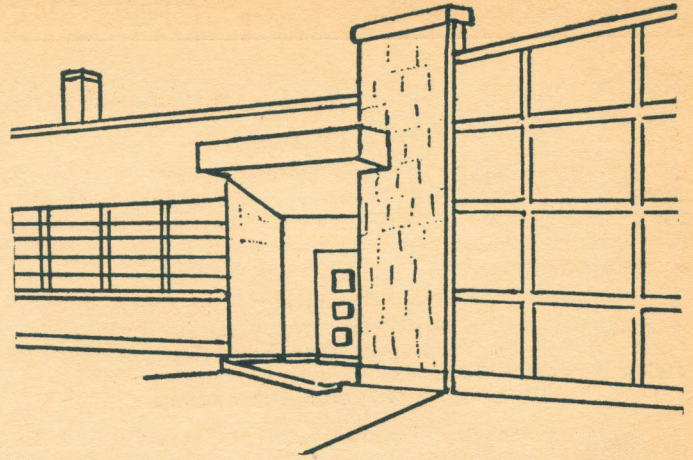


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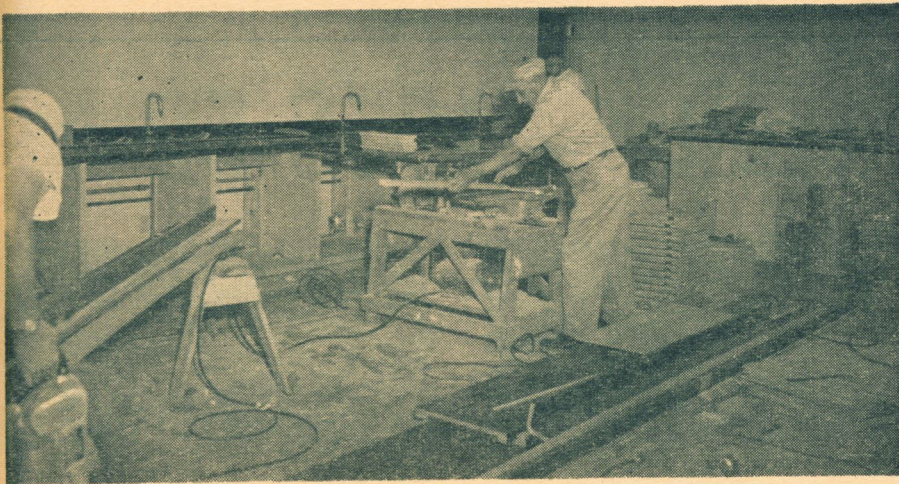
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140 Students Enroll at Dordt

Dordt Adds New Science Department



Will Soon Be Completed

This fall semester will see the first work done at Dordt College in the fields of chemistry and biology. This is made possible by the recent construction of a laboratory in the southeast corner room of our college building.

The De Stigter Brothers Construction Company, general contractors for the original Dordt building and the addition of last summer, has done the carpentry work with the Plazier Company doing the plumbing. The equipment installed by these two companies includes a large demonstration desk for Professor De Young the science instructor, as well as the student "tables" which are built against the walls on three sides of the room. Gilbert De Stigter reports that storage cabinets for chemicals and glassware will be added at a later date. The contractors have been working on the science

room for approximately seven weeks.

Professor De Young stated that some \$1400 have been spent for chemistry equipment and some \$1200 for biology equipment. An interesting item in the chemistry expense list is a radioactivity demonstrator. Other items include glassware, microscopes, and biological specimens. Approximately twenty-five students will be able to perform at one time their laboratory assignments in the new science room.

STUDENTS COME FROM WIDE AREA

Dordt College's doors opened officially this past Monday and Tuesday, and 140 students streamed through them. Students representing 9 states are enrolled: New Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, California, and New Mexico.

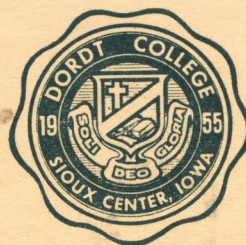
The largest concentration of students comes from the two Christian high schools in this area: Western Christian in Hull, and Southwest Christian in Edgerton, Minnesota. But students come from other Christian highs and public highs as well.

Our new students come from some of these towns. In Iowa: Sioux Center, Orange City, Hull, Sheldon, Hoppers, Middleburg, Sanborn, Boyden, Alvard, Sibley, Harris, Prairie City, Pella, Oskaloosa, New Sharon, Lynville. In Minnesota: Hills, Tyler, Pipestone, Edgerton, Chandler, Bigelow, Reading, Prinsburg, Raymond, Hollandale, and even Blooming Prairie. In North Dakota: Grand Forks. In South Dakota: Harrison, New Holland, Corsica, Colton, and Lodgepole.

The following is a breakdown of the student body:

Freshmen—91
Sophomores—49

Iowa	77
Minnesota	37
South Dakota	16
Wisconsin	4
California	2
New Jersey	1
North Dakota	1
Montana	1
New Mexico	1



--EDITORIAL--

The story is told that the highest honor which could come to any Arab was to have Mohammed buy horses from him. He bought only the very best and only those that had been trained to obey the call of the bugle above everything else.

On one occasion he went to a famous horseman who was known for his fine horses and their careful training. His herd was pastured in a large field along one side of which flowed a clear, cool stream of water. Mohammed ordered that all be fenced from the stream.

After three days he returned and asked that the fence be opened. Naturally, the horses ran for the stream to quench their thirst. In the midst of their race for water, the bugle was sounded. All the horses kept on running but ten. They turned to answer the bugle's call although burning with thirst. These, Mohammed bought and placed in his royal stables, because they honored the call of their master above everything else. The call of duty was foremost.

And now, making specific application: It is fitting to note that indeed an apropos lesson can be drawn from this story. Relating and applying it to the field of education: Only those teachers who place duty above self can be classified as finely regal. The rest may be expertly trained and grandly intelligent, yet are unmistak-

ably second rate. To be dutifully bound is therefore an essential requirement.

However, it is now pertinent for us to speak precisely. This year Dordt has a staff of eight competent teachers and an acting president. No one would question their devotion, their dedication, their consecration to one of man's highest callings.

Such a life of duty is not as facile as we may think. As you know, "to educate" comes from the Latin "educare" and still further back from the Latin "adduco" which means to "lead toward". This, then, is the primary task of an educator, a teacher.

To be sure, the professors here at Dordt College are ever mindful of the mandate found in Proverbs 22:6—"Train up a child in the way he should go. . ." Herein lies the greatest cry for leadership. Teachers, therefore, in conjunction with parents, are called by God to discipline, train, and prune young lives so that they may be led in that way of righteousness.

Educating also involves other things: Prejudiced, narrow minds must be taught to think in a broad and enlightened manner. Knowledge must take over where ignorance previously reigned. Wisdom must penetrate the foolish.

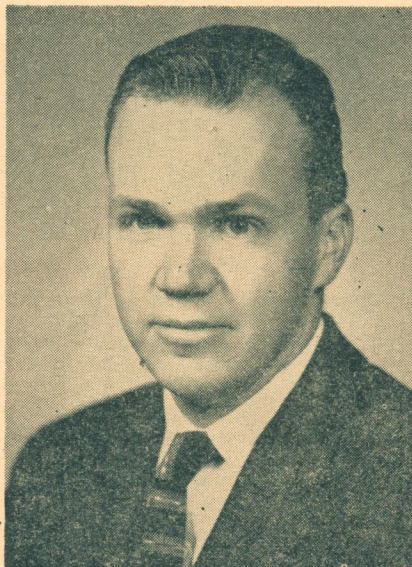
Dynamic devotion to duty is a God-given attribute. Pray for His blessing. —C.C.

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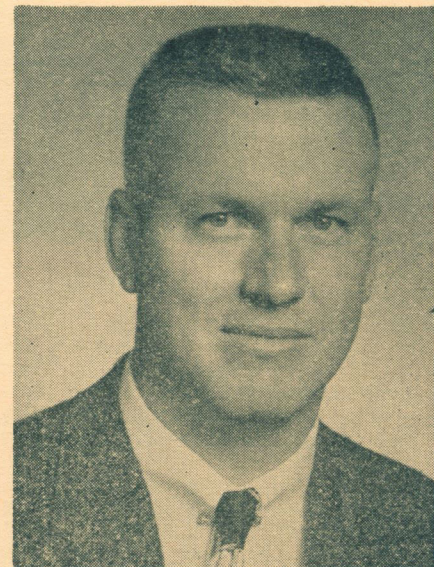
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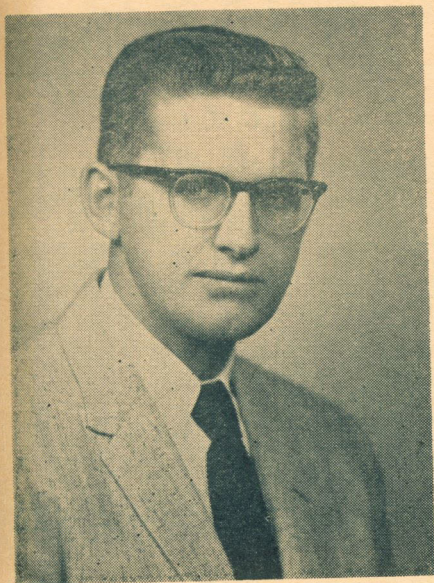
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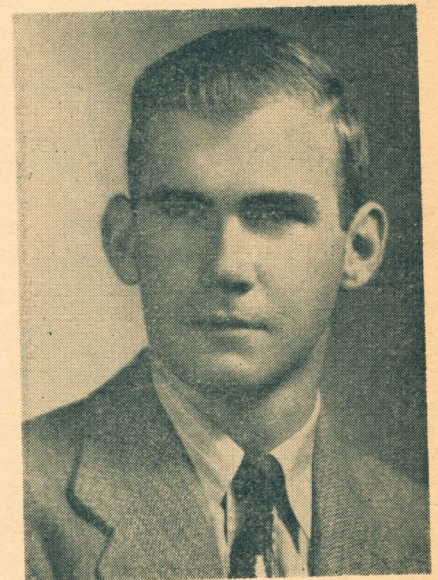
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ATTEND THE DORDT MIXER

FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

On Thursday evening, September 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m., an all-Dordt get-acquainted party will be held here at the college.

The Faculty Student Activity Committee (Ribbens and Sjoerdsma) has announced that this party, unlike others that will be held throughout the school year, is only for Dordt students, as well as for the faculty, their wives and children. Games will be played in the gymnasium, songs will be sung, and food will be consumed (for a nominal fee). A bonfire is planned to serve as a climax to the evening's fun.

Please attend! Catch the Dordt *esprit de corps* immediately!

Incidentally, the S.A.C. is the committee which, with student officer help, is able to bring to us students the social events sponsored and planned by the college. Several motion pictures are already ordered for the months of September and October. A new motion picture projector has been purchased with a larger sound box for your listening pleasure. The S.A.C. is also responsible for skating parties and the annual Christmas party.

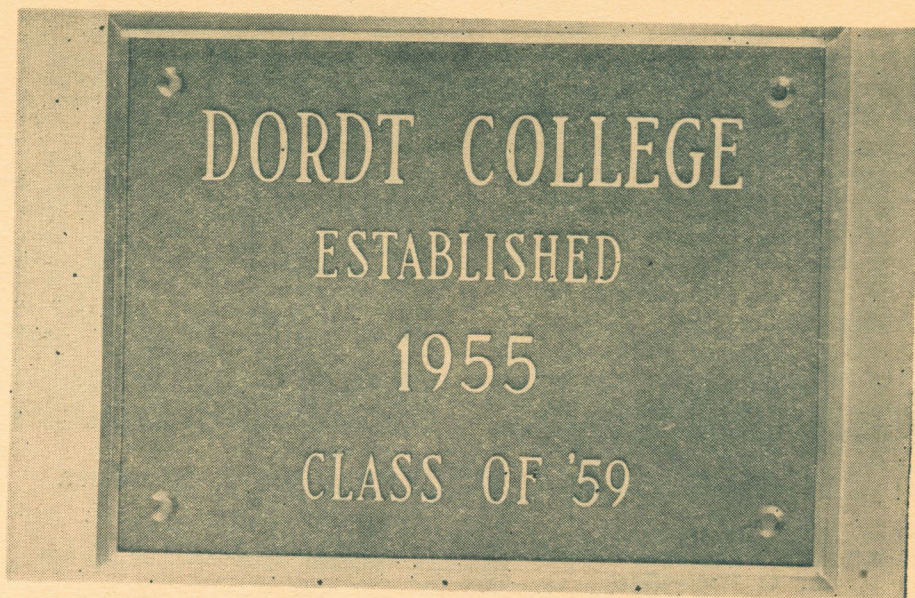
Student Activity Fee

Several students have asked some questions about the student activity fee of \$5.00 per semester. Their questions concern the activities to which they are entitled because of the fee.

Mr. Ribbens states that all students will be entitled to a yearbook, the *Signet*, upon the payment of one dollar. (Students should realize that each issue of that book costs the college close to five dollars). Students are also entitled to the receipt of the school paper, the *Diamond*, without cost. Also they are entitled to admission to each home basketball game at the reduced cost of only 25c per game. In addition, the money received will help to pay for periodicals which will be placed in the student lounge, as well as admitting all students free-of-charge to those evenings when motion pictures are shown on the campus.

In order to avoid any confusion, the articles in the *Diamond*, announcing any social event, will state clearly whether there is, or is not, a fee involved.

Dordt Campus Gets New Look



Pictured above is the bronze tablet which will soon be fastened to the red rock located on the west side of the campus. The conception of the idea and the entire arrangements were handled by the class of 1959, under the direction of its president, Jack Vanden Berg and its advisor, Professor De Boer.

The rock was first found in a sand pit at Orange City. At the time of its discovery, it was hauled to Hull, Iowa by a Mr. Moss, and placed on his farm adjacent to Highway 18. The farm was subsequently purchased by Mr. Wm. Boote, who, recently, generously agreed to donate his rock for use on our campus.

The problem of transportation remained. Cuperus Brothers, excavating contractors of Hull, agreed to bring the rock here to Sioux Center free-of-charge. It commanded all the power of two Caterpillar tractors to load it on to a gravel truck. This vehicle carried it to our campus.

A great deal of maneuvering finally established the rock in the place it now rests. A concrete footing had been poured; and De Stigter Brothers offered to place the stone with the company's boom truck. It was almost crippled in the process of setting this approximately five ton boulder in position. The spot chosen was that area immediately across from the flag pole between the V of the front side walk. This area was landscaped and shrubs were properly arranged by Willard Nyenhuis' nursery service.

The bronze plaque as featured above was purchased from the Oregon Brass Works of Portland, Ore. Four holes will soon be drilled by means of an air hammer with a diamond bit. The plaque will then be fastened near the top of the rock facing the drive and street. Its entire cost of approximately \$60 has been paid by the class that sponsored it.

Calling All Students

Both the editor of the *Diamond*, Cliff Christians, and the editor of the *Signet*, Priscilla Kreun, are interested in having talented students contact them for staff positions. Many jobs of various types are available. If you have had previous experience on high school newspaper and yearbook staffs you are particularly desirable.

Students ought to keep in mind that from the experienced freshmen serving either the yearbook or newspaper staff, the editors for next year's publications are chosen by the Faculty Student Activity Committee.

Choir Try-outs

Mr. De Boer announces that all new students or previous students who were not in choir last year may try out for the choir during the afternoon of Wednesday, September 10. That's today, starting at one o'clock sharp.

With about twenty students filling positions as hold-overs from last year, there are a mere thirty voices still needed. And these are fairly evenly distributed between the four voice parts.