DENVER CONCERTS

HIGHLIGHT TOUR

After their weekend trip to Denver, the Dordt College Male Chorus had some very interesting stories to tell. Following a successful concert in Sutton, Nebraska on Friday night, Nov. 1, they resumed travel and arrived in Denver about 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

After a short rehearsal, the men headed for the mountains, some for the first time. They sang in the Red Rock Amphitheater, a natural stone formation, and were awed by the sound they could produce there.

The chorus then drove further into the hills for dinner at the El Rancho Restaurant. There they were allowed to sing and promptly set about bringing down the house. The men were so relaxed, having such a good time, and doing so well, it was a surprise they got away on time to get back to Denver and meet their hosts for the weekend stay.

Sunday came with the hopes of two successful concerts and, true to form, the Chorus had just that. People came from as far as 70 miles to hear them. Again, the following morning at Denver Christian High School, they gave the kids still another very good concert, considering it was 9:00 on a Monday morning.

Immediately after the Denver Christian concert, they once again boarded the Greyhound ("Dog", as it affectionately was called), and headed back to Sioux Center. Almost all the time between Denver and Sioux Center was taken by more singing with the busdriver joining in a few songs. The trip was a great experience for the Chorus and many of them summed it up this way, "It was a great experience, and I doubt if I will ever have as good a time again for a long, long while."

Dordt Celebrates Reformation Day

October 31, commonly termed Halloween by the secular world, represents Reformation Day in Reformed circles since it was on this day that Martin Luther tacked up his 95 theses. Appropriately, Dordt College celebrated the day with a Rally which featured the Reverend George Gritter and the Dordt College band, which set the evenings mood.

Following devotions led by the Rev. E. J. Haan, college President, the concert choir directed by Mrs. Janice Bouma led the audience in singing "Built on a Rock," a rousing reformational hymn. Then, to cap the opening section of the evening, the Dordt College Male Chorus rendered "Sing to the Lord of Harvest", by Healy Willam.

The speaker for the evening, Rev. George Gritter Pastor of the Alger Park Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, brought Martin Luther's 95 theses down to an individual level declaring the need for constant reformation on the part of every Christian.

Appropriately the meeting closed with "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Philosophers Attend Drake Conference

On November 2, Professors Van Dyk, Van Til, and Vander Stelt, and students Harry Fernhout and Don Simmerna attended a philosophy conference at Drake University in Des Moines. Prof. Van Til read a paper which he had prepared on a non-skeptical approach to the area of aesthetics, contrasting his view with that of the skeptical approach taken by a member of the Drake staff.

Those are the facts. But what was really involved at the conference goes much deeper. Did Van Til's paper have any effect on the 60 secular philosophers who heard it? Apparently, none; no comment was made and business went on to the next paper.

Rev. Vander Stelt commented that it was virtually impossible to have communication with the group gathered at Drake. They 'set their own rules' and avoided the issues which Van Til's paper raised. Other comments on the conference were that the main interest seemed to be in "doing philosophy," and "logic-chopping."

Professor Van'Til summed up his feelings in a quote from Sam Keen: "Contemporary philosophy has become increasingly the province of academic professionals, each of whom strives to become a specialist in some single area or type of philosophy. The result is that linguistic analysts, phenomenologists, philosophers of science, and..."

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DORM ENTERTAINS

STUDENT BODY

The girl's Dorm will present an evening of entertainment with the performance of the classical play "Ringo and Julie" written by that great classical poet and playwright, Betty Vreeman. Vreeman has grasped the ages of the past, present, and future in this thrilling drama of unrequited love. Ringo, played by the Romeo-like actor, Ila Vande Kerk, loves Julie, played by Lois Vande Riet.

Romeo's jealousy of Percival, played by the one and only Betty Vreeman, is not unlike a previous drama. How this love tangled mess turns out however, is for us to know and you to find out.

The evening will display many varieties of talent among dorm dwellers aside from the play.

Proceeds will go toward redecorating the North Hall basement.

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DRIVE NEARS COMPLETION

Last Wednesday, the finance department announced that the Foundation Day Drive had collected almost 50% of its $50,000 goal, thereby exceeding expectations. Receipts so far show larger per family contributions than have been recorded in the last years. In addition, receipts from outlying areas are larger than expected.

Rev. George Gritters pauses to pose with Rev. Haan following the Reformation Day Rally.
Dear Sir,

In the Free Press column of the first of November Mr. Schaap brought attention to the "canned" existence which he sees at Dordt. As I read this article I begin to see his problem, but I am not able to distinguish the exact nature of the problem he presents.

The article definitely points to the "fight of faith" as a real and difficult struggle. However, the fact of this fight is not the actual problem. Rather, the problem is found in the methods of warfare used in this struggle.

Although I agree that the warfare methods may and should be questioned and evaluated if our "reformational" emphasis today is to be meaningful, the exact nature of the problem is presented should be made clear rather than a blanket condemnation be made of the whole institution on the basis of an inconsistency.

Furthermore, I am skeptical to believe the generalization that "the majority" of Dordt dropouts were in basic disagreement with the methods of "warfare" used in the "good fight of faith" and therefore were coerced to leave.

I do hear men speak of reformation, yet I see static and inadequate policies for student life as for academic programs. I hear talk of approaching all of life, especially education, with Christian principles, but full agreement upon the method of determining these principles has not been reached.

Yet, I am convinced that there is an issue, but the issue is not individual expression in opposition to conformity. It is rather a lack of understanding. Hopefully, then, through our reforming efforts, we will, through the grace of God become a productive and redeeming force in the fields of art, entertainment, and scholarship—in all of life, the fight of faiths.

Sincerely yours,
Pete De Haan

"Out of all the women in the whole world, He chose you. He arranged everything that had to be arranged, 'cause He wanted you to be the mother of His only living Son.""His power is stronger than stronger."

"Come, my friend, . . . come see Him. Come see the Child."

"After a few moments the newcomer lowered himself to his knees.

Are these excerpts from a modern translation of the Bible, telling the story of Christ's birth? Put those excerpts back into the context from which they were taken and stand shocked at the blasphemy glaring metaphorically from the page. It is the birth of Adrian, of whom it is said, "Satan is His Father, who came up from Hell and begat a Son of mortal woman!"

"Hail Rosemary, mother of Adrian!"

Yes, I am speaking of Rosemary's Baby, a book which recently reached the Bestseller's list, a book so completely different from any of its contemporaries that it has caused confused and extreme reactions across the nation.

Ira Levin begins his novel calmly enough, relating the problems of a young married couple trying to lease an apartment in the Bramford house. Almost miraculously problems disappear. In spite of a good friend's warning, Rosemary and Guy Woodhouse move in. The story continues to unfold, revealing Rosemary's plans for redecorating, her desire for a baby and Baby Night itself, her increasing suspicions of their newly acquired friends, the mysterious death of her close friend and the miraculous success of her actor husband, and lastly her confusion and panic at child-birth with the final realization of what has actually happened.

reality, imagination

Mr. Levin intrigues the reader by cleverly disguising the line between reality and imagination. At least two explanations are always possible for disturbing events, events which may or may not give the reader a sense of alarm, depending upon the explanation accepted. Wheneve Rosemary voices her suspicions, she good-naturedly is hushed by her friends, her doctor, and even by her husband in their concern for her well-being. The reader feels as though she is too apprehensive, as if she even shows signs of insanity. And yet one is sympathetic towards Rosemary, suspecting with her that all is not quite normal. Hints are dropped subtly, although the constant reference to different shades of green and the peculiar-smelling tennis rink in association with the supposed Satan-worshippers does tend to be somewhat obvious.

only style tolerated

However, the style of this book is the only thing that I can tolerate. The author's attitude toward the subject matter, modern witchcraft, is positively abhorrent. Mr. Levin has in his hands a powerful explosive, the basic issue of conflict between God and Satan in this world. Yet he leaves us with a weak admission to Roman Catholicism, through agnosticism to a pretended submission, hiding her retention of a belief in innate goodness.

Throughout the novel, she is constantly searching for security, someone or something she can trust—her husband, the good-luck charm, and her doctor. "This time she would turn to no one, would expect no one to believe her and be her savior."

Rosemary screams, "Oh God!" but it is a futile cry, for she no longer believes in God's power to help her. When she finally ac

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ELECTION CAUSES
SLEEPLESS NIGHT

"But Chief, Huntley, Brinkley, and the rest of the boys are being paid to stay up all night."

"Yes, Chief."

So there I was from 10:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. watching the election returns. Oh, I wasn't at all bored, but found it very educational and even excitingly hilarious at times. We not only watched TV., but also a little mouse who enjoyed being fed popcorn. The first reaction to Mr. Mouse was startling, especially for those who were fast asleep on the floor. It was amazing to see so many bodies jump on top of tables. Eventually, Mr. Mouse joined the crowds of anxious students listening for the first clue to our next president.

In another part of town at Mayor Te Paske's office, the Political Science Club was watching the same event. The majority of on-lookers were Nixon fans whose greatest fear was a Humphrey victory or having the election turned over to the House. The out-dated voting system in the U.S. and the little present distinction between the Liberals and Conservatives were of great interest to these politically-minded students. Two faculty members, Mr. Morton and Mr. Van Dyk, joined the Te Paske clan which broke up around 4 a.m.

Everyone who stayed up to watch the returns thought it worthwhile. This was evidenced by the fact that many who stayed up had 7:30 tests.

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Wes Seerveld

Students throughout America are asking and discussing the question: Can a conscientious objector refuse to participate in a given war, which he believes unjust and immoral? This is a question of paramount importance, especially for those regarding the Vietnam War as unjust and immoral. It demands an answer. We as Christians must formulate a Christian answer based upon God's Revelation.

The answer is obvious. In His Revelation, God is quite explicit in commanding us to obey the laws of our government at all times, except when the laws of our government demand personal actions that are in conflict with our Christian beliefs. In such a situation, we must follow the dictates of our Christian beliefs and refuse to obey the law. For as Christians, our obedience to God and our Christian beliefs come first, above family, state and even life itself.

Following from this, a Christian, whose beliefs are based in God's Revelation, who believes the Vietnam War to be unjust and immoral, from an historical and moral aspect, can and should refuse to comply with any military action which will facilitate the advancement of this war. This Christian right of conscientious objection to a given war was recognized and adopted by the Christian Reformed Synod of 1939. It declared that the church could not repudiate one who, recognizing his duty to obey his government and to defend his country in response to its call to arms, has intelligent and
Dear Confused Scholar:

I have heard vague interpretations and discussions of this poem all over campus—from professors, students, and literary figures. They insist that the poem is deep, dramatic, involved, compelling, allegorical, and meaningful. But the author insists that its stark simplicity and marked meaning are apparent to any observant reader. My advice: marvel at its message as you read only the first letter in the first word of every line.

Ethelberta

The Diamond Staff offers apologies to Angie Opp for omitting her from the play cast list. She will portray Anne Calilfer.

NEWS FLASH!!

Death Toll Mounts...

Front line reporters have just informed the Diamond that coeds are valiantly continuing to ward off the invading hordes of mice. Fifty-one of the enemy are dead, whereas not one of our ranks has suffered a major injury. There is evidence that the assault is nearly over.

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"effectiveness" is all around us. Even so-called Christian colleges are not exempt from capricious self-expressions.

Dordt students are not responding to the ultimate demand on their lives if they do not join the rebellion against America's false concept of freedom. Someone (including every Dordt student) must alert the new generation that there exists a solid Truth. This is a Truth that transcends governments and ideologies, regulations and restrictions. It is a Truth that can be known. "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

If the real Truth does not come out, America will be another Czechoslovakia, with the "unnappiness" of fighting for her life, sooner than she thinks. If you have the truth, use it fast.

Poll Confirms Nixon - Agnew

November 5, 1968 (Election Day) Dordt's student body was given the opportunity to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice. Although apathy persisted among some 40% of the students, of the 60% who did vote 412 ballots were cast for President-elect Richard M. Nixon. This gave him nearly 90% of all ballots cast or an overwhelming victory.

However, the national scene was quite a different story. A record turnout of more than 73 million people voted. When 93% of the ballots were tallied the Republican ticket of Nixon-Agnew led a mere 25,552 popular votes. Humphrey and Nixon each had 43% of the votes. Although Wallace didn't get all the votes he expected, he did show an impressive 13%.

Are you shocked? I was when I read an article in The Plain Truth magazine. The author showed many examples of today's sick "New Morality." I'd like to relate some of them--to wake you up to the realization that today's marriages may be in jeopardy. This is indeed a problem that we as Christians must face.

Today all too many of us are complacent and simply let the world go by: it's okay as long as our precious little circle of fellow Christians isn't doing worldly things or going along with the world. And as for SEX, well, that's something you just must not speak of. You'd be a lustful heathen if you did talk about it! This same attitude has put us into the situation that exists today. Freud and other reformers like him came out with the idea that we are neurotic and mentally weak because we are sexually frustrated. From this point noted psychologists recommend participation in "healthy adultery" which would aid rather than destroy our marriages.

"As a 'cure' for what's ailing matrimony, there were serious suggestions from professional men: 'Healthy adultery' to make wedlock more tolerable; trail marriage for a five-year period or a premarital 'apprentice period' for testing compatibility. These 'serious suggestions' were advanced about a year ago by two speakers before the convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

The suggestion that adultery may be just what the family circle needs to make it 'slightly more tolerable,' was advanced by a New York psychologist. 'Healthy adultery,' he said is better than mah jong or television." (The Plain Truth, H. W. Armstrong, Sept. '68, p. 7).

Today many couples are engaged in 'swapping' partners and they feel they are really 'with it.' Young girls have been rescued from the primitive view of sex only after marriage. Also, there are many cases of homosexuals, who have their own organizations and have penetrated all classes; operate in armies and prisons; infiltrated the press, the movies and government cabinets; and it all but dominates the arts, literature, theatre, music and television." (Armstrong, p. 8)

However, we often don't realize the sad results. "Everyday, 500 U.S. teenagers and young people are infected with syphilis, gonorrhea, or both." "There are now approximately 1,700,000 new cases of VD (venereal disease) every year. And note it--an increasing percentage of VD (especially among youths) is caused by homosexual contact!" The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher said, "the right to decide one's own moral code and obey it, even to a man's hurt, was a fundamental right of man given to him by God, and to be strictly respected by society and by the criminal code." (quotes from Armstrong, pp. 7-8)

Need I say more? Marriage to the modern world is a thing of the past. Once the education of the new generation is accomplished in the 'right' way, it will become obsolete. As Christians, can we let this go on? Can we let those few 'religious men' who speak up get by with their approval? NC. We as the children of God must show the world our view of marriage and we must make it plain that these few Protestant ministers and the above Archbishop do not express our views but, rather, are exceptions. We must make the modern world aware of God's view and purpose of marriage, or what, my fellow Christians, will become of us?
Council Discusses

Campus Issues

In recent meetings, the Student Council discussed various issues pertinent to student life. A committee, headed by Rich Ter Maat, was appointed to improve the atmosphere in the coffee shop.

Criticism has been made that the music in the Commons at mealtimes is too loud and of the wrong type, disrupting prayer and quiet conversation. Action will be taken soon.

Requests have been made by the students for longer library hours. Reports were made that hours would probably be extended to Friday and Saturday nights with the hours on weekdays remaining the same.

Recognising the need for critiques as well as careful selection of films, the Social Activities Committee has established a film board which will select and preview films and provide critiques of films shown on campus. The film board will work out a statement of purpose. It may eventually become a standing committee.

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existentialists each meet in their respective associations and, making use of different highly technical vocabularies, speak about problems which are of interest only to their narrow group of associates. Any person who speaks of the ancient and universal concern about the meaning of life and death, or the possibility of faith, hope, or love in a vocabulary which is non-technical is suspected of being a populist at best and a tender-hearted pulpit philosopher at worst.

"To communicate to such a group, Rev. Vander Stelt said that first Christian philosophers must meet among themselves and realize "what we have to communicate and study to whom we must communicate." Then, he said, we can approach the problem of how to communicate with the modern secularist philosopher.

Don Sinnema said that the conference itself was very confused. But he valued the trip because of the discussions among themselves, and the opportunity he had to talk to the professors outside of the formal classroom scene.

Here then was a beginning of the meeting which Vander Stelt feels is necessary. But much remains to be done before any impact will be felt in secular circles. Christian philosophers will continue to work in the light of their faith and God's Word. For "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Music Dept. Presents Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival got under way at 8:00 p.m. on November 8 with a crowd of more than 2000 people attending. Featuring all the performing groups in the Dordt music department, it proved to be a most enjoyable evening of fine music.

The concert band gave an appealing performance of widely ranging caliber. One of the most interesting selections performed by the band was that of the "Variations of a Korean Folk Song." It featured the melody in nearly every section and gave the percussion an important role in special effects.

In "Roots and Leaves," the chorale showed excellent tone especially in the tenor section. A little more animation would have enhanced the performance especially in the Brahms' "Liebes Lieder." The Choir did show a very professional stage presence while performing. We will look forward to good things from the chorale choir throughout the year.

The concert choir performed three selections of which the third, "Song of Exaltation," had by far the most audience appeal. It gave a great feeling of spirit throughout the selection.

It was fitting that the Male Chorus ended the program by "bringing down the house." The audience response was such that they sang two encore. The first was a solo by Mr. Grotenhuis, "Where are you Going, My Little One?" with chorus accompaniment and the second, "Lavin' Humble."

Mr. Grotenhuis received a standing ovation from both the audience and chorus after his solo. One may surmise that the audience applauded not only the solo but the consistently fine quality of the entire program. Both the directors and the performing groups should be congratulated on their musical achievements at the festival. By Tom Stampfli

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ept the fact that she is the mother of Satan, she thinks: Even if he was half Satan, wasn't he her as well, half decent, ordinary, sensitive, human? If she worked against them, exerted a good influence to counteract their bad one . . ." This is the only hope which Ira Levin offers, one which we as Christians know is utterly worthless. Nothing can be done without God and His Christ as our only redemption from sin and despair.

The words of II Thess. 2: 9-12 impresses us when we read this novel: "The lawless man is produced by the spirit of evil and armed with all the force, wonders and signs that falsehood can devise. To those involved in this dying world he will come with evil's undiluted power to deceive, for they have refused to love that truth which could have saved them. God sends upon them, therefore, the full force of evil's delusion, so that they put their faith in an utter fraud and meet the inevitable judgment of all who have refused to believe the truth and who have made evil their playfellow." (J. B. Phillips' translation).

I cannot recommend this book as one worth the time spent reading it. If you wish to learn about the modern cult of devil worship, try to consult an informative book written with a Christian perspective. Ira Levin has a "devil-may-care" attitude, definitely not a Christ centered one. The only significance I can discover about this book is its perverse illustration of the extent to which the God-denier will go to make money.

California freshman Myron Blom gets a first look at snow. It won't be his last!
VARS. FORMS NEW CLUB

A new club originated on campus this fall. The club is called the Dordt College Varsity Club and has Mr. James Timmer as its sponsor. The only requirement for membership in the club is that the applicant must have lettered in any sport at Dordt College. Membership at present totals eighteen. The club has proved to be very active on campus in that it has:

1. Taken over all concessions which are sold at the new Physical Education Building. (all events)

2. Implemented a coat check for all events held in the new P.E. building. (contributions to be used for new track equipment)

3. Printed programs for athletic events (beginning with basketball)

4. Made plans to publish a newsletter for varsity grade informing them of sports at Dordt.

5. Decided to draw up and keep athletic records to promote the interest of the fans in Dordt College sports.

6. Made plans to purchase pennants which will be sold as soon as possible.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, at 2:00 P.M. Dordt College Concert Choir and its alumni will present the first section of Mendelssohn's oratorio, "St. Paul". Major soloists will be Barbara De Blaes, soprano; Lois Hansen, alto; Dennis Rinders, tenor (Stephen); and Jim Gabrielse, bass (Paul). In this oratorio Mendelssohn portrays the Biblical account of the conversion of St. Paul. It opens with the persecuted Christian Church in Jerusalem praying to the Lord for power to resist the fury of the heathen. It then proceeds with the accusation of Stephen and his subsequent martyrdom. Saul, who is present at the stoning, travels towards Damascus and is suddenly struck by a blinding Light from heaven. The oratorio then continues with Saul's conversion and baptism. It concludes with the congregation praising the wisdom and knowledge of God.

THE DORDT DIAMOND POLL #2

One of the most important decisions facing the American young man in these days of turmoil is the problem of the draft. Under the present system 2 years of every male's life is voluntarily or involuntarily donated to "Uncle Sam." In reaction to this fact of life Diamond Poll #2 asked the students to show their feelings about the draft and other related questions. For obvious reasons we have separated the males from the females.

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3. Is draft evasion a motive for your presence at Dordt? (males only)

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Dordt Sponsors Physics Lecture

Professor Keith R. Symon of the Department of Physics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin and an authority on plasma and particle accelerators, will serve as a visiting lecturer at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa on Wednesday and Thursday, November 20 and 21.

He will visit under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics.

Professor Symon will give lectures, hold informal meetings with students, and assist faculty members with curriculum and research projects. Arrangements for his visit have been made by Professor Marvin De Young, Associate Professor of Physics at Dordt College. Symon is a specialist in theoretical physics and particle accelerators.

In 1958 Professor Symon served as a member of a group of 50 scientists who spoke at congressional hearings to evaluate basic research in the U.S. and its relation to the atomic energy program.

Professor Symon worked as a radio physicist for the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. from 1943 to 1945. He is a member of a large number of professional and honorary societies including Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Psi, The American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers.

FROSH ELECTED

The Freshman Class met on Monday evening, Nov. 4, 1968, in the Commons to elect officers.

A far cry from the rousing campaigns of Student Council representatives, the candidates were nominated from the floor, seconded and then voted upon.

Officers were elected as follows: Lambert Zuidervaart from Escalon, California, President; Bernie Van Ee from Otley, Iowa, Vice President; Lois Den Herder from Luverne, Minnesota, Secretary; and Donna Doppenberg, from Edgerton, Minnesota, Treasurer.
Defenders Open Season
With Nov. 21 Contest

Approximately four weeks ago, while making my daily trip to the new Physical Education building on Dordt's campus, I suddenly became aware of a strange sound. Upon analyzing the sound, I concluded that it was similar to the sound created by a herd of buffaloes stampeding. Although I have never heard a buffalo stampede, I decided to investigate. Entering the gymnasium, I discovered a bunch of college students running up and down the gym with a man (coach Timmer) yelling at them to hustle. These men were trying to make Dordt's basketball team and were in the process of getting in shape.

Coach Timmer and the basketball squad have been working on a pressing style of defense with a running type offense. This style of play is fascinating to watch when executed properly and is meant to offset the team's lack of height. Coach Timmer says that the team lacks the big man in the center again this year but hopefully Rog Walstra, Terry Van Hofwegen and Arlo Kreun can make up for their lack of height with hustle. A lot of the team's success will depend on their desire to win and their ability to work as a unit. The players tell me that we are going to have a good team this year and that they are definitely ready to go. I hope they can improve on last year's record and follow the course set by the cross-country team who showed us that Dordt can successfully compete with neighboring colleges in intercollegiate athletics.

The student body will have its first opportunity to see the players in action on Fri., Nov. 15 (tonight) when they plan to play an intersquad game which is open to the public. The official season will open Nov. 21 when the Dordt Defenders play host to St. Paul Bible College.

The Junior Varsity under the supervision of Bernard De Wit have been practicing the last few weeks as well as the Varsity. They will be ready for action on Nov. 21 also. Coach De Wit reporting that he has a lot of fine ball players out for the team, predicts a winning season.

*Nov. 21 ST. PAUL BIBLE COLLEGE here 7:30 P.M.
*Nov. 23 PILLSBURG COLLEGE here 7:30 P.M.
*Dec. 4 NORFOLK J.C. there 7:30 P.M.
*Dec. 7 NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE here 7:30 P.M.
*Dec. 10 WESTMAR COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
*Dec. 17 DANA COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
Dec. 19 SIOUX FALLS COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
*Jan. 8 GEN. BEADLE ST. COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
Jan. 10 NORFOLK J.C. there 7:30 P.M.
*Jan. 13 BUENA VISTA COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
Jan. 15 HURON COLLEGE there 8:00 P.M.
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Feb. 26 MIDWESTERN COLLEGE there 7:30 P.M.
PROFS RELEASE WORKS SOON

Publish or perish? This isn't Dordt's motto, but nevertheless several Dordt professors will publish in the near future. Professors De Jonge, Guret, and Rev. Taylor have written books and Dr. Maatman has written an article for the Journal of Catalysis. When interviewed by Diamond reporters, these four authors divulged the following information:

Education Dissertation

Education in the Truth by Norman De Jong might become a best-seller among Dordt's Education students after it gets its publisher's release in the very near future. The 230 page book is, in Mr. De Jong's words, "An attempt to articulate the whole philosophy of education that I work with in courses that I teach." He added, however, that his ideas are presented much more systematically than in his lectures.

Mr. De Jong, Assistant Professor of Education at Dordt, started the actual writing of the book in February, 1967, and finished the second draft in August of 1967. Last year the manuscript was read, criticized, revised, and retyped. Last June it was accepted for publication by the Presbyterian-Reformed Company, Nutley, New Jersey. Now Mr. De Jong is waiting for the editors and printers and the artist to finish their work and release his book. It will be distributed by Baker Bookstore outlets (and will be sold in Dordt's bookstore). Mr. De Jong designed the book with "hopes that it will be used as a college textbook while still readable and understandable to the common man on the street.

Guret Finishes and Begins

The first of a series of ten books by Professor John Guret is receiving final foot note corrections before it is sent to the publishers. Volume I is a general exposition of the series which will deal with the Christian interpretation of literature.

Guret was interviewed by The Diamond, his work has expanded from three to ten volumes. Its purpose has solidified into that of attempting to reach secular rather than Christian scholars on literature. Last summer, much time was devoted to deciding on the distribution of material over the ten volumes.

Mr. Guret added that a chief obstacle to his progress is the fact that "no one library is adequate, with enough information on all the various disciplines that are integrated." (The best to date is the Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University, but even it has deficiencies in theology.) Another problem which he has encountered is new editions, which make the works he used obsolete, necessitating endless footnote revision.

Taylor's Seventh

It is difficult to talk to Rev. E. L. H. Taylor at a time when he is not writing, or thinking of writing, a book. His sixth book was A Christian Philosophy of Law, Politics and the State. Rev. Taylor said his most recent book is an extension of the previous one in which he has attempted to further apply the principles of a Christian philosophy to the areas of labor, industry and society. Advance sale of Rev. Taylor's latest book is being handled by "Tomorrow's Book Club."

The next book which Rev. Taylor sends to the publisher might possibly be a text in sociology. At present he is working on various lectures on marriage for his classes and a series on that topic for the Christian Action Foundation.

Maatman Project Publicized

One of five projects which Dordt's Chemistry Department has been working on since 1966 will receive publiccy soon when an article written by Dr. Maatman appears in the Journal of Catalysis. The project deals with hydrocarbon reaction in the presence of chromia-alumina catalysts, high temperature reactions. Funds for the project were supplied by the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Science Foundation, and the Petroleum Research Fund. Working with Dr. Maatman were Ron Blankestoor, Keith Ligenberg, and Mr. Verhage.

BARR DUO REVIEWED

The second concert of the Sioux County Series was on Nov. 4 at Northwestern College Auditorium. Howard and Patricia Barr, duo pianists, also husband and wife, performed a variety of music from Bach up to contemporary composers.

The Program opened with the comparatively simple, yet beautiful "Chorale Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze" by Bach. The second part of the concert was "quantum music," being three waltzes by Brahms and a rondo by Chopin. The third section started with a short, exciting contemporary piece by Eugene Hemmer, "Introduction and Dance for Two Pianos."

The next number was "Fetes" by Debussy, one of his three orchestral nocturnes. During "Ritmo" by Manuel Infante, one could easily imagine being in Spain, and hearing the accompanimental guitar and castanets to which the exuberant rhythms were played. The last section consisted of "Romance" by Rachmaninoff, and "Finale from the 'New Dance.'"

The last piece had many complex rhythms and different harmonies.

Throughout the evening, Mr. Barr seemed to have been in control. Mrs. Barr was much more expressive in her melodies, which had warmth and depth. This became especially evident when they would answer each other.

They seemed to be rather "bow-happy" in barely being off the stage before returning for another bow. Before intermission there was an encore already, and there were several at the end, the last one being the ever popular "The Sound of Music," by Barb Huisman.

"The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom... these are the pillars of society."

Henrik Ibsen

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