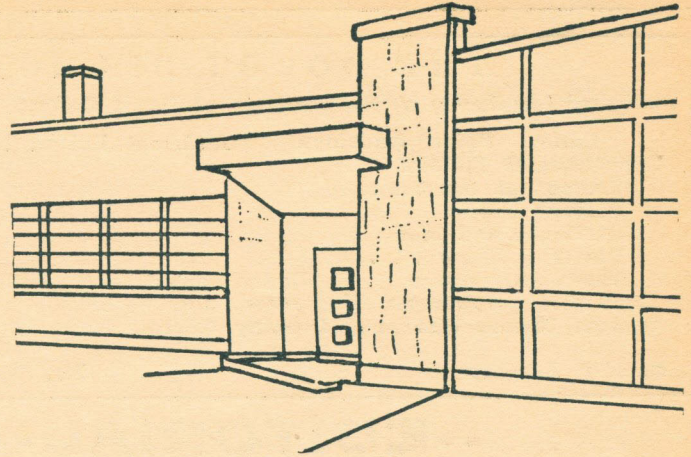


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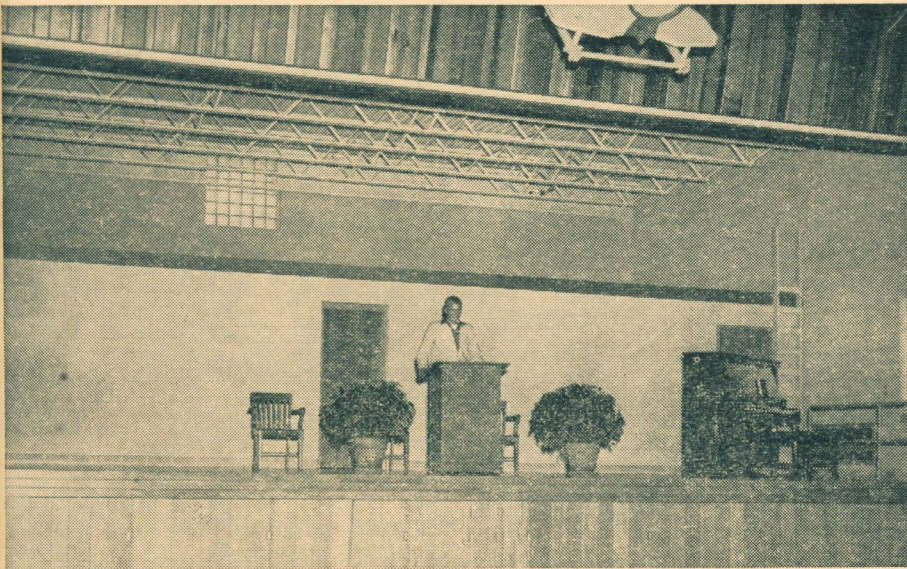
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Drama Club to Present "Charley's Aunt"

Set 4th

PLAY SET FOR THE ~~4th~~
~~AND 7th~~ OF DECEMBER



Pictured above is the new stage addition. On the stage the Drama Club will present "Charley's Aunt," a three act comedy by Brandon Thomas. Since this picture was taken, new stage curtains, lights, and other accessories have been added.

Dordt's Profs Attend Conferences

On Friday, October 9, Mr. De Boer and the four professors of English of Westmar College journeyed to Indianola to attend the Iowa Colleges Conference on English at Simpson College.

Meetings were held Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning. Friday afternoon Mr. De Boer attended lectures on literary criticism of Dostoevsky, Kafta, and

Pasternak, three Russian novelists. Friday night he attended a marionette performance of "Dr. Faustus" by Marlowe. The Saturday morning meeting was a discussion of structural linguistics, a new approach to a description of grammar.

Mr. Van Til plans to attend a Conference for Christian Teachers of Philosophy on November 6 and 7. This conference will be held at Wheaton, Illinois.

One of the most active extracurricular activities at Dordt is the Drama Club. This is by no means an exclusive club and everyone was given the opportunity to join. The Drama Club serves as an outlet for those students who wish to develop dramatically. This year there will again be two major productions, one presented in the fall and another in the spring. Within the club there is also a chance for those people who wish to express themselves artistically. They use their talents to work on the sets which play a major roll in every play. Also there is much activity going on behind the scenes at a production, hence the need for prompters, make-up artists, and other willing participants that are needed to make a play possible.

The first meeting of this year's Drama Club was held September 23. It was called to order by the faculty adviser Prof. N. Van Til. The election of officers was held and the following officers were chosen:

President ---- Peter Andringa
Business Manager - Don Pranger
Secretary ---- Helena Wiersma

The newly elected president then appointed these people to serve as a stage committee for forthcoming productions: Donna Schut, Ruth Vander Voort, Pat Ver Steeg, Joan De Vries, Tom Den Ouden, Leroy Feenstra, John Vander Lugt, and Leon Hanenburg.

The Drama Club only meets when there is special business to attend to and the president exercises his authority by calling a meeting when needed. Besides presenting its own plays, the club will attend various other plays given by colleges in the vicinity.

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--EDITORIAL--

Well, dear hearts, 1960 is almost over. Newswise it has been an interesting year. It began with a bang as Cuba's Napoleon, Fidel Castro, shot down the Batista army and became dictator of the Cuban democracy. Back in our own democracy, the labor dictators got what they wanted once more. Also in this great state of equality the farmers were once more supported by the rest of the people.

In our great Christian nation, a seventeen year old girl was terribly disappointed to discover that she was not bearing an illegitimate child. If she had been, she would certainly have obtained a share in the large estate of a late movie star. Also in our great Christian nation, everyone was shocked to discover that many of TV's quiz programs were rigged.

CBS recently admitted that at least some of its quiz shows had been rigged by dropping all of its big money quiz shows. Charles Van Doren was fired by NBC. He had regularly been appearing on the Dave Garroway "Today" show. He disappeared rather mysteriously when he was asked to testify on whether or not "21" had been rigged.

Several other "21" contestants had previously testified that they had been given answers and had been told when to miss questions. It is really quite shocking that such a thing could happen in this nation which purports to be Christian.

Earlier in the year another cheating incident took place in another institution which purports to be Christian. This institution happened to be Dordt College. Several extremely naughty boys were caught stealing a certain test. They were deservedly punished for their cheating. But there were others in the same class who "got by" with cheating. These were the students who had purchased the tests which had been used the year before. Since the teacher gave the same tests every year, all these students had to do to get a good grade was to memorize the tests of the year before. These students perhaps had the idea that cheating meant getting caught.

Another evidence of cheating in dear old Dordt's classrooms was the rule which stated that only pencil and paper might be brought along to a major test.

This seems to be one area in which our students have a "who cares" attitude. This attitude is wholly out of line with the Christianity which we profess to be ours. If we truly have this "Christianity," we will have honesty as one of our basic principles. —p.a.

The Alumni Mail Bag

South Holland, Illinois

Dear Mr. Editor:

Since I received an inquiry from the college regarding address, etc., I have had the urge to write and that's what I'm doing.

Well, I'm now in the teaching profession, and it is really wonderful. It is really interesting, and some new experience meets you every day. I have 34 pupils and 30 of them are naughty. I have one who is especially humorous who comes up with such things as: his going to wear his bathing suit when we have school pictures taken, or his telling the class that he had an aunt with a naughty boy just like him, and that she was going to spank her son, only the "kid" ducked and the poor aunt's arm hit the wall "and it broke the arm, I mean."

I really like South Holland, too. It is a very interesting community. The three girls in our apartment have joined the First Christian Reformed Church here. We're very well satisfied with our decision to teach in South Holland.

Say, is the number of Democrats in Dordt increasing at all? It's an absolute shame if they aren't. I hope you are still having interesting discussions there.

We've really bragged up Dordt College here. We said it was super! I hope it still is even though the sophomores of last year are gone!!

I guess I'd better sign off before someone gets the suspicion that I'm really not dignified enough to be a teacher; but I am!!

I'm waiting eagerly to receive the first issue of **The Diamond**.

Sincerely yours,
Myrtle Sinkey ('59)

(Editor's note: we welcome letters from our growing ranks of alumni. Please write. We are happy to print all mail meant for publication.)

Poetry

TO A KITTEN

Forsaken and forlorn,
Three little balls of fur
Did face their doom,
Alone.

Death's hand did reach,
Twice did touch,
And left but one,
Alone.

Licking the dust
Its only food,
It struggled,
Alone.

Then it was found
And fed, revived,
And lived to die,
Alone. —Arthur Haverhals

Did You Know . . .

that there is no mystery about why the circulation of U.S. newspapers is going up so fast...? More and more people are buying them to find out whether the TV and radio commentators know what they are talking about.

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that most girls are interested in "altaring" their boys friends . . .?

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that the piano which Mozart used to write some of his most famous compositions had the black keys white and the white keys black. . .?

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that a Florida state highway trooper picked up a drunk in his patrol car, then stopped and got out to collar a second and watched the first drive off in the police car. . .?

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that the jet age has been welcomed by European countries because it enables Americans to come across faster. . .?

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that the younger generation is a group that is similar in many respects. . .? Many parents are so simple their children can operate them.

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that you should look out for those characters who want you to put your shoulder to the wheel. . .? Generally it's their wheel and what they want is a free ride.

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that a good wife laughs at all her husband's jokes, not because the jokes are so clever, but because she is. . .?

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that one modern college is going to adopt a three-platoon system for football. . .? One squad for offense, one for defense, and the other to attend classes.

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that errors in spelling can be very amusing. . .? A Minnesota junior-high pupil wrote about her "high jean" class; English common law gave us the "writ of hideous corpus"; rain is a form of "participation".

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that results are what you expect—consequences are what you get . . .?

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that a funeral procession, consisting of a hearse, a black limousine and two mobile units filed somberly from radio station WLEU Erie, Pennsylvania, to the river and dumped in 7,000 rock 'n roll records. . .?

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that a parking meter is an automatic device that bets a dollar to your nickel that you don't get back before the red flag flips up. . .?

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that some farmers have a sense of

The Temper of the Times

Are steel workers going to go back to work voluntarily under a separate wage agreement or under the Taft-Hartley injunction? If they are going to return to work voluntarily, they will have to be returning quite soon for President Eisenhower has started to use the Taft-Hartley Law. This he has accomplished by appointing a fact-finding board to study the strike effects. Upon hearing their report, the President decided there was an emergency and thus the Justice Department has gone to a federal court for an injunction to stop the strike. After hearing arguments, which the court is still doing, the court has the right to order the union to call off the strike for eighty days.

During these eighty days the federal mediators will meet with both sides to try to seek a settlement. At the end of sixty days the fact-finding board will report to the President concerning the employer's offer and then in the next fifteen days, the National Labor Relations Board will conduct a secret-ballot election among workers as to whether they want to accept the offer.

Then at the end of the eighty day period, they can judge according to these ballots whether the strike will be called off or resumed. If the strike resumes, the President can recommend special legislation.

According to David Lawrence, the main reason why the strike hasn't been settled is because in years gone past the employers usually surrendered, givin labor-union leaders the idea that if they hold out long enough, there will be another surrender. But this time steel companies dont dare surrender because they know they don't dare risk raising steel prices in the face of foreign competition.

It is interesting to note that many steel-workers are blasting President Eisenhower for invoking the Taft-Hartley law, while on the other hand their wives approve of President Eisenhower's action.

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If you have been reading in recent newspapers and magazines you will have read about the increase of crime in our larger cities, especially New York. In many neighborhoods people are decidedly afraid.

It used to be that the police would catch a teenager, and as one policeman put it, "whack him across the rump with a night stick and send him home." and he then went on to comment that then we did not have any juvenile delinquency to speak of. Now the policeman's night stick has been taken away and the psy-

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Of Books and Men

The Nobel Prize in Literature has recently been awarded to an Italian poet, Salvatore Quasimodo. The presentation of this award has been protested by the Swedish newspaper **Aftonbladet**. This paper suggested that there are more deserving persons than Quasimodo.

Recall the controversy that was aroused last year when Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize. His work, *Dr. Zhivago*, was banned in the Soviet Union because of its anti-communist sentiment. Pasternak turned down the award under pressure. Just recently his book was listed in seventh place on a list of the nations ten best sellers.

The newspaper stated that: "after its incursion into the heroic with last year's prize to Pasternak, the Academy has returned to a safe middle position." It would seem then that the Swedish Academy has presented its literary award to someone who they know will not be a controversial figure, and it also implies that the Academy has not necessarily selected the person who is most deserving. The newspaper also suggests the names of an Irish dramatist and a Freshman as possible future winners and that "the Academy has been too cautious at times in the past, awarding its coveted citations and cash to mediocre writers whose work afterward becomes more and more banal."

The prize Mr. Quasimodo will receive will include a cash award of \$42,606. He is an instructor in the history of Italian literature at a Milan music conservatory. His work, as described by the Swedish Academy, "with classical fire expresses the tragic experience of life in our times."

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Those of us who are interested, and we all should be, in the history of the Dutch people in the United States and Canada, will find in our library a very interesting account of this in a book entitled, **Netherlanders in America** by Henry J. Lucas. Here is recorded the history of the Dutch in our country from 1789-1950.

The word is divided into three main sections entitled, "Early Settlement," "Expansion and Dispersal," and "The Dutch Character and Contribution." The second section, "Expansion and Dispersal," might possibly be of the greatest interest to us. It tells of the settlement of Michigan, the South, and the East; the Dutch in the Midwest; and the Dutch in the Far West, the Southwest, and Canada. The book is characterized by its lucid, detailed description and is considered to be authoritative. a. h.

The Sports Scene

In national sports, L.S.U. scored another victory by squeezing by Mississippi. A third quarter 89 yard run by Billy Cannon and then a strong line that held Mississippi on the 1 yard line, gave L.S.U. their nineteenth straight victory and made them almost a certainty as host for the Sugar Bowl.

In the Big Eight, Oklahoma made the news again—by being beaten in conference play for the first time in 13 years. Nebraska did the trick and handed Wilkinson and the Sooners their first conference defeat in 75 games. The score: 25-21.

In the Big Ten, Ohio State messed up Michigan State, 30-24, while Illinois and Purdue tied with seven apiece. Northwestern remains on top in the Big Ten, and is beginning to smell the roses.

In the first Army-Airforce game, neither proved anything in a game played in neutral Yankee Stadium. The final score was a 13-13 tie, although the Airforce almost broke the tie in the closing minutes.

Around the country, seven teams are still undefeated. They include Northwestern, Syracuse, L. S. U., Penn State, Texas, North Texas State, and Southern California. Maybe they'll be dumped next week.

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And now, on to basketball. Basketball, like many other sports, is taught and played according to the personal beliefs and experiences of the coaches. This data has been collected in a rather haphazard and unscientific way. Perhaps a more thorough study should be made of the objective factors in the "shooting" of a basketball. The successful team should be compared to the unsuccessful team in the areas of the basketball court where long, medium, or short shots are taken. Does the successful team take more or less shots from these areas? Is it the short, medium, or long shot that marks a successful team? Is it the percent of accuracy or the number of shots taken which decides the game?

If these factors are studied, they can be isolated, controlled, and improved so that an unsuccessful team can be changed to a successful team upon a more exact and scientific basis. d.s. & h.b.

Drama Club Play . . .

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The play chosen by director Prof. Van Til to be staged this fall is "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas. This play is a world-famous farce which has moved millions to tears of laughter. The comedy is a perennial favorite and widely accepted wherever it is given. The part of Charley's Aunt has been played by such comedians as Jack Benny, who felt that the part was a choice vehicle for his type of comic ability. The play should prove to be equally successful when presented by Dordt's players.

The cast has been chosen and Pete Andringa has been named to play the part of Charley's Aunt. There are no doubts as to Pete's comic ability and if Jack Benny can do it, so can Pete. There are two other major male leads which will be played by Bill Van Tol and John Vander Lugt. The supporting cast consists of Eunice Meyer, Gertrude Vander Kamp, Kathy Hoekstra, Dorothy Maas, Galen Meyer, Leon Hanenburg, and Leroy Feenstra. As can be judged from the caliber of the cast, the play should be excellent.

The play is now in rehearsal. The production dates have been set for the fourth and seventh of December. The play will be presented in Dordt's own auditorium. This is made possible by the addition of the new adequate stage facilities.

Temper of the Times, cont.

chiatrists have taken over. The teenager is regarded as "troubled"

and as a result of this there seems to be more crime. Is this just an opinion of an unbiased policeman, or is there more truth than fiction in it?

The theory has been that old buildings and poor living condition create slums and they in turn create crime. But now billions of dollars have been spent to build low-rent house projects and these are getting as filthy as the slums themselves. Statistics show that the Puerto Ricans are as a whole in the lowest income bracket in the city and thus are usually found living in slums. Yet in spite of the conditions in which they are living we find that only 8% of the cities' crimes are committed by Puerto Ricans.

Wherein does our failure lie? Let's hear some pet theories concerning this. Come on readers, how about writing in to the **Diamond** and expressing your opinions. This may prove to be very interesting. —r.b.

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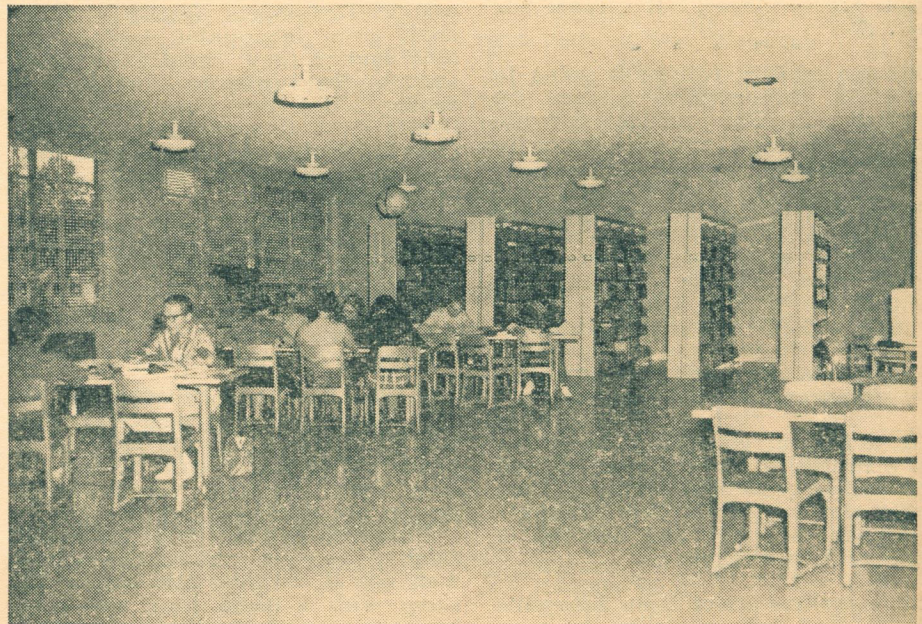
humor. . .? A sign on the farmstead gate: "We are vegetarians but our dog ain't."

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that a basketball kiss is a little dribble; a bird kiss—a little peck; a library kiss—lots of volume; a cowboy kiss—slow on the draw; an oatmeal kiss—quite mushy. . .?

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that if you have to burn the midnight oil to succeed, you'll never be the early bird that gets the worm. . .? i.d.



Pictured above is the Dordt library, part of the new \$80,000 addition to the school's ever-increasing facilities. The library will soon receive many new pieces of furniture so that up to ninety students will be able to study there at the same time. This room should be able to house up to 15,000 volumes.