CHRISTMAS PARTY TONITE

Tonight is the night for Dordt's annual Christmas Party. Present will be all those loyal supporters of one of the College's established traditions.

A program has been planned as follows:

John Kosters and Dorothy Redenius Prepare To Leave For Christmas Party

1. The Christmas Story

2. Trumpet Trio
   Hallelujah Chorus
   Dorethea Nibbelink, Helena Wiersma, Arlene Soodsma.

3. Piano Duet
   Military March and A Christmas Overture
   Eunice Meyer and Anita Vugteveen.

4. Declaration
   The Other Wise Man
   Anthony Van Zanten.

5. Trio
   O Holy Night
   Dorothea Nibbelink, Janice Jouwstra, Marion De Jong.

6. Marimba Solo
   Christmas Medley
   Claire Jacobsma.

7. Choir
   Sing Gloria, Jesus — Name of Wondrous Love. Birthday of a King.

The band will play while punch is being served and the guests are finding their seats.

In addition to this fine program, a lunch is being prepared. The procedure in which the lunch will be served will be announced at the program.

Remember, the time is 6:30; punch will be served as you enter the doors of the auditorium.
The Season of Pride

We are again in the season of the year which should be a season of joy to every Christian who celebrates it properly. At Christmas we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. As we reflect on the coming of Christ we also remember why it was necessary for the Son of God to come to earth as a man. His humiliation was made necessary by our sins.

God's son—brought to this earth in a lowly stable, humbled to the utmost—because of our sins, yours and mine! Christmas reminds us of the sinful condition of the human race. It also reminds us that men rejected this Messiah sent into the world for them. Christmas reminds us of man at his worst.

But what does this Christmas spirit mean to men today? The editor of the Sioux Center News expressed what Christmas means to men very clearly a year ago in an editorial entitled “Greatest of All Seasons.” In it he brings out that it is because of the influence of the “teachings of Christ” that Christmas is the “most stimulating, the most inspirational, the most comforting” event of the year. But then he continues by saying, “Christmas displays man (admittedly beset with weaknesses and faults) at his best. It emphasizes that man is basically good, kind, peace loving, grateful, generous, thoughtful, humble, and respectful of his Creator.” Then he illustrates how Christmas shows the love, appreciation, kindness, friendliness, thoughtfulness, and gratefulness of men.

Yes, men delight in deceiving themselves with such falsehood. Christmas is a happy season because it gives them renewed assurance that they are really “Goodfellows.” It displays man at his best, instead of his worst, so they reason.

The Christmas season is also marked by the attempts of men to assure themselves that men will have peace on earth. In the songs we hear and in the articles and advertisements we read, the phrase “Peace on earth, good will toward men” occurs many times.

But men in their pride and self-centeredness have omitted the most important part of this beautiful song of the angels—“Glory to God in the highest.” Take notice this Christmas how often the latter part stands alone. Yes, the world does not realize that until it learns to glorify God it will find no peace. Men seek everywhere and they find no peace. Nor will they ever find peace at Christmas time until they change their emphasis from the good (Continued on page 3)
The Temper of the Times
by Myrtle Sinkey

Let us for an interval depart from the bickering politicians in Washington and for a brief span of time delve into foreign affairs.

China, the largest country of Asia, a country of 633 million people, has now become one of the powers of the world, a leader in the communist block, a contender in world affairs. It has arisen from a nation of squalor, lethargy, and backward civilization to a nation of power, economic advancement, and internal improvements.

How has this country who 15 years ago was not even recognized, now become locked upon with mixed feelings? Why is it that some leaders are arguing that perhaps in the near future the U.S. will be asking Russia to be our ally against China? Why is the feeling between Moscow and Peking strained and tense?

In answer to the first question we must say that China has arisen to a nation of power through the work of its chairman, Mao Tse-Tung. He has organized the communists and overthrown Chiang-Kai-Shek. He has asserted leadership in all fields, and is the recognized leader of all done in his land. By means of mass collectivization of peasants he has made economic advances unparalleled in history. He has transformed his gigantic population into an enormous perpetual moving machine excluding privacy, family life, private property, and intellectual dissenters. The peasants are trained to perform agrarian enterprises, but also build dams, roads, make implements, and build facotries and in the remaining time they are trained in military procedures.

All of this is illustrative of the great power which China is becoming and will become if Mao's experiment in mass production by the people is successful. Because of these apparent strides, the United States looks at China with awe, wonder, perplexity, and a small degree of fear. Khrushchev also looks upon China with mingled emotions of fear and awe. To the eyes in Mao and China a potential threat to his leadership in the communist world.

Mao, however, is beset with many difficult problems. The population of his country is enormous and increases by almost 15 million each year. He is dependent on foreign countries for food supply and mineral wealth. And Mao himself says that as long as China is dependent it will not reach the ascendancy which he desires.

Although China may overthrow the world, although Communism may dominate its people, and wickedness seemingly reigns supreme, we as Christians should always remember that God has promised to his people the ultimate victory and that in this Christmas season we celebrate the birth of Christ, who has gained that victory over the enemies of his church.

Sincerely yours,

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Of Books & Men - - -

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It is an accomplished fact they yearn for a return to the "good old days." They become infuriated at the upheaval of their world, at the hardships and discomforts of hunger, cold, and overcrowded housing. They express a feeling for the need and claim for intellectual and normal autonomy in revolt against a totalitarian state.

Previous to the publishing of this book, Krushchev had allowed greater freedom of criticism in Russia. But now he was forced to call a halt to this newly won freedom, for Pasternak's book, Doctor Zhivago, which had attacked the socialism of Marxism in its quest for truth; for he states through Dr. Zhivago: "I don't know a movement more self centered and further removed from the facts than Marxism." Of the Bolsheviks who had plunged their country into disaster, Dr. Zhivago states: "You are a Bolshevik and you yourself do not deny that what is going on isn't life—it's madness, an absurd nightmare." No wonder that the Communist Party forbade publication of the book in the Soviet Union. Nor is it any surprise that action has been taken against Pasternak. He was ousted from the Union of Soviet Writers, been condemned by the Party, and told to migrate to his "capitalistic paradise."

The book was never printed in Russia. An Italian Communist who visited Pasternak in Russia smuggled the manuscript out and the novel was printed. Because of the insight into the life of the Russians that it offers and because of the publicity, it has become a best seller in the short space of time since since Oct 23, 1958.

Dr. Zhivago has been compared with Tolstoy's War and Peace, but this is somewhat presumptuous. Tolstoy was careful to delineate his characters sharply and clearly. Pasternak's characters are so vaguely sketched that it is hard to keep them firmly fixed. However the deep, passionate love for fatherland that is characteristic of most Russian authors can be felt by the reader. It is a sad thought that an author who 30 years ago was not even recognized, should be the first of his nation to gain freedom of criticism in Russia.

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and peace of men to the glory and love of God in sending His son into the world.

But are we any better than the world today in its celebration of Christmas? Is our true source of joy at Christmas the celebration of the coming of Christ? Or is it also centered in the materialism of the world?

May each of us see the babe in the manager, Who is the center of Christmas, and bring "Glory to God in the highest." Then, and only then, will we have an abundant measure of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

John Addink
**THE DORDT DIAMOND**

**Wednesday, December 17, 1958**

**Dordt Remains Undefeated, 5-0**

**Sjoerdsma's Cagers One Of Two Junior College Teams In Iowa With No Defeats**

Dordt 51, Northwestern 50

Well, the season is off to a good start! Dordt returned from Orange City with a few scalps under its belt, and we certainly hope that they stage repeat performances of this and other victories throughout the remainder of the season. The school spirit certainly hasn’t been lacking either before, during or after the games. It's good to have such staunch supporters.

Dordt led throughout most of the game, but things looked particularly black at the half. However, in the latter part of the game, Dordt came through and rallied to win and remain undefeated so far this season.

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**Fg** | **F-T** | **Pf** | **Tp**
---|---|---|---
Altena | 7 | 5-9 | 17
Blankespoor | 14 | 4-7 | 21
Duinink | 8 | 2-6 | 10
Walhof | 0 | 0-0 | 2
Bolt | 1 | 0 | 0

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**Dordt 78, Estherville 71**

The first home game was against Estherville. Dordt was behind only once and this was in the early part of the game. This game had plenty of action and the crowd responded with plenty of noise.

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**Fg** | **F-T** | **Pf** | **Tp**
---|---|---|---
Altena | 6 | 4-6 | 18
Blankespoor | 12 | 6-14 | 22
Duinink | 6 | 2-3 | 12
Walhof | 0 | 0-1 | 2
De Stigter | 3 | 0-1 | 2

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**Dordt 80, Emmetsburg 75**

This third conference game also had action aplenty. Dordt led throughout most of the game, but at the end Emmetsburg managed to tie the score at 60 all. In a five minute overtime, the two teams scored 35 points between them. As in the other preceding games Dordt's shooting percentage was better and they committed fewer fouls and made more free throws which helped them to victory.

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**Fg** | **F-T** | **Pf** | **Tp**
---|---|---|---
Altena | 7 | 5-9 | 17
Blankespoor | 3 | 8-10 | 14
Duinink | 8 | 3-6 | 11
Walhof | 2 | 0-1 | 4
Vande Einde | 1 | 0-1 | 2

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**Dordt 64, Westmar B 54**

This was the most nip-and-tuck game so far this year. The lead see-sawed during the entire game, but things looked particularly black at the half. However, in the latter part of the game, Dordt came through and rallied to win and remain undefeated so far this season.

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**Fg** | **F-T** | **Pf** | **Tp**
---|---|---|---
Altena | 7 | 4-5 | 18
Blankespoor | 9 | 7-12 | 25
De Stigter | 6 | 4-6 | 16
Vande Einde | 3 | 3-4 | 12
Verbrugge | 2 | 2-5 | 5

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**Dordt Defends Lead In Closing Minutes of Game With Waldorf**

**Dordt 60, Waldorf 63**

Dordt was in command during most of this game too. Now that we have beaten these four teams once, we certainly want to keep the record clean and defeat them all again, just so they won’t forget us right away.

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**Fg** | **F-T** | **Pf** | **Tp**
---|---|---|---
Altena | 4 | 6-7 | 14
Blankespoor | 14 | 9-10 | 22
Duinink | 4 | 2-6 | 10
De Stigter | 5 | 1-1 | 11
Walhof | 0 | 1-1 | 1
Bolt | 1 | 0-0 | 2

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Another characteristic of the games is the fine school spirit which has been displayed. With our very fine cheerleaders and a pep band to set an example, the students and other Dordt stalwarts have kept the rafters ringing.

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Another item of interest. The ladies are taking a hand in sports, too. Under the capable direction of Harvey Blankespoor they are practicing hard in hopes of defeating Western in a forthcoming preliminary game.

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If you will refer to an earlier issue of the Diamond, you will see that I cautiously predicted that Iowa would win the Big Ten championship. They did. Consequently, they will play in the Rose Bowl game this year. Their opponents from the Pacific Coast Conference will be California. Iowa's record is 7-1-1 and California's is 7-7. I'll pick Iowa to win. How about you?

You will also notice that I said Wisconsin would be a contender for the championship. They finished second, and were beaten by Cal. in one of their games.

Other bowl games are:

- Sugar Bowl—Louisiana State (10-0) vs Clemson (8-2)
- Orange Bowl—Oklahoma (9-1) vs Syracuse (8-1)
- Cotton Bowl—T C U (8-2) vs Air Force (9-1-1)
- Gator Bowl—Florida (6-3-1) vs Mississippi (8-2)
- Sun Bowl—Wyoming (7-3) vs Hardin-Simmons (6-4)

Incidently, the Air Force Academy which plays in the Cotton Bowl is the only team to have tied the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Is it not great? Iowa State beat Texas Tech this past week-end.