

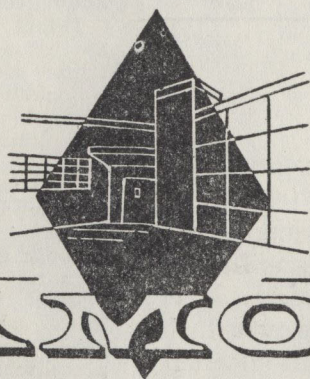
Thalians Present "Arms"

George Bernard Shaw, whose life spanned nearly a century, was a playwright who had a tremendous influence on Twentieth Century drama. Shaw had an antipathy for the conventions of drama and society: he took nothing for granted; instead he looked askance at institutions, attacked current mores, and combatted the status quo. Even the most orthodox ideas were castigated by the pen of Shaw.

"Arms and the Man," one of Shaw's early comedies, has all the elements of Shaw's style: pleasant satire, irony, impertinent and paradoxical mocking, a farcial treatment of serious themes.

"Arms and the Man" puts under scrutiny two of the most powerful forces in the world—war and love. Shattered are conventional heroic attitudes toward war and the romantic attitudes toward love. When the idealistic attitudes of a girl who has found the "higher love" come into contact with the realistic attitudes of a soldier who carries chocolates instead of cartridges, only an unusual dramatic experience can result.

The Thalians will present "Arms and the Man" at the college auditorium on March 18, 20, and 23. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., and reserved seats are now on sale.



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Political Science Club To Form

Concerned with partially fulfilling our responsibilities as good citizens of our respective countries, a group of Dordt College students is forming a club to enlighten and stimulate the student's political interests.

Possible activities include sponsoring films and speakers, conducting surveys, mock conventions and elections, as well as the discussion of political theory and principle.

Sponsored by the history department, Mr. Van Til and Mr. Van Dyke, the Club promises to be the scene of lively discussions on contemporary politics, well rounded by interesting outside activities. Planning its first meeting soon, the club cordially welcomes any interested persons.

"Contemporary" Choir Formed

The Dordt Music Department has established a third choir. It consists of 16 members who were selected from the Concert Choir and the Chorale Choir. The main objective of this smaller choir is to introduce a new type of music to Dordt. Directed by Mr. G. Warmink, the choir will concentrate on contemporary music such as that which was presented between the two one-act plays on March 3.

Island Paradise Vicariously Visited

On the last day of twirp week at Dordt, we traveled vicariously with a 49-year-old Californian. That experienced traveler took us on a trip through our southernmost state via a travelogue.

Our first impressions of the islands consisted of watching a changeable wind blow through the grasses, both on and off of the hula dancers.

Ordinarily we don't see sausage and breadfruit trees ride side by side, but it was unique.

Usually we don't see Cadillacs used as cabs, but it seemed exclusive.

Normally we don't see women wearing leis and pahous on the beach, but the Hawaiians do it beautifully.

We don't habitually begin and end a travelogue with a volcano, but that is how the islands were formed.

As a matter of fact we don't consistently see good travelogues, so this was a refreshing diversion.

Aloha, from David Paul and Hawaii, our fiftieth state.

All this talk about nuclear overkill doesn't strike us as anything new. Already back in the David-Goliath duel, David had an overkill of four since he picked up five stones when only one was necessary.

Young Republicans Increase Activities

The Young Republicans of Dordt College have been participating in several major activities.

To date, they have attended the First Republican (Mock) National Convention in Davenport, Iowa, representing the state of Montana. Returning from Davenport, the Dordt delegates were accompanied by Mr. Evan Hultman, Attorney General of Iowa and gubernatorial candidate.

Members next attended the Tri-State meeting of College Young Republicans at Morningside College in the latter part of February.

Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, delegates attended the Young Republicans State Convention in Sioux City, Iowa, where they were represented on the credentials, rules, and resolutions committees. They also elected a new slate of state officers and lent their voice in adopting a new state platform.

The Young Republicans will be increasing their activities as the November elections draw nearer.

Dordt Bows To Five Universities At St. Paul

A Catholic men's college, St. Thomas, was the scene of the Northwest Debate Tournament, hosting forty-four Midwestern colleges and universities.

Each institution was allowed to send its top four debaters to the St. Paul tournament. Although slightly outclassed in the three-day tournament, the Dordt debate squad topped several colleges and came within one point of upsetting a Creighton University team and within five points of taking a debate from Iowa State University.

Concluding the collegiate competition season for the debate squad, this tournament was described by Mr. William Lofthers, debate coach, as primarily valuable for the experience it afforded. After its first year of competition the squad looks forward to the future of an enlarged group of debaters as well as victory wreaths.

Dordt Evolves New Center

The center of our campus has shifted. It used to be approximately at a spot in the hall just outside the pink room in the "gymnasium-stage-chem lab-physics lab-biology lab-library-classroom building."

Since the old commons has been abandoned, the center of our campus has been relocated.

The center has become fixed somewhere on the grass across which we all traipse, between the music-administration building and the Greasy Spoon.

Actually, it is both unfair and erroneous to call the new commons the Greasy Spoon. I have been assured that the spoons there are NOT greasy. They merely seem that way. Report-

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Editorial

—by Sandra Williamson

You may self-righteously condemn the Southern segregationist; you may read with horror the tales about Nazi extermination of Jews. You may despise that narrow-minded classmate who thinks no one is right about anything unless he thinks as he does. But do not deceive yourself—you too are full of prejudice. Every rational human being is one huge mesh of prejudice, woven in his own peculiar pattern, a pattern which makes him a distinct entity. If he had no prejudice whatever, he would be void of conviction, of opinion, of personality itself. He would be a soggy sponge, without backbone or substance.

If we hope to acquire anything of value in life, and especially if we wish to contribute something, we must be prejudiced. A person who plays the part of a chameleon, changing his colors as the environment shifts, just like the lower creature he imitates, will blend with the background and make no imprint on life.

Whereas it is impossible to be without prejudice, it is imperative that the direction and bases of our prejudices be carefully examined. Especially as Christians, we are concerned to rid ourselves of harmful prejudice and to cultivate the types of prejudice which will benefit God's kingdom, mankind, and ourselves.

Letters To The Editor . . .

In regards to a letter written to you by the student who is concerned that Dordt students don't know the Alma Mater, I would, as a student who doesn't know it, like to ask when are we given the opportunity to practice and use it? As I can remember singing it no more than four times since September, I don't know how he knows that we don't know it.

P. Graham

Dear Simon,

I am writing this letter so that you can transmit some important information to all Dordt students.

A new form of physical education has been initiated in the Dordt College dormitory. It consists of ambulating around the perimeter of one's room without touching the floor.

In addition to providing the bene-

fits derived from ordinary exercising, this exercise requires a movement of the muscles of the face attended by explosive sounds from the throat which results in the massaging of the heart.

Moral: When you get that frustrated feeling, run around your cage.

Sincerely yours,

Conscientious and Concerned
Students

Dear Editor,

Most people considered Dordt stunt night to be a great success. Most of the acts were well done and very appropriate for this occasion. I was shocked, however, by the attempt of some girls to act out some Negro spirituals. Perhaps this type of thing would be fine on a revival meeting, but then the purpose would be to inspire and not to raise a laugh.

Perhaps some blame for the discord

struck at this program can be put upon the audience. The reaction to this number was certainly not what one would expect of a Christian audience. Perhaps the audience may stamp its feet, clap its hands, and whoop it up in general at some hootenanny, but not during the singing of spirituals. This rowdy behavior could be expected of a group of pagans who have no conception of what the word ALLELUIA means, but certainly not of a group of educated Christians.

Andy den Otter

Dear Editor:

In spite of the recent waves of criticism, I would like to present my drop of commendation to the Student Representatives as well as to the student body itself.

I feel the Student Representatives are to be congratulated on the presentation of the film "The Devil at 4 o'clock." Contrary to its misleading title, this was a very thought-provoking picture and contributed entertainment to the student's academic life.

Also worthy of recognition was the well-conducted "Talent Show," which proved to be an excellent production of both unusual talent and refreshing humor.

Until lately, I had almost been brainwashed into thinking that no good could possibly come from a place which housed the "evil" of red-tinted cornfields and constant "platter chatter." I am grateful that I was prevented from succumbing.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Van Dyken

Dear Editor,

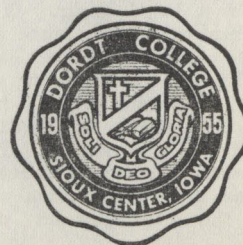
I know that professors have said that dislike for college food is common. This is understandable. No one expects the cooks preparing food on such a large scale to be able to make it taste like home cooking.

However, I feel that students have a right to expect two things: first, that the food be ready so that serving can begin when it is supposed to begin and not 10 to 15 minutes late; secondly, that there be enough food prepared so that the student going through the line won't have to wait for the soup to get hot or the sandwiches to be prepared.

I eat at one o'clock on Thursdays. Last week I had to stand around and wait for left-over soup to warm up. This week ten of us had to wait 10 minutes for some cheese sandwiches to be prepared. It wasn't that we weren't expected; our names still weren't crossed off for that meal.

Sincerely,

Deanna Ledebøer



DIAGONAL....

Dear Mind,

It's now 12:30 and I'm in a fix for material to write about for my column. Do you have any new, fresh ideas?

Dear Dave,

You know I'm on call 24 hours a day, it's just that sometimes I'm a little slower than usual. I've been observing people through my windows lately and have noticed a certain type of student ambulating through the halls of Dordt College. If you do not mind I'll use the feminine gender to describe her. She does not seem to enjoy this life at all; her lack of internal beauty, manifested in her biting criticisms and snapping remarks is externally shown in her lack of concern for physical appearance. Do you have a name for such a person?

Dear Mind,

This type of person is usually referred to as a perpetual pessimist. Now that you mentioned it, I do know some students like that. Incidentally, I'm glad you used the feminine gender.

Dear Dave,

You know there are three types of faces running around Dordt Campus. The faces which think that life is all laughs always have a smile. Then there is the normal class which usually have pleasant expressions, but sometimes are clouded because of environmental situations. The lower class of faces belongs to the perpetual pessimists who never smile in public and seem to laugh only when the joke is about someone else's misfortunes. Can it be that such people are true Christians when they do not express a Christian attitude towards others?

Dear Mind,

I can not really answer that question definitely, but it will be a challenging question for my readers.

Spectrum---

by Roger L. Van Dyken

The press room was crowded and tense. Its constant murmur subsided as the President of the United States ascended the rostrum. After his message and the first barrage of questions, the President was asked what he felt was the importance of the primary elections. Mr. Johnson replied, "Well . . . they are quite useful to us in testing the public sentiment."

This statement is typical of short-sighted Americans who can't see the forest beyond the tree on which they are working. They cannot see the building for the brick they're laying. They have become lost in the contemporary maze. They are so intrigued with making the machine work that they fail to see its purpose.

Mr. Johnson has become so involved with the politics of election 1964 that he sees the primaries, not as the voice of individual citizens exercising their rights and expressing their

choice, but as a guinea pig exhibiting the effects of his experimental political psychology. Mr. Johnson fails to view the entire forest of the democratic processes and is intent upon his individual tree; he is more interested in laying his own brick to build his own public image than building constructively on the foundations of freedom. He is more interested in the effectiveness of his political machine than in the ultimate purpose of politics.

Mr. Johnson is representative of politicians today who view the votes of the people as being conducive to the realization of their own personal ambitions rather than see themselves as servants of the people. They envision themselves as rulers seeking the support of their subjects, rather than themselves as true representatives of the people. They would like to tell the people what to do, rather than have the people instruct them.

They have entirely misconceived the American ideal of democracy and would have the American citizen do for them what they should be doing

for the American citizen.

These are the politicians who are corrupting our principles of democracy. These are the men who see the usefulness of the primaries and general elections in testing the mood of the public rather than in the realization of the natural human rights of every individual.

DORDT EVOLVES NEW CENTER

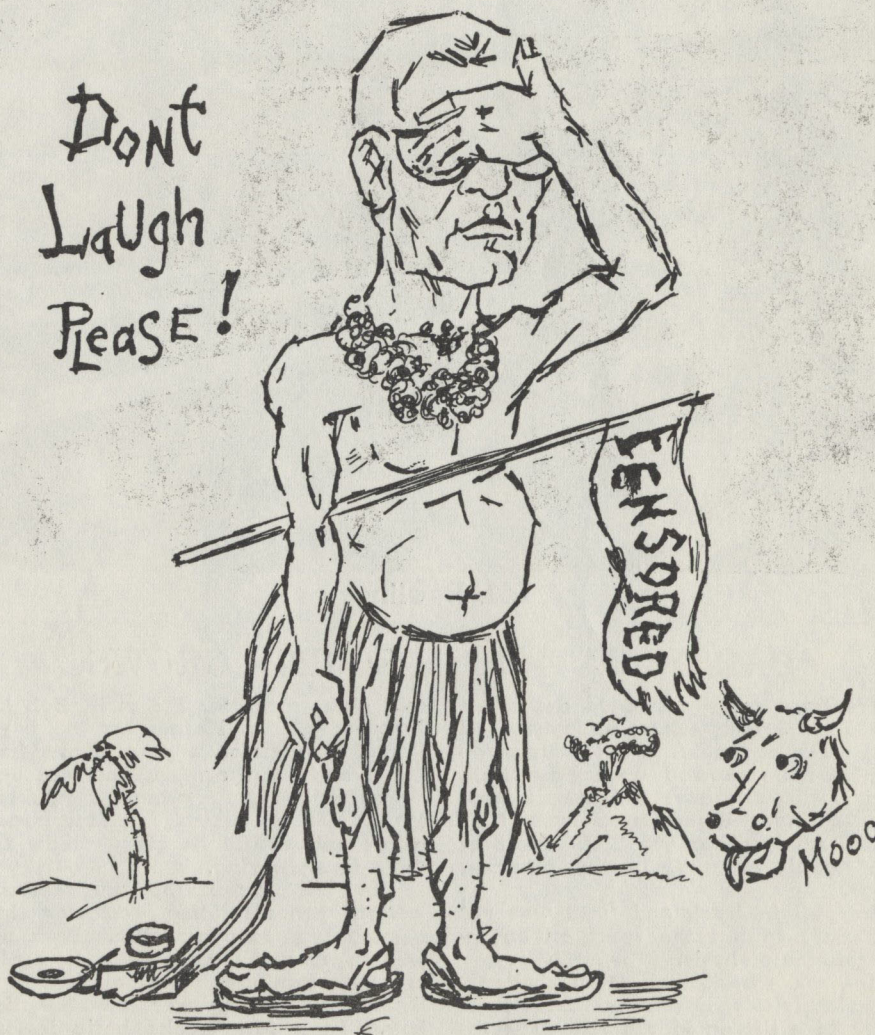
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edly, the silverware is untouched by human hands when it is washed. It is supposedly cleaner now than it was when dried with semi-clean towels.

For all skeptics who THINK the silverware is greasy, those large rainbow colored spots are merely soap. After all a little detergent is good for the stomach.

This article was purely fictional and should not be construed in any way to be derogatory or hypercritical. Any relation or coincidence between real and imagined situations was purely intentional.

Paul Vos



"Devil At Four O'Clock"

Athletes' Feats

Intramural basketball has been the primary sports attraction at Dordt the last few weeks. In spite of a few cancellations, competition is nearing

completion already. The boy's teams are scheduled to play six games each and the girls four games each. The standings of March 7 are as follows:

		MEN			
Place	Team Name	Captain	Year	Won	Lost
1	Dirty Dribblers	Fey	S	4	1
1	Flying Blue Angels	Groothuis	S	4	1
3	Dunkers	Bovenkamp	F	3	1
4	Cousy's Cousins	Krommendyk	F	2	2
5	Royals	De Jong	J	1	3
5	Wilt Stilts	De Boer	F	1	3
7	Push Overs	Gabrielse	F	0	4
		WOMEN			
1	Kittens	Baker	F	2	0
2	Fowlers	Dykshoorn	S	0	2

Intramural bowling is also under way. Final competition must be completed before spring vacation. No official results have been turned in as yet.

The first person to submit to the editor the correct number (or closest to it) of typographical errors in this issue of the DIAMOND will be given the privilege of writing the next editorial.

Noteworthy ---

—Dave Gabrielse

The Dordt College Concert Choir has released an itinerary for the spring tour which totals twenty-five hundred miles. April 3 is the beginning of Spring Vacation, and Monday, April 6, the choir will leave Sioux Center in the afternoon, and go to Volga, South Dakota, for their first performance. Oskaloosa, Iowa, will be the next stop for the night of April 7, and Wednesday, Kanawha, Iowa, will host the 36 members.

Thursday, April 9, a performance will be given in Dispatch, Kansas, and Friday will be Alamosa, Colorado's turn. Saturday will be spent sight-seeing in the Rocky Mountains, and Sunday a concert will be given in Denver. Monday morning, a concert will be given in the Denver Christian High School (and there is a possibility that the same will be done in Pella, Iowa).

The choir will return home early Tuesday morning in time to start classes on April 14. Special programs have been printed, and are available. Records will also be sold during the tour, and some of the hymns from the record will be sung by the choir while on tour. These hymns have been arranged from the Psalter Hymnal by the conductor of the Concert Choir, Mr. Dale Grotenhuis.

The purpose of the tour is not to advertise Dordt College, but it is primarily for the edification of the people who attend. However, the way the members act while staying in private homes can have an effect on the hosts, and can be a reflection on Dordt. May the choir members be able to say with the psalmist, "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing."

The Rat Race

11:10—English class dismissed. Students shove books into lockers, grab coats, dash to the Commons.

11:15—A rigid line forms along the walls of the Commons. Students hunched on multi-colored benches chat or read letters from home.

11:20—More students amble in and shuffle to the end of the line. The line extends to the dishroom window.

11:25—More students enter the dining hall, remove coats, and sidle up to friends in line. The line grows—internally.

11:30—Time to start serving. Cooks and servers make last-minute preparations. Students complain impatiently.

11:35—The line begins to move. Seven or eight students proceed through the door. Servers slap food on plates.

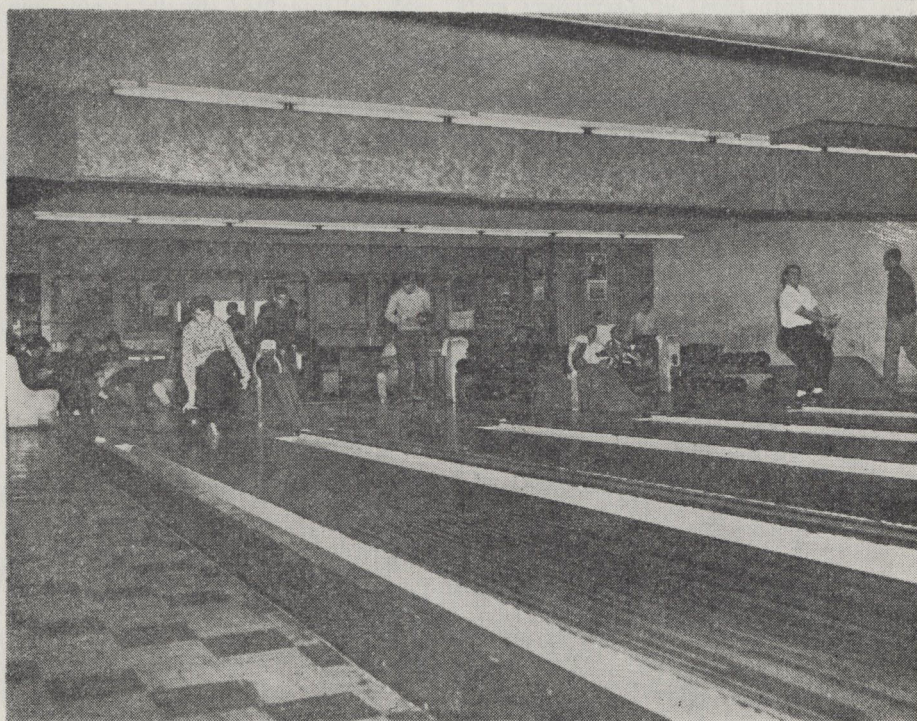
11:40—The last students in the line are still in their original positions.

11:45—The last ones are finally seated on the benches.

11:50—Served at last.

12:05—Gulp down the beans.

12:10—"Today in Child Development we are going to discuss the effects of emotional distress upon proper digestion of food."



I.M. Bowling

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS GROWS

Meetings were called to determine the student body's interest in baseball and track and field. A sufficient number of boys showed up for baseball, and Dordt will have a baseball team this spring. Competition will take place after spring vacation. Most of the details are still in the planning stage.

Interest in track and field was not sufficient to put the sport on an inter-collegiate basis.

The girl's basketball team challenged Gabrielse's intramural basketball team to a tilt on March 7th. The results—boys: 46, girls: 42—show that the men are still the stronger sex and by at least four points. Clarena Baker

was high scorer for the girls, Bob De Jong and Aldon Kuiper for the boys. Paul Moos put on a great second-half effort and therefore did not foul out.

The girls certainly have a talented team. They put on a determined effort and should be given credit for their fine showing.

The first part of the physical education program this semester has been geared to gymnastics. Both the women and the men have had elementary tumbling, trampolining, and Swedish vaulting over the Swedish box. In a few weeks basic lessons in tennis and golf will be given, followed by track and field.