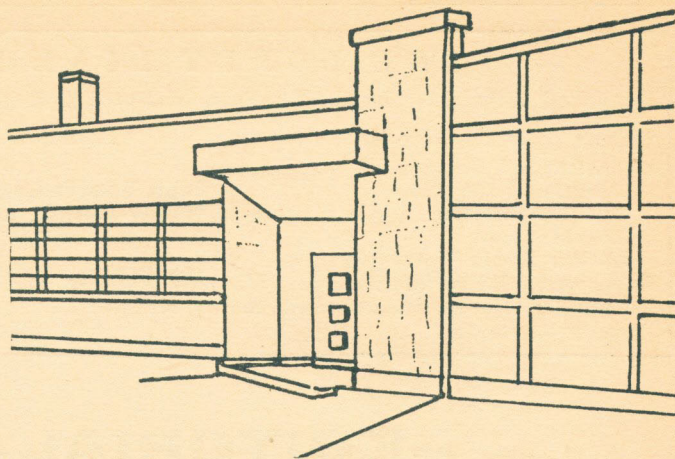


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Duo-Pianists to Present Concert

MUSIC PROGRAM SET FOR JANUARY 20

Alfred and Herbert Teltschik, a duo-piano team, will present a concert to the members of the Sioux County Concert Series. The concert will be given in the Northwestern College Auditorium on January 30, at 8:00 p.m.

The Teltschik brothers, who are natives of Texas, began their musical training at home under the instruction of their father. They also studied in Houston, and then completed their education at Julliard School of Music with Mme. Olga Sanfarooff Stokowski.

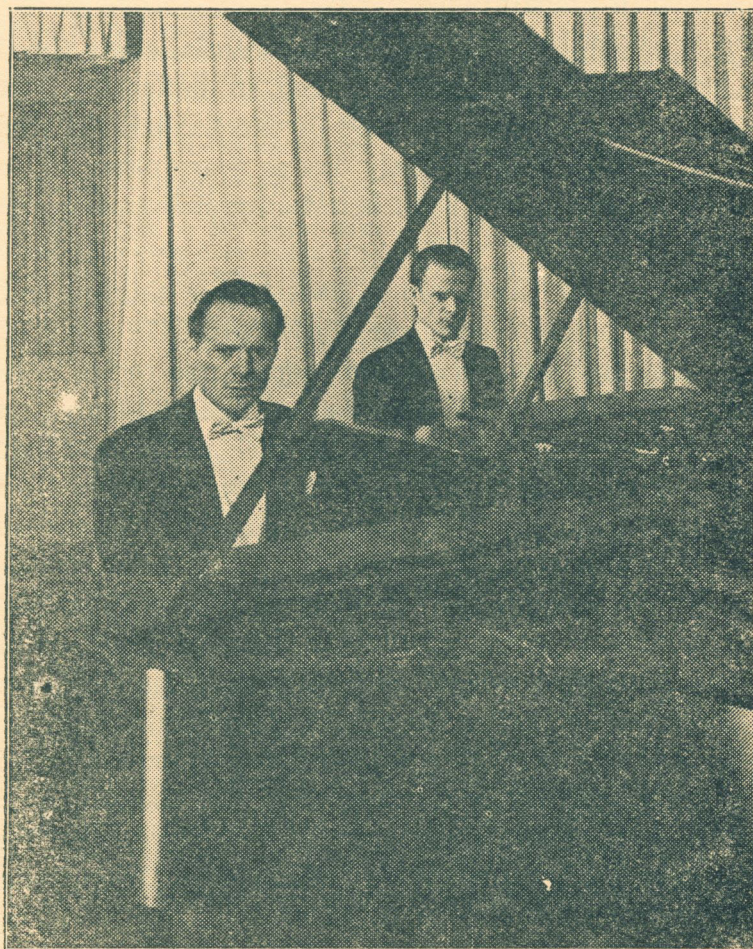
The Teltschik brothers were assigned to military orchestras during World War II. Here their talents were soon recognized, and they gave many two-piano recitals for the Armed Forces. After the war they returned to Houston where they continued presenting duo-piano concerts.

Using a specially designed bus, the Teltschiks bring their own Steinway pianos with them. Usually, their programs are composed of a group of unusual numbers which they themselves arranged, as well as other classical music for two pianos.

Siouxland Choruses To Give Repeat Performance

The Siouxland Women's and Male Choruses will give a repeat performance of the Thanksgiving concert. The concert will be given Sunday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, under the sponsorship of the Dordt Booster Club.

These groups, directed by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, are composed of selected voices from throughout



Northwest Iowa.

The male chorus will present such favorites as "Sun of My Soul" an old Latin Melody; "Now the Day is Over" by Joseph Barnby and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" by James Ellor.

Several of the numbers presented by the women's chorus will be "When Morning Gilds the Skies" by Joseph Barnby, "O Lord Most Holy" by Cesar Franck, and "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Konrad Kocher.

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--EDITORIAL--

Study! Study! Study! Yes, it is no news to anyone at Dordt that next week will be a grueling five days of semester exams. Indeed, these are of crucial significance to us students, and we must certainly plan our time so as to avoid wasting a moment that should be used in preparation.

But is the Sabbath to be considered potential study time? God "hallowed" this day—devoted it to sacred, in distinction from secular duties. If we employ any part of the Sabbath in studying, we are actually regarding this holy day as every other day of the week. Then, we are taking what is not ours and opposing the express command of God.

We might argue, "We study to develop our abilities and thus to become more active, proficient Christians. Certainly, this is our sacred duty, and what is a more proper time to fulfill it than on the Sabbath?" Yes, this is a duty most high and truly prescribed to us by God himself. But, does He wish us to slave over our books during His day of rest? Certainly not! Rather, He urges us to come before Him and lay down our burden. Picture yourself bent over your Latin book, struggling to master the second declension endings—"us, i, o, um, o." Or imagine yourself puzzling over the leaves scattered before you on the bedroom floor, making a brave attempt to impress upon your mind that despite the rough surface of the leaf in the far corner, it is called a slippery elm, and that the brown, shriveled thing next to it is a basswood leaf. Now, when you are so thoroughly confused, are you focusing your attention on God and forgetting about your worldly cares? Do you really feel your faith renewed? I believe that all students will agree that regardless of the merits of study, it can never replace worship.

So let us confine our studying to the six days of the week provided for this and observe the Sabbath in the manner in which God has instructed us. Only then, will this holy day be a blessing to us and, through us, a means of rich benefits to others.

P.K.

Rehearsal For Play Continues

Rehearsal continues as the presentation date approaches for John Patrick's production, "The Hasty Heart." The curtain will rise on the comedy-drama at 8:00 p.m. on February 8 and 9.

Action takes place in a convalescent ward in a temporary British General Hospital somewhere within the South East-Asia command. Holding leading roles are Margaret Kalsbeek, a nurse, and Gerald Kramer, a dying patient. Others in the cast include Ed Mellema, an orderly; Galen Meyer, John Vander Lugt, Joel Brower, Tom Den Ouden, Lyle Ahrenholz, patients; and Virgil Vis, the colonel.

Practice has been held nearly every school night since November. While the cast has been occupied with memorizing lines, Mr. Van Til, director, has been constructing background props. Tickets to the performance will go on sale about February 1 at 75c each at the college office.

NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL DELIVERY

Heralding 1961 for the Stanley Boertje family was their New Year's Baby, Julie Beth. Apparently Professor Boertje, Dordt's biology instructor, is concerned with furthering economical as well as biological progress; Julie Beth, first-baby-of-the-year at the Sioux Center Community Hospital, won an array of prizes for her parents.

The new addition, born on Sunday, January 1, 1961, at 6:15 A.M., tipped the scales at seven pounds. She makes the Boertje family's boy-girl ratio even, 2:2. The youngest, Julie, and oldest, Judy, 6, are the two girls. The middlemen are Greg, 5, and Rod, 4. The three older children were born in Iowa also—Judy in Iowa City and both Greg and Rod in Pella.

Reporter's note: The father's only subjective comment was, "She's keeping me awake at night."

B.B.

Administration Announces Schedules

The first semester of school work will be concluded with semester exams January 16 through January 20. The exams scheduled in the morning will begin at 8:30; the afternoon exams at 1:00.

Registration for the second semester is set for Monday, January 23. Students will be registered according to the following schedule:

1:00—Students whose last name begins with the letters

Vande through Z

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The Touchstone

According to John Paterson, who wrote an article, "The Language of 'Adventure' in Henry James" in the November 1960 issue of *American Literature*, a great attraction of Henry James' literary works is the lively descriptions he uses. A wizard with words, one of James' favorite tricks is the metaphor. He likes to talk about ordinary things in an unordinary way. That's probably more of a challenge than making the unordinary exciting. He really did have the metaphor habit—his novels, short stories, essays and even his personal notes and letters were full of double talk. He just couldn't seem to help it. Even his philosophy of life seems to be a strong belief in the metaphorical idea. Any little insignificant event can be described in terms of something lively and colorful. Believe in that strongly enough, practice thinking that way and the uneventful events will be rare treats. So now you know the remedy for a dull life, or at least what Henry James would probably prescribe.

There's not much time left before semester exams. Maybe you didn't study as much as you should have. You feel you don't really know anything about the courses you're taking, but still, you'd like to pass them. That's where the language of adventure comes in. Think of the exams as being interesting and fun, an opportunity you wouldn't miss for anything—not even if you could. Then think up a set of good metaphors. An advantage of the metaphor is its adaptability. One good metaphor can be applied to so many different ideas or situations. It all depends on how you translate it. When Henry James wrote "recognizing after I was launched the danger of an inordinate leak—since the ship has truly a hole in its side sufficient to have sunk it—I may not have managed . . . to stop my ears against the noise of the waters and pretend to myself I was afloat . . ." he was speaking of the art of writing. The leak he worried about was overuse of dialogue. But the metaphor fits just as well if applied to those semester exams. The leak then explains why the mind seems so empty when it should be overflowing with names, dates, conjugations, declensions, trees, formulas and the rest of the facts essential to passing exams. The ship is one's mentality. And the "pretend to myself I was afloat" is making use of the language of adventure in the exams. Learn that set of metaphors and use them wherever you have to write an answer of more than one or two words. If, when your instructor sees what a literary genius you are, he fails to pass you on its merits, explain to him that you

have the right answer—the problem is simply that he fails to interpret it correctly.

T.G.

The Temper of the Times

Everyone must agree that President-elect John F. Kennedy faces a tremendous task as the next President of the United States. He is a capable individual, and he has many remarkable qualities. Without doubt, Kennedy will have to exercise his ability to the utmost as he takes over the helm of a powerful nation in a crisis-filled world. The many ideals which he set as a campaigner he must now attempt to make reality as President. However, confronting Kennedy are many problems, problems which may seem insurmountable.

Kennedy has already faced the problem of selecting able men to serve in his administration. While doing this he not only realized that it was an expensive process, but also that his acquaintances with suitable men were a bit scanty. Now we see a young, vigorous, and brainy administration taking shape.

As soon as Kennedy takes office, a hungry Khrushchev will see how much he can feast on Kennedy. War clouds are gathering over Laos. The continued Soviet airdrops of food and ammunition point out the threat of a civil war spreading and finally involving outside powers, including the United States. Or will Kennedy allow Laos to be neutralized, and Laotian anti-Reds forced to share control with Reds? Personally, I doubt whether Kennedy will practice appeasements and allow Russia to continue to gain in the "cold war." Although Khrushchev may hope for "better" relations with the United States, I doubt whether he will find Kennedy to be easily persuaded to his tactics.

Closer to home, Kennedy will have to handle some real difficulties in Cuba. Many methods are being used by Castro, backed by Russia and Red China, in an effort to gain a foothold for Communists on the American mainland. Of course, this would be disastrous. Thus, Kennedy will have to exercise delicate negotiation if he hopes to solve the problem without a war.

Also on the international level, there is strife in Algeria; and the turmoil in Berlin and Formosa is by no means ended. Thus, foreign affairs alone could keep Kennedy involved.

Nationally, Kennedy will also have his problems. Unemployment is a major problem. While campaigning, Kennedy bemoaned the fact that hundreds of Americans go to bed hungry each night; now he must prove that he can do some-

thing about it. Also, there is the ever-present farm problem, taxes, labor unions, and many other problems which Kennedy will confront.

J.V.L.

The Madmen

A Candid Look at Dordt and the World

What is a college boy? Somewhere in the twilight zone between adolescence and manhood we find that specimen known as a college boy. I say between adolescence and manhood because often the cases that have been observed show traits of both. They show evidences of manhood in their exhibitions of manly strength, that is in their ability to lift privies to great heights. On the other hand, when queried as to the why and wherefore of the First Punic War, photosynthesis, or Monoc, their blank expressions seem to put them back in the Junior High set.

Alright, but what is a college boy? A college boy is a lovable creature. High school girls worship them, college girls tolerate them, landladies dote on them, professors often can't tolerate the sight of them. College boys have the ambition of a five-toed sloth, the personality of a soda cracker, a stomach lined with cast iron, the grace of a ball in a china shop, and the dependability of Iowa weather.

Yes, you say, it's nice to know who loves them, who doesn't, and all that; but what is a college boy? If you still don't know, take a look at one yourself. Here is a clean, well-dressed individual. He's clean because his roommates made him take a bath two weeks ago, he's well-dressed because someone else did his wash this week; but at any rate he is an individual. Oh yes, what is a college boy? I guess he's just a boy that goes to college.

J.R.

ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES SCHEDULES

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- 1:30—S through Van
- 2:00—M through R
- 2:30—K and L
- 3:00—G through J
- 3:30—C through E
- 4:00—A and B

The Dean reports that there will be no exception to this schedule.

During the second semester, spring vacation will begin on Wednesday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. Classes will resume on Monday, April 17 at 7:45 a.m.

May 22 through 26 are the dates set for final exams. Commencement exercises will be on Friday evening, May 26.

LIBRARY IN PERSPECTIVE

The Dordt College Library exists to provide the educational requirements for and serve the divergent interests of those working or relaxing. To achieve this end, the librarian and faculty are endeavoring for improved utilization and extensive expansion of present library facilities.

Each year the Library Budget allots some \$3,500 for library expenses such as periodical subscriptions, reference books, fiction and non-fiction volumes, periodical bindings, and catalogue cards. The bulk of the annual \$3,500 allotment is comprised of funds donated by church societies. The allotment of this fiscal year has already been expended—some \$700-800 for periodical subscriptions, some \$2,000 for books, and the remainder for various expenditures the same as, or similar to, those previously listed. Some 250 books, recently ordered and received, are now in the shelving process for which the cataloguing system demands some two to three weeks.

The books, numbering 6,100, are catalogued by the Dewey Decimal System. During Christmas vacation many of the volumes were transferred from the general to the reference section. This transfer, involving some 500 catalogue cards, nearly tripled the previous reference section. There is an obvious switch to reference-consciousness; presently each new book is judged by basic reference books, chiefly the Winchell edition, to ascertain whether the book is a standard or reference work.

Total number of periodical subscriptions is 130. Augmenting these

subscriptions are free materials. The periodicals are of two classes, loose and bound. The loose periodicals in the display case are the most current issues; those in the library workroom are current to the year. At year's end the issues for that period are bound into hard covers for permanent reference.

Two book-size indexes in the reference section are especially important as aids for those employing the library's periodical collection. The **Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature** and the **Education Index**, which provides indexing to periodicals devoted to educational research and development, serve to cover, with very few exceptions, all the periodicals found in the library.

The bound periodical collection of **National Geographic Magazine** is complete from 1907-1960. A few periodical collections are complete from 1942 or 1944; some are complete from the early 1950's; most date back four or five years.

The library maintains, as currently as possible, a vertical file. In this file, so named to designate printed materials with neither the frequency of periodicals nor the permanency of most books, are materials published in pamphlet form by government agencies, corporations, institutes, etc. Materials listed in the vertical index, but not available in the file, may be ordered personally.

Faculty members are responsible for selecting all the books to be ordered; each is specifically responsible for choosing books to expand the collection for his own department.

In keeping with Dordt's quest for accreditation, a faculty committee—Dean Ribbens, chairman; Dr. Zink-

and, and Professor De Boer — are active in library research. Being examined are the present library resources so their adequacy may be determined by the accreditation standards of the North Central Association. B.B.

Locker Room Lowdown

Lose To Worthington

On December 8th the Dordt Defenders lost their fourth game of the season when they were unable to solve the full-court press that Worthington threw against them in the last half. The game was close all through the first half with only a four-point difference at the half, but our boys couldn't get the ball into scoring range against the press, and Worthington pulled steadily away. The final score was 77-58.

Tom Den Ouden and Jerry VerMeer led Dordt's scoring with 33 and 16 points apiece, while Mahoney had 22 for Worthington.

Freeman Hands Dordt Defeat

Dordt's playing improved considerably in our first away game, at Freeman, South Dakota. Although they were down 9 points at the half, 40-31, they came back strong in the second half, as their zone defense slowed Freeman down. The Defenders kept chipping away at their lead, and led them at times. The final score was 65-62.

Lose to Emmetsburg

On January 5, the Defenders suffered their 6th defeat of the season at the hands of Emmetsburg by a score of 73-57. Den Ouden and VerMeer, having led Dordt's scoring with averages of 20.6 and 20.8 points per game up to this scrimmage, scored only 13 points each, as the Defenders were unable to work the ball in through the Emmetsburg defense.

Waldorf Romps Dordt

On January 9, the Defenders traveled to Forest City, where they lost a loosely-played ballgame to Waldorf by a score of 100-78. The game was played fast and open, as the score shows. Waldorf played fast-break ball, occasionally using a full-court press; the Defenders abandoned their usual slow, cautious game and followed suit. A wild and woolly mess resulted. Passes were intercepted and thrown away by both teams, and fouling was plentiful. At the end of the game, Dordt had Den Ouden, Faber, and Zylstra sitting on the bench with five fouls each, while three more Defenders were playing with four each. Coach Blankespoor had only one substitute left since Dave Schelhaas had his nose broken in the Emmetsburg game.

Jerry VerMeer led Dordt's scoring again, with a total of 32 points, while Hovick put in 26 for Waldorf.



Mr. Cooper at the Circulation Desk