Anonymous

that the poorest judge of distance is the family man who thinks that he'll be able to make both ends meet . . . ? —Earl Wilson

that tact is the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to . . . ? —Arch Ward

that whether a black cat means bad luck for you depends upon whether you are a man or a mouse . . . ? —Jack Herbert

i.d.

## Third Concert

The third concert of the Siouland Concert Series was performed by David Davis, violinist. He played many beautiful classical selections which displayed his mastery of technique. Many of them had long scale or arpeggio passages.

Mr. Davis' stage appearance was not so much to be desired, although his appearance did show him to be a competent artist. When he wanted his accompanist to rise, he tapped him with his bow. His facial expression did not make him seem to have a very pleasant personality. Perhaps this can be explained by the fact that he claimed to have a cold. However, one got the impression, from his atrocious use of the English language, that his cold was rather a permanent one, and not really a cold at all, but just an excuse.

All in all, it was felt by this reviewer that this was the least desirable of the concerts presented so far.

Annetta Vugteveen

## Temper of the Times, cont.

only thing left for her would be another dictatorship.

Just last year, Brazil signed a deal with Russia for \$200 million in foreign credit, while she shows hostility to the United States. In Venezuela the slums are being nourished by Communist propaganda.

Castro seems to be training invasion forces and he has both the Dominican Republic and Colombia scared of him. Haiti finds herself between the Dominican Republic and Cuba for it is a nation with the difficulty of lack of education.

Nicaragua is trying to stay democratic but Castro is a constant threat. In Paraguay, democracy has been replaced by dictatorship, and the Communists are pouring propaganda into Uruguay.

Finally, in Mexico the Russians have moved in with their famous Soviet trade fair and they are greatly influencing the Mexicans. Thus we can see danger at our doorstep. What will Eisenhower do about it?

r.b.

## OF BOOKS & MEN (Continued)

portant things and not doctrine. 'Love' is the ever-recurring word in its literature." Typical of their pantheism is this statement taken from "The Star of the West," the official organ of Baha'ism in America: "Further than this (Baha'u'llah) man has no other point of concentration. He is God."

Baha'ism has a great appeal today because it stresses unity and love and has resulted in over a million supporters in almost every nation of the world. It is one of the numerous cults which have a great appeal in a troubled world.

—a.h.



## The Sports Scene

### Dordt, 78; Waldorf, 89

On February 8th, the Defenders played a return match with Waldorf at Forrest City. The Defenders were ahead 47-40 at half-time and although they enjoyed a commanding lead several times during the game, they nevertheless wound up on the short side of the final score. Blankespoor led all scoring with 35 points and Horvick scored 27 to lead the Waldorf scoring.

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Altena	2	0	4	4
Vanden Einde	3	0	2	6
Verbrugge	5	0	5	10
Blankespoor	12	11	2	35
Den Ouden	5	4	5	14
Charles	1	0	1	2
Hoekman	2	3	0	7
Zylstra	0	0	1	0
Total	30	18	20	78

### Dordt, 68; Westmar B, 74

Wednesday, February 10th, marked the final game of the '59-'60 season as the Defenders met the Westmar B team in Le Mars. This was the last game played for Dordt by sophomores Altena, Blankespoor, and Verbrugge. The halftime score was 30-40 in favor of the Westmar team who controlled the ball game all the way. Earlier in the season Westmar had fallen an easy victim to the Defenders, but they turned the tables on them this time. Mueller for Westmar was high point man with 31 and Blankespoor followed with 22 for Dordt.

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Altena	2	0	0	4
Vanden Einde	3	4	1	10
Verbrugge	5	3	4	13
Blankespoor	8	6	3	22
Den Ouden	3	3	4	9
Charles	3	0	1	0
Hoekman	1	2	4	4
Zylstra	0	0	1	0
Total	25	18	19	68

Dordt's record for the '59-'60 season stands at 2-11. Some of the defeats were very close games, but none of them went into overtime. The Defenders seem to be following a pattern, so far in their collegiate competition, by presenting extreme contrasts from one season to the next. If you recall, the '57-'58 seasonal record was 1-15 and the '58-'59 season wound up with an 11-7 record and won the Defenders a berth in the state tournament play-offs.

These past two years have seen a record established at Dordt. Harvey Blankespoor became the first Dordt player to make an all-state team—one of an eight man team in the '58-'59 season. During his two years at Dordt, Harvey has scored 619 points and committed 65 fouls. He was ably assisted by these soph-

omores: Syne Altena whose record for two seasons is 143 points and 53 fouls; Jim Verbrugge, who scored 243 points for the Defenders and committed 71 fouls, and Clarence Fransman who scored 2 points this year and committed no fouls, but sustained a leg injury which put him out of action during the final games. Congratulations to all of you. The Defenders will miss you next year.

Our freshman men also gave a good account of themselves this year. Their records are as follows: (All statistics are unofficial)

Charles 41 points, 18 fouls  
De Jong 41 points, 20 fouls  
Den Ouden 132 points, 45 fouls  
De Stigter 2 points, 2 fouls  
Hoekman 26 points, 15 fouls  
Meyerink 1 point, 1 foul  
Vanden Einde 42 points, 15 fouls  
Zylstra 5 points, 9 fouls

Nice going fellows. We hope you'll be back next year to give it all you've got and bring home a few trophies.

This past year our opponents scored 934 points while the Defenders scored 812. They out-fouled us 277 to 243 and sank 210-323 free throws while the Defenders hit 232-368 at the charity line. The highest score rolled up by the Defenders in one game this season was 89 points against Westmar B and the highest scored against them was 90 by the Morningside Frosh.

Physical education has also resumed at Dordt. Volleyball tournaments are now on the agenda in both the men's and women's divisions, as well as ping-pong singles and doubles in the men's division.

In pro basketball, Adolph Shays of the Syracuse Nationals has set an all time scoring record and is still going strong.

Down in Squaw Valley, California (or Squawk Valley, as some commentators are calling it, because of all the fuss going on), the Winter Olympics are about to get under way. United States hopes are resting on the women skiers, who are figured to make a good showing, and on the ice-skating events. Russia and Canada are figured to face off in hockey and the rest is anybody's guess. Many of the events will be televised, so take advantage of it.  
d.s.

## Chapel Speakers

February 22 ---- Mr. M. De Young  
February 23 -- Rev. A. Hanninck  
February 25 -- Bernice Aschenmeier  
February 26 ---- Grace Wolterstorf  
February 29 ----- Dr. P. Van Beek  
March 1 ----- Rev. H. Roelofs  
March 3 ----- John Vander Lugt  
March 4 ---- Gertrude Vande Kamp

## Poetry

### A FINISHED CANVAS

Time has wrought a miracle.

Many were the hands  
Who helped to fashion this dear place.

And now a college stands  
Where once was cornstalk,  
Black furrows deep;  
But now a rolling campus green:  
Broad walks, asimina, and pines  
—complete.

A picture sketched against the sun . . . .

The tool? A crayola not made  
By machinists, nor any man,  
But molded once to then be laid  
'Gainst a surface—the horizon.  
She stands a symbol and  
a mark. . . .

'Twas not alone the work of hands;  
Historic faith has played its part.

Her story reads "of books and men":  
Rows of incandescent volumes  
Waiting for an invitation  
Into hands and hearts, where soon  
Light will conquer seeds of doubt.  
Inspired day by day,  
They breached the gulf of know-  
ledge

That 'twixt them and wisdom lay.  
—Priscilla J. Kreun

### YOU AND I

In Spring . . . .  
We strolled in the meadow together,  
Then deep into forests dark.  
We stopped and listened in silence  
To the lilting song of the lark.

In Summer . . . .  
We sat by the little brook  
Bubbling its merry way past.  
We sat and dreamed of a future  
In which our love would last.

In Autumn . . . .  
We watched the bright leaves fall,  
Saw the earth prepare to rest;  
But knew by our unchanging God  
We'd forever more be blessed.

In Winter . . . .  
We sat by the fireside  
And knew that outside it was cold.  
But the flame of our love was warm  
and bright,

A thing to have and to hold.  
—Elaine

