Newcomers

Dordt has made a profit; she subtracted one and added two. No, not dollars but male students.

One is a tall, slender, blue-eyed, blond wavy-haired handsome basketball player from Chandler, Minnesota.

Before we go on, may we caution you, girls, that he is "not interested in women or going steady."

He attended Chandler Public and Christian Grade School. The first two years of his high school were spent at Chandler Public High; the last two were spent at Southwestern in Edgerton. Prior to his entrance at Dordt, he worked at Bethesda and took a part time course at the University of Colorado.

His first impression of Dordt is that it is small enough so that a student can feel a part of it. He is none other than George Huijsken!

The other is a medium-built, brown-haired boy from Rock Valley. He attended a country grade school near Rock Valley during his first eight years. His high school days were spent at Rock Valley Christian and at Western Christian High. He worked on his father’s farm previous to his coming to Dordt. He is taking a general course; and his first impressions were that he thought the students of Dordt were friendly. His name is Wilbur Vander Heul.

The Challenge

by Cliff Christians

Dr. James Daane, a minister in the Los Angeles Christian Reformed Church, is now propagating a new type of theological renaissance that accuses the present day orthodoxy in our Church of being inert, inarticulate, unresponsive, and without the sparkle of life. He goes on to assert that its theology lacks life, vibration, growth, expansion, sensitiveness, and response to the challenges and needs of our times. Pro-

Professor Sjoerdsma

A very interesting member of the Dordt faculty is Mr. Sjoerdsma. Born during the winter of 1929 in Grand Rapids, Mr. Sjoerdsma had his elementary education at the Baldwin Street Christian School and his high school education at Grand Rapids Christian High. From there on he majored in mathematics at Calvin.

It has been eight years ago that Mr. Sjoerdsma was married. He and his pretty wife were blessed with two boys, ages six and four.

They make up a very happy family.

For two years the Sjoerdsma family lived on the island of Guam where Mr. Sjoerdsma taught mathematics in a high school of 2000 students.

If you like to talk about traveling, Mr. Sjoerdsma is the one for you! After leaving Guam the Sjoerdsma family traveled through the Philippines, Japan, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Palestine, and up to Rome, all this distance by air. By train they then traveled to Germany where they picked up the “beetle” (Volkswagen). From there almost all of Europe was covered. Their camping equipment made the trip all the more enjoyable. They sailed on the Maasdam, from the Netherlands to New York harbor where their Volkswagen was waiting for them at the dock.

Mr. Sjoerdsma is not so fortunate in his more recent travels. Last week while traveling in Nebraska he was fined for “passing and cutting.”

Mr. Sjoerdsma believes that we have a fine school. He thinks that there is a lot of potential in our school.

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On Monday evening, beginning at 7:30, films will be shown at the college for the benefit of the student body. Lunch will be served in the Commons. This will be a full evening of entertainment.

On Tuesday evening, in the gymnasium, beginning at 8:00 o’clock, a film entitled “The Hidden Power” will be presented. This film is produced by Christ’s Mission, a non-profit corporation which serves under the same auspices as the Converted Catholic magazine. The film concerns a young man who is torn between his allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and his allegiance to his church.

The public is invited to attend this Tuesday evening presentation. A small admission fee of twenty-five cents per person will be charged at the door.

The Temper of the Times

by Myrtle Sinkey

If you happen to be one of those unfortunate people who are looking for a job, you might as well stop trying. The prospect of finding one is very limited. As a result there are over 4,000,000 people in this country who find themselves without work.

For the past few months American business has been tapering off, and each month the number of jobless men and women increases. The unemployment aid given out by states is at an all time high, so much that in some states, government aid will be needed to meet the demands of the unemployed. In some cities bread lines have begun.

But our nation is prosperous! At least, so says Mr. Eisenhower. But it is sometimes doubtful if he knows completely what he’s talking about.

In his last election, he said that the
During the past couple months there have been some intramural basketball games. I feel that these games were very interesting and that they were of real value to the ones participating as well as to those who watched. First of all they offered the ambitious students an outlet for some of their excess energy. Secondly, they taught the students sportsmanship in addition to g.a. along better with their fellow students with some very good entertainment. At the beginning of the basketball season there were three boys’ teams organized and two girls’ teams. In all the boys have played six games and the girls have played three.

The three teams of the boys consisted of the Dordt Double-Dribblers, the Knickerbockers, and the Minnesotans. The Minnesota Lakers came out on top with a 4-0 record. The Knickerbockers and the Double-Dribblers each had a 1-3 record.

The top of the scoring list was Cliff Christians with 86 points, followed by Virgil Baker with 54, John Bolt with 53, and Gary Van Dyke with 40. Here again the Minnesota Lakers came out on top, for three of the top scorers came from the Laker team.

The girls played three games in all. The Dribblers won two and lost one, and the Dodgerettes won one and lost two. The leading scorer for the girls was Marilyn Geels who scored 20 points one game. Joyce De Vries and Rose Van Essen each had 17 followed closely by Estella Dahn who had 14.

The basketball season isn’t quite over yet, so I think we should have a few more intramural games. I’m sure that everyone enjoys watching these games as much as the players enjoy playing. So, captains, why don’t you see if you can arrange a couple of games to be played in the near future.

A cardinal feature of the Christian life is true thankfulness for the blessings we receive from God.

Our innumerable blessings can be classified into two groups: first, the material; and second, the spiritual. In the modern world, which is secular and earthly minded, man has sought after the tangible things such as large bank accounts, bountiful harvests, homes cares, exquisite dress, earthly pleasures, and the like. The spiritual needs of the soul have been discarded in the vain attempt to satisfy the flesh. We as Christians, too, need to be concerned about the extent to which our lives become saturated with them and we lose the vision of our purpose here on earth which is to glorify our Maker. The spiritual blessings are those which have abiding significance. We as Christians have the Word from which we can be spiritually nourished: we live in a country where we can worship God according to the dictates of our own heart; and most important of all is the precious gift of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is the giver of salvation to all who believe in Him and trust in Him.

If we are truly thankful, we will be desirous of rendering unto the Lord what is rightfully His. What can we do? We can give of our earthly possessions and also use our talents to honor and glorify Him. Yes, young people, there is more. Have you in these years of preparation ever considered the possibility of full time service in the Lord’s work? Many fields are beckoning. The Christian ministry, Christian education, and Christian nursing are just a few. May it be a matter of much prayer and a dedication to God in the choosing of your life vocation.

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(continued from page 1) current business slump would have positively reached its lowest ebb by the end of 1957. But this has not proved true. The business slump is still with us and there is no sign that this slump will end before the middle of 1958.

One of the ways in which Mr. Eisenhower hopes to gain votes in the coming November election is to propose a tax cut and to hope for an upturn in business. But will good business return in time to prevent many people from going broke? If this depends upon Mr. Eisenhower and the Republican administration, the fact is doubtful. And if he does propose a tax cut, it would be done not in order to help the people, but as a means to get votes for his party. Is that a decent motive? I should hardly think so! But what else can you expect from Republicans?

Letters to the editor re “Temper of the Times”

Dear Editors:

As we see it there is poor reasoning and narrowness of mind behind the “Temper of the Times.” Instead of an opinioned view we would like to see a neutral article under the heading of “The Temper of the Times.”

Abel Vander Woude

John Grimmius

Dear Editors:

Good-bye! I’m off to Washington to exterminate Benson. Soon everyone will have more money than they know what to do with.

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Spotlight on Sports
by Harlan Vanden Einde

THE CHALLENGE

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ceeding further, we find that Daane places the greatest fault of the Christian Reformed Church, the acceptance of the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty as being our central doctrine.

What does this mean to us as young members of that church? I will say at the outset that I claim not to be conversant with all the facts, nor do I claim to possess an “analytical perspective”; but here are my views on this outburst of theological vitality:

If men like this are allowed to obtain leadership in the church, we might as well admit that we are doomed to failure; we might as well admit that we are turning from a century of apparent light to one of gross darkness. I make this statement for this reason: Daane’s views coincide very well with those which are Modernistic. It is question of the centrality of God’s Sovereignty that proves that he is shifting the emphasis from God and His Word to man and his opinions.

This type of emphasis would be intolerable, if it were not for the fact that such views are being propagated within the sphere of Reformed Theology. If an outside attack were being made, we would still feel composed; but when it is catapulted from the very inside, we must say that a sickening feeling arises in everyone of us.

Let me mention only one shift of emphasis for the sake of example. Daane suggests that lodge members ought not to be excluded as members from our churches. This seems to prove only further that the emphasis is being changed from God to man as the center upon which we base our theological thinking.

Many more things could be discussed, many more views could be presented. Let me try by way of conclusion to summarize:

We must stand confidently on our own two feet, or we might be exterminated. We must stand confidently on the centrality of God’s Sovereignty as being our central doctrine.

Giving Thanks Always

A cardinal feature of the Christian life is true thankfulness for the blessings we receive from God.

Dr. Harry Boer’s booklet, That My House May Be Filled, and Daane’s editorial in the September, 1957 issue of the Reformed Journal both deal with the situation which has been discussed. These articles are extremely interesting.