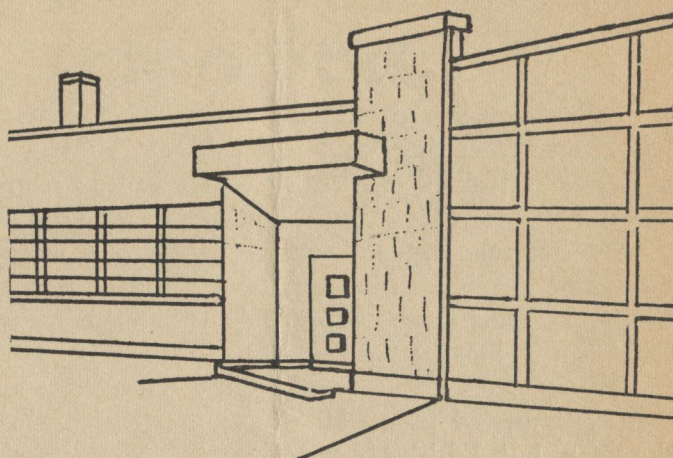


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## Freshman-Sophomore Banquet Tonight

### The Challenge

by Cliff Christians

The Dordt College drama club made its debut last Tuesday night with the presentation of "Roughly Speaking" and "Andante". The overall response was favorable.

The production "Andante" was truly the highlight of the evening. The caliber of this play demanded a great deal of acting prowess; and the five actors involved responded with real finesse.

The comedy "Roughly Speaking" seemed to be more on the high school level as far as the play itself was concerned. The production was, however, noteworthy. Special mention should go to Vernon Pollema, Kerwin Van Wyhe, and Fred Walhof for acting ability. Howard Faber seemed to fit his part very well; his mannerisms were characteristic of the realtor he was intended to portray.

These plays were indicative of excellent direction and leadership. Hat's off in this respect to Professor Van Til who devoted many hours as director and John Grimmus, president of the drama club, as business manager.

Every year a state play contest for junior colleges is held. It would be a fine thing if Dordt College could make a showing there with one of its plays. "Andante," perhaps? This drama certainly impresses everyone greatly.

Next year, we hope the drama club produces a play that depends on superb acting for its success. This is what our collegiate superiority demands; and we have the talent.

### Many Students Leave To Teach

When school opens in September, you will find the following students teaching in the following places:

#### Freshmen

Carl Brink, Corsica, S. Dak.  
Marlys Tebben, Undecided  
Marjean Boer, New Holland, S. D.  
Madelyn Kusters, New Holland, S.D.  
Annafeen Baker, Leota, Minn.  
Anita Bouma, Sussex, New Jersey  
Eleanor Cuperus, Hull, Iowa  
Rose Van Essen, Leota, Minn.

#### Sophomores

Mardelle Bakker, Sully, Iowa  
Evelyn Graves, Sheldon, Iowa  
Darlene Schaaf, Oostburg, Wisconsin  
Arlene Schaap, Undecided  
Theresa Jouvstra, Edgerton, Minn.  
Donna Hengeveld, Rock Rapids, Ia.  
Estella Dahm, Peoria, Iowa  
Christina Vande Voort, Wellsburg, Iowa  
Christine Posthuma, Ripon, Calif.  
Gladys Vos, Sioux Center, Iowa  
Darlene Ulferts, Peoria, Iowa  
Marilyn Jansen, Sully, Iowa  
Gertrude Swier, Undecided  
Twyla Holtrop, Rock Valley, Iowa  
Nellie Huisman, Rock Valley, Iowa  
Thelma Bootsma, Oskaloosa, Iowa  
Helen Gesink, Hull, Iowa  
Marilyn Geels, Sheldon, Iowa  
Jeanette De Jong, Oskaloosa, Iowa  
Esther Runia, Godwin, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Diane Duistermars, Undecided  
Myrna Vander Griend, Allendale, Michigan

This evening the Dordt Commons will be decorated with all the gay colors of festivity. Why? For the first time in the young life of our college, the Freshman-Sophomore Banquet will be held here.

Dressed in formal attire, decorated with elaborate corsages, some one hundred and sixty men and women will take their respective places at the long well-set banquet tables.

"Fools make banquets and wise men enjoy them"—John Florio.

The "fools" have been meeting in the depths of the secret cellars for the past weeks, while the "wise men" have been eaves-dropping trying to learn the details for the preparation of the event that will stand out as one of the high-spots of the year.

Three committees have been organized under the general chairmanship of Jack Vanden Berg to prepare for the banquet. The entertainment committee is composed of: Anita Bouma - chairman, Clifford Christians, Corwin Vander Ark, Vernon Pollema, Myrtle Sinkey, and Jeanne Beekhuizen.

The decoration committee is headed by Harlan Vanden Einde and is composed of Kerwin Van Wyhe, Mike Vander Pol, Ruth Haupt, Bonnie Eckels, and Madelyn Kusters.

The food crew, headed by John Grimmus, includes Carol Brink, Alvin Vander Griend, Marlys Tebben, Sylvia Fopma, and Sharon Mulder.

According to O. W. Holmes, "The true essentials of a feast are only fun and feed." Our belief runs along the same channel and so in order to fill the "fun" part we have chosen the competent James Heynen as the master-of-ceremonies for the evening. For the "feed" the four Dordt Commons cooks have consented to make a delicious dinner for us, which menu is in accordance with our theme, and the tentative plan

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**--EDITORIAL--**

"The time has come" the walrus said, "to speak of cabbages and kings, of ceiling wax and thing." I don't know much about cabbages and kings, neither do I care to talk about ceiling wax, but I would like to speak about "things".

Another school year is nearly finished and we find ourselves at a time of parting. Most of us will soon leave behind us our studies and renew friendships, and others will go out and make new friends and learn new things.

We have had a "work-packed", "fun-packed" school year. I'm sure each one of us could fill volumes with all the happenings of the year, but I'd like to note just a few of the highlights.

A "get acquainted" party started the school year off with a "bang". Here all the students, old and new, made friends and had a splendid time.

Students worked hard and long to make "Old Doc", our all-school play, a success and were repaid by the enthusiastic audiences in Prinsburg and Corsica as well as right here in Sioux Center.

The Amateur Contest was an event which displayed some of the talent possessed by our students. It was an evening filled with skits, solos, trios, instrumental numbers and readings.

On December 18 the gym was the setting of a formal Christmas party. Fluffy, pastel clouds, beautiful corsages and well dressed young men were floating about. We had an enjoyable time listening to a well prepared program and feasting on a delicious lunch.

We must not forget the many basketball games in which our Defenders tried in vain to win. They were the victors a few times, but we are all looking forward to a better season this coming year.

After filling our heads throughout the semester with every possible bit of knowledge, we spent a week trying to prove to our teachers that we had really studied. Exams, indeed are a highlight in every student's life.

In this spring a young man's fancy turns to many things. Both young men and young women of Dordt College turned toward clubs. The Calvinism Club was organized and we can thank them for the fine chapel speakers during the Passion Week. The Drama Club gave a fine performance in the presentation of two one-act plays recently. Many have learned how to play chess since they joined the Chess Club and have participated the tournaments also, to prove their ability.

"The time has come" the walrus said "to talk of many things", of choirs, and concerts, of festivals too. A number of the students attended a series of four concerts in Orange City. Besides listening to a noted piano player, an excellent soloist, and a mixed group of eight, we also heard the Columbus Boys Choir.

After many hours of hard work by both choir and director, the choir's biggest tour in the history of the college was taken. This tour included concerts given in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Besides the tour many Sunday evening concerts were given in this area and they were "topped" off by the last concert here in Sioux Center on May eleventh.

Another highlight sponsored by the choir was the music festi-

**The Temper of the Times**

by Myrtle Sinkey

Plays are enjoyed by everyone and when the climax is reached, the audience sits in breathless anticipation as to the outcome of the drama.

We are all part of a play and we all appear on the stage. We each have our individual part and this part we must play to the utmost of our ability.

This particular axiom could also be applied to the world, with each nation having its part on this magnificent stage. And we, as part of our nation, can continually see new dramatic climaxes appearing, and we can anxiously speculate on the possible outcomes of the problems of the world.

Last week another dramatic event occurred. The setting was the United Nations and the leading roles were played by U.S. representatives Henry Cabot Lodge and Dag Hammerskjold and Russia's Arkady A. Sobolev.

The plot was thus: Russia accused the United States' S.A.C. planes of being a threat to peace when they entered the Arctic region on practice flights. The U.S. responded in calm disgust and the question was brought before the U.N. Security Council where the objection of Russia was vetoed and it seemed that this particular play had reached its climax. But not so; this Russian propaganda only led to a bigger drama.

The U.S. suggested that the Arctic region be open to inspection by all countries, so that an attack over the top of the world would be impossible. Dag Hammerskjold rose to speak in favor of the proposal.

Suspense gripped the audience. Tension seized the world. Perhaps here was the solution to the disarmament problem. The votes were cast, but there was one dissenter: Russia's Sobolev vetoed the proposal and accused the U.S. of playing with fire.

And so the cold war continues. The audience continues its leisurely pace all the while filled with fear, anxiety, and tension. The plot, the story, life itself is left hanging in mid-air. What will be the final outcome? What is the destiny of the world? Who can tell what the future holds? Only God knows-

val on May 2. Five high school choirs and one band, and our choir participated. Many extra mouths were fed in the commons and in the evening a very fine program was presented.

One of the most important highlights will be the annual

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## Book Review

**THE MILLENNIUM**, by Loraine Boettner. Presbyterian and Reformed press, 1958. 375 pp. \$4.50. An optimistic approach to eschatology.

So the world is growing better—day by day and altogether! Such is the theme song of Dr. Boettner's latest book. Here we have post-millennialism (which some of us thought had been decently buried by World Wars I and II, and the Korean War) resurrected out of its grave and given new life to an age that nonchalantly supposed that its Armageddon was just around the next historic corner.

Not so, we are confidently informed in this book. The race is merely in its infancy. Don't become pessimistic concerning present world conditions; they are but the sombre prelude of a majestic symphony of glory that awaits the world beyond the present gloom. It may take, of course, many centuries before that glory, through the Church's activity, is fully (even if imperfectly) revealed.

Boettner, staunchly orthodox as he is, firmly believes in the inevitability of the world's betterment. He attempts to prove this by means of Scripture. But aren't all heretical advancements seemingly based on Scripture?

In the first part of his book, Boettner defends his type of post-millennialism. He holds the same view as many scholars and offers no new approach or arguments in favor of this eschatological system. In his chapter entitled "The World Is Growing Better", the author carefully cites facts supporting his view, but all too obviously he ignores the facts detrimental to his position. The increase in the sale of the Bible and the increase in church membership prove that the world is growing better (pp. 40 ff.). But why shouldn't the astounding increase in pornographic magazines and books, not to speak of the alarming rise in juvenile delinquency, point in the direction of the degeneration of this present evil world?

The major part of *The Millennium* (about 225 pages) is devoted to an attack on premillennialism. His main attack is negative, for he spares no pains in an effort to resurrect postmillennialism and place it superior to the position held by premillennialism. The author here fails miserably for, to the reader, postmillennialism still refuses to come to life in the glaring light of Scripture and of history.

Quite arbitrary statements are made in defense of postmillennialism. For example, we are told that "A careful reading of Paul's words in II Thess. 2:1 - 12 should convince an open minded Bible student that the antichrist and the apostacy are long since past" (p. 218). We are likewise informed that Paul's description of "the last days" in II Timothy 3:1 ff. refers to the time of the early days of Christianity and does not refer to the time preceding Christ's return upon the clouds of Heaven. "It's illegitimate, therefore, to say that the New Testament teaches that the times will grow worse" (p. 344). On the basis of this kind of interpretation, one wonders what Paul should have written in these places if he had believed that, after a temporary setback, Christianity would

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## Faculty Summer Assignment

Summer is again just around the corner. The students and the teachers are looking forward to this time of the year.

Four of the professors teaching in Dordt this coming year are going to summer school. All, with the exception of Professor Ribbens, will be going on some trip.

Where will we find these instructors? First, let us travel south to Iowa City, Iowa. Touring the campus of the State University of Iowa, we see Professor De Boer and Professor Van Til studying in the library.

"How-do-you-do," we greeted them. "Fine, thank you!" the students replied.

"What subjects are you studying?" To this, Mr. De Boer responded, "I'm pondering more English, especially American Literature."

Professor Van Til said, "I'm concentrating on working toward my Ph. D. degree."

"Are your families living with you?"

With this question their faces lit up and they emphatically replied, "Yes, and we live next door to each other in the quonset huts of the barrack housing projects."

"What are you doing after your eight week summer course?"

Professor De Boer answered, "We are probably going to travel to the Black Hills, but we have not decided definitely."

"After summer school, I'll be revising some notes," said Professor Van Til, "and taking a trip through Michigan and Indiana visiting relatives."

Just then the bell rang and it was time for the students to go to class. "Well," said Mr. Van Til, "we will terminate our discussion now."

From Iowa City we took an airplane to Chicago. While touring the city we met Rev. Van Schouwen and his wife. Upon talking with them we discovered that they were visiting their parents for three weeks.

When asked how he was spending the rest of the summer he replied, "I'll be making sermons, revising notes, studying, preaching, and working on the house." A long list, I would say.

While on our trip we decided to join a Bible Conference at Cedar Lake, Indiana for a week. Here to our surprise we met Mr. Brummel, his wife, and family. It was a great pleasure singing under his direction as he was the music director at this conference.

At this time, he had not decided what work he would be doing the remainder of the summer. However, he was thinking about working for an electrician.

After this week, East Lansing, Michigan was our next stop. While

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## Spotlight on Sports

by Harlan Vanden Einde

A strike! A spare! A turkey! Yes, it's the bowling tournaments! They are now well underway and by the time this is put in print they will be completed.

As of May 7, team III of the men's division is at the top of the contest with a 12-4 record. Team III also has the record high game, 923, and the record high series, 2655. Harris Duinnick has the single game of 191, and Gary Van Dyke the high single series of 493. The top ten bowlers are as follows: Harlan Vanden Einde 153, Gary Van Dyke 150, Harris Duinnick and Howard Faber 140.5, Jack Vander Berg 139, Henry Gesink 133, Merl Alons 132.5, Fred Walhof 132, Mike Vander Pol 131, and Andy Brummel 127.

In the women's division, as of May 8, teams III and V are tied for first place with a 1016 record. Team IV has the high game of 669, and also the high series, 1788. Marilyn Jansen has the high single game of 166, and Darlene Schaaf has the high single series of 421. The top ten bowlers are as follows: Darlene Schaaf 119, Diane Duistermars 116, Lois De Blaey 114, Elinor Vander Veen 105, Thelma Bootsma 104, Marilyn Jansen 103, Nellie Huisman 102, June Kooima 100, Christine Posthuma 99, and Gladys Vos 97.

The bowling tournaments have really been exciting thus far. It is very interesting to watch the expressions on the faces of the various bowlers when they leave just a few pins standing. It is especially interesting to watch the reaction of the bowler who throws a gutter ball on a spare or the one who leaves one pin standing in the 10th frame. You would probably be surprised and sometimes even frightened by the expressions revealed on the faces of such bowlers.

On the 8th of May the Dordt softball team played Northwestern on the Sioux Center softball diamond. It was a very interesting exciting game all the way through. The game went scoreless until the third inning when Northwestern scored 2 runs. Dordt came back in the same inning and scored 4 runs. In the fourth inning Northwestern scored again with 4 runs to make it 6-4 in favor of Northwestern. Dordt then failed to score until the bottom of the fifth inning when two runners were brought across home plate. In the sixth inning each team succeeded in scoring 1 run making the score tie 7-7. In the seventh and final inning Northwestern scored 3 runs while Dordt scored only 1 run, to make the final score 10-8 in favor of Northwestern.

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spring banquet which will be held tonight, May 16.

The most important event is graduation. After spending two enjoyable years in these halls, the sophomores find themselves finishing their work here.

All these, and many more events, have made memories for each one of us which will not soon be forgotten. —E.V.V.

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flourish according to the post-millennial pattern.

At time rationalizing methods of argument are used, reminding one of similar methods in Roman Catholicism. We are told that this world is very, very old; but God could not have spent all that time preparing the world if, according to premillennialism, this old world is corrupt and about to pass away. Rather, we should look for the millennial glory of the Church—so our author argues—on the assumption that God, having spent such a long time in the world's preparation, will surely spend a millennium, more or less (probably more), in the world's betterment (pp. 346 ff.).

Boettner's work is quite readable; it contains long extracts from various authors; and it is as persuasive as any work on postmillennialism can be. But many readers will be inclined to believe that, in this case at least, it will be better to let postmillennialism lie in its grave until and unless we have better arguments from Scripture and from history for its resuscitation.

The article used as a guide in the review of this book is found in *Christianity Today* and is written by Wick Broomall.

Cliff Christians

## FACULTY

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touring the East Lansing Michigan State University campus we saw a small boy running through the halls. We looked again and noted that it was Grieg Sjoerdsma.

"Where is your Dad?" we asked.

To this question he scampered down the hall, around the corner and there was Professor Sjoerdsma studying with the other students. While talking with him, he informed us that they had been on a camping trip through Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan, before coming to school the twenty-third of June.

Coming back to Sioux Center, we talked to Dr. Van Beek, who had just come back from a four week trip. When asked where he had been he replied, "We traveled through Dearborn, Michigan, Washington D.C., and Springfield, Mass."

While in Sioux Center we had to stop and see the high point of this city, namely Dordt College. In the office we met Professor Ribbens toiling under the sweat of his brow. He had agreed with the Executive Board to work at the College. We asked him if he planned on taking a trip. To this he replied, "Yes, I think I will, I'll be going to Sioux City for a day."

Going a few steps down the hall we met Professor De Young working in the new Science Room.

"Where have you spent the summer months?" we inquired.

"I have just come from Michigan," he said, "where my family spent the summer. However, I first attended a nine week summer school session at Vermillion, South Dakota."

Then we asked, "What work did you do in connection with the new Science Room of Dordt?"

"De Stigter Bros. have installed all the equipment. However, I ordered the different test tubes and other equipment. At present I'm mainly concerned with lectures and will be working on research later," he answered.

Writing lectures, studying, and taking vacations. Yes, that is what the faculty of Dordt will be doing this coming summer.

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is to have Western senior girls serve these dinners.

Professor Sjoerdsma has reported to the general chairman that in the event the intra-mural athletic tournaments are all completed by the banquet date, the prizes may be given to the winners at the banquet.

For all the sophomores we hope that the banquet may stand out as a real and pleasant memory of the years spent at Dordt, and for all the freshmen we hope that this event will be a real high spot in their first year at college.

John Grimmus