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Goldwater Triumphs In Student's Mock Election

Dordt students cast 167 votes for Goldwater compared to 74 for Johnson in the mock election held Monday, November 2. This event, sponsored by the Political Science Club, produced an enthusiastic response from the student body.

Prior to the actual convention, ardent politicians posted placards supporting their favored candidates. Literature concerning the candidates' policies and personalities was distributed in an attempt to win support.

Demonstrations for both Goldwater and Johnson set the mood for the convention prior to the mock election.

Democrat chairman Grace Hummel led the Johnson fans through the halls and library amid wild cheers accompanied by noisemakers. The Republicans, under the leadership of Katie Haan, carried on a similar act as they marched through the main building and the dormitory lounge.

Once the students had assembled in the gym the clamor continued. Loyal Democrats chanted the familiar slogan, "All the way with L.B.J." and displayed signs proclaiming "ALL 'AYES' on JOHNSON." The more numerous Goldwater enthusiasts added to the din with Goldwater cheers and exhibited posters bearing such slogans as "Au+H2O+GOP+64=Victory" and "IN DEINEM HERZEN DU WEISST DAS ER RECHT HAT." One small masked Republican added her support with her sign, "Even Little Elephants Support GOLDWATER."

Only occasionally were strains of "Dixie Land," played by convention organist Jan Van Sant, audible above the uproar.

Rev. B. J. Haan, president of the college, gave the invocation. He impressed upon the students the guidance of God our nation's leaders need to fulfill their responsibilities and the guidance the citizens need to make responsible choices.

Presiding chairman Paul Vos led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance, after which the group sang the national anthem. In addition to the organ, Jim

Jouwstra and John Hilbelink provided trumpet accompaniment. The convention was then officially opened by the chairman.

The Democratic speaker, Mr. W. Lovelady, was introduced by Rich Verver. Mr. Lovelady, a native of England, received his Masters Degree from Cornell University and is presently Instructor in Speech at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Mr. Lovelady appealed to the emotions of the students, particularly directing his comments to the Republican section. He pointed out that much campaign material is merely emotional and is often slanted to influence the reader. He stressed the need to study facts rather than opinions. In comparing Goldwater's platform with that of Eisenhower and Nixon, Lovelady charged Goldwater of being, not a Republican, but a radical captured by extremism.

Mr. Lovelady concluded by encouraging voters to use reason and logic in their choice of a candidate. He said, "You must know in your mind who is right, not merely in your heart."

Next on the program was the Republican speaker, Mr. Merlyn Rehder, who was introduced by Norman Bomer. Mr. Rehder, of Hawarden, Iowa, is a graduate student at South Dakota State. He organized the Teen-age Young Republicans in Brookings County, South Dakota, and is an active Republican in other areas as well.

Mr. Rehder primarily used statistics to illustrate the faults of the Democratic administration. He pointed out the high percent of debt accumulated under the Democrats and the increase in unemployment. Furthermore, he listed a number of factors to prove the extremism of President Johnson's running mate, Hubert Humphrey. The data presented on the farm problem and the present price supports evoked considerable response. Mr. Rehder expressed the need for an administration which would provide more freedom with more responsibility.

Party demonstrations followed each

First Merchant Of Venice Production Wednesday Night

Wednesday evening is the first Thalian production of Shakespeare's tragedy, **The Merchant of Venice**. It will also be given on Thursday and Friday evenings, November 12 and 13, at 8:00 p.m.

Because of peculiar seating arrangements, there will be no reserved admission. People who have a distance problem should arrange for seat reservations. Dave Vander Plaats and Ron Blankespoor are in charge of these reservations. Ticket prices are: adults \$1.00, and students 50 cents.

The Merchant of Venice is a composition employing the favorite relishes of the Elizabethan audiences: revenge, love, and humor. It is a play of variety and of conflict both in its collection of characters and its theme, and each of these composite elements depends for its efficacy upon the art of characterization and contrast of scenes.

SPORTS FLASH!

Dordt's first game—just eight days away. Defenders to play Emmetsburg at Hull Western Christian, Tuesday, Nov. 17. Coach says team has "good potential." Details in "Athletes Feats" on page 3.

Choir At St. Cloud Rally

The Dordt Concert Choir left campus at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 23, for St. Cloud, Minnesota. There they took part in the Back to God Hour Rally held in the St. Cloud Armory.

The speaker was Dr. Joel Nederhood, Associate Radio Minister of the Back to God Hour radio program. He combined the topics of Reformation Day and the 25th year of the Christian Reformed radio program in a very interesting and informative speech.

The choir sang five appropriate numbers which were very well received. Immediately following the rally the choir reassembled themselves in the Greyhound bus, ready for the 250 mile drive home. At 3:30 A.M. they piled sleepily from the bus after reaching the campus dormitory.

THANK YOU!

A warm and sincere thanks to all of you — Administration, Faculty, Faculty wives, Librarians, Custodians, Students — for contributing so generously, participating so wholeheartedly, and making the Election Night Party a memorable success!

of the speeches. Students then proceeded to the four precincts to cast their ballots.

Of the 323 students registered, 250 exercised their privilege to vote. In addition to the votes cast for Johnson and Goldwater, there was one write-in vote for Alfred E. Newman and eight ballots were illegal.

Les Beaux Arts

by Dick Leerhoff

If you should ask someone what one single feature is most characteristic of an art work, most people would probably say that unity is an essential feature of art. Some would say that unity and art are synonymous; art could not exist without unity. Unity does play a part in art, but it is unfortunate that there are so many misconceptions of unity.

Theodore L. Shaw gives a good definition of unity when he says, "Unity, in an art work, consists in and is measured by, the speed and ease with which the mind can summarize it as a whole." A circle on a canvas is an example of complete unity. Such a painting is immediately and easily summarized by the mind. However, is this necessarily a good painting since it has unity? In my last article I suggested we judge art by its tiring speed. If we use such a criterion, the painting of the circle is very poor since it tires almost immediately. Thus we can see that complete unity is no virtue in art.

Unity and simplicity go hand in hand. Any painting which is simple is easily summarized by the mind; therefore, it is unified. However, as more diverse elements are introduced into a painting it will not be so easily summarized; consequently, the painting is leaning more toward disunity. Disunity of course would be the total inability of the mind to summarize the whole of a painting. Unity moves in an interesting cycle. I said before that complete unity begins with utter simplicity. However, as more elements are introduced the unity decreases until finally with the addition of enough foreign elements the painting becomes completely disunified. Now an interesting thing begins to happen. If more elements are added to this disunified picture, the painting will become utter confusion and chaos, and consequently we again reach unity—the unity of confusion. Thus a chaotic painting also has unity according to our definition since the mind can immediately summarize it as an impossibility to understand. These paintings also have an extremely high speed of tiring.

What does all this mean for the artist and those who enjoy art? It means simply this: the good artist knows how to play unity against disunity. He will create a painting without complete unity nor complete disunity; therefore, he will create a painting that is still comprehensible but does have enough interest to keep the painting from tiring quickly.

These ideas on unity will also help us to understand some trends in modern art. Some contemporary artists have experimented with the complete unity of simplicity and chaos. Whether these paintings have made a great contribu-

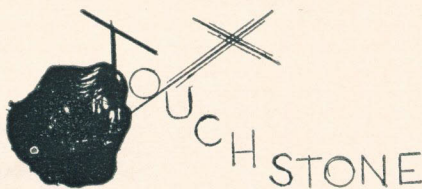
tion to the art world is still questionable, but if we understand unity, we may better understand some paintings which at first glance seem to be outside the decent bounds of art.

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Lights! Curtain! Action! And once again we find a group of actors diligently rehearsing their parts, striving to remember lines and stage manners. Time and again we hear the call of mixed emotions—Cut!—and all action suddenly stops.

Let us pause here while Mr. Koldenhoven (director) gives one of the cast members a few ideas of interpretation.

By now you have heard that Thaliens is presenting a play by the immortal playwright William Shakespeare. **The Merchant of Venice** is a great challenge to the Thaliens, but most of the difficulties have already been conquered. The stage has been expanded, lights have been adjusted, and costumes are on the way. The one difficulty that now remains is production night itself. Tension mounts and nerves become jangled as production dates, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 11, 12, and 13, draw nearer, but Thalian members have survived the tumult in the past and will survive in the future.



by Alan Huisman

Luther by John Osborne. 125 pages. The new American Library, 1963.

This new play by John Osborne (author of **Look Back in Anger**) is a religious epic. The story of Luther has never been so dramatically portrayed. Certainly, the dramatic potential in Luther's life has always been present. But, as least in our circles, Luther has been edified to such a pinnacle of sainthood that we are incapable of thinking of him in terms of human interaction.

However, Luther was a man and he was human—and Osborne's play is almost unnervingly honest. Luther doubts, Luther loses his temper, Luther sweats.

Osborne also takes some candid looks at Roman Catholic priesthood. In the words of Brother Weinand, "there are plenty of priests with dirty ears administering the sacraments." Now is the Pope overlooked. Luther has at least two speeches which cuts him down to size:

I don't care—what pleases or displeases the Pope. He is a man. and:

He seems a good man, as Popes go. But it's not much for a world that sings out for reformation. I'd say that's a hymn for everyone.

If you want to keep Luther on his distant pedestal, don't read the play. This Luther lives a life not generally associated with saints, and uses a few words not generally spoken by leaders in the church. You may be shocked.

But if you want a penetrating portrait of one of the founders of our faith and the events of his life during his break with the church, please read it. It is powerful religious drama.

Student Representatives Elect Officers



On October 25, the student representatives met for the purpose of electing officers. The new officers are Rod Vander Ley, president; Phil Kok, vicar; and Mavis Assink, secretary-treasurer.

Rod Vander Ley, a senior, is a resident of Harrison, South Dakota. He is presently working for his Bachelor of Arts degree in the pre-seminary course.

Phil Kok, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Michigan, is also studying in the pre-seminary course. Besides being a student representative, Phil is also a member of the intramural council.

Mavis Assink, a senior from Lynden, Washington, is an English major, enrolled in the secondary education course. Mavis also served as the secretary-treasurer for last year's student representative body.

"Liberty has never come from the government . . . The history of liberty is the history of the limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it."
—Woodrow Wilson

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."
—Benjamin Franklin

Those given to white lies soon become colorblind.

Athletes' Feats

by Dale Claerbaut

Enthusiasm and optimistic expectation are building up in the student body as the 'buckets squad' enters its final week of practice prior to its first game. Hull's Western Christian auditorium will host the Junior College of Emmetsburg, Iowa. This game, as well as the other home games will be free to Dordt students. A large turnout is anticipated to cheer the Defenders on to its first victory.

Mr. Calsbeek commented concerning the team: "I can say this. Currently there is a lot of good potential. We have height this year which is one improvement over last year. As far as the first ball games are concerned, they are to show what the team can do under pressure. I expect to play a lot of men."

The team consists of fourteen men presently—one junior, four sophomores, and nine freshmen. Coach will choose his final dozen after the team has played a few games.

Last year Dordt got off to a fast start and piled up a 6-0 record before bowing to Eagle Grove. Among its victims were Emmetsburg and Freeman who are two of Dordt's first foes again this year. Can this year's team repeat last year's fine start? I've asked Dennis De Kok, the team's junior, how he sizes up the team. "Our first three weeks of practice have involved a lot of strenuous running to get in shape. It appears, through this aspect, that we have a high-spirited team ready to do a lot of hard work. My outlook for the team this year is quite optimistic."

On Nov. 19, the team will travel to Norfolk, Neb. to battle Nebraska Christian College. Norfolk is 125 miles from Sioux Center. Dordt's first post-turkey game is Nov. 30 at Freeman, S. D.

Student Council Reports

... Following elections, a variety program was scheduled for December 4.

... The Christmas party is scheduled for Thursday, December 17. Committees were appointed and consist of the following: decoration committee—Cecelia D., Arnie V. D., and Hans A.; food committee—Joan D. V., and Rich V.; program committee—Pohn M., and John A.

... The student representatives encourage the students to refer their opinions and grievances to their student representatives. The **Diamond** is also open for letters.

Too much idleness, I have observed, fills up a man's time much more completely, and leaves him less his own master, than any sort of employment whatsoever.

—Edmund Burke



Back row (left to right): Coach Frank Calsbeek, Dennis De Kok, Jim Den Ouden, George De Vries, Gary Kamps, Marvin Slings, John De Vries, Willie De Boer, Vernon Fedders.

Front row (left to right): Dwight Baker (Manager), Bud Den Ouden, Don Ver Meer, Dale Claerbaut, Bill Janssen, Gerry Stiemsma, Leon Feddes, Derrel Lourens (statistician).

Intramural Report

The Theologians, a group of young men with outstanding athletic prowess, proved themselves to be kings of the football mountain here at Dordt. They gained this recognition by defeating The Little Men 19-6, in the final game of a successful intramural season. This band of gridiron greats includes the following sophomores: Woody Bouma (capt.), Eldon Dyk, Larry Meyer, Jerry Korn, Aldon Kuiper, Vern Haagsma, Phil Kok, Bob De Jong, and Paul Moos.

The "also rans" were The Little Men, The Studs, and The Offenders. These teams, although not winners, provided stiff competition and caused The Theologians much "sweat of the brow."

The very tough job of officiating these games was handled by Ken Post, Larry Redeker, Bernie Bovenkamp, Rod De Boer, Jim Streelman, and Pete Leenheer. They did an excellent job, despite the usual and expected question as to whether they were blind or not.

Intramural bowling is now well under way. Several team members have already completed their ten games. Those teams who have not finished are requested to complete their bowling as soon as possible.

P.E. classes have been playing volleyball of late, and much interest has been generated. To accommodate this enthusiasm the I.M. Council has planned a meeting, which will likely be held the week of the ninth to discuss and make plans for an intramural volleyball season.

To look is one thing. To see what you look at is another. To understand what you see is a third. To learn from what you understand is still another. But to act on what you learn is what really matters.

Cheerleaders

Cheerleaders have been chosen for our 1964-65 basketball season. This year we students will be led in cheers by five girls rather than four as in the past.

Tryouts were held Saturday morning, October 24. The judges were composed of Student Representatives and Delta Sigma Kappa officers. After the ten students who competed had performed, comments, arguments, and opinions were given.

After many rounds of discussion and balloting, Donna Van Wyngarden, Judy Post, Loretta Folkerts, Rose Joling, and Joan Roetcisoender were chosen. Their voice, co-ordination, leadership, ability, pep, and over-all enthusiasm were considered in the final decision.

These five girls are already busy every night working on old and new cheers for the coming season.

Philosophy Club To Organize

A group of eminent philosophers are gathering at the feet of Mr. Van Til. These young contemplators of those things metaphysical have formed a philosophy club under the tutorship of the above named sophist.

The dialecticians hope to meet every other Saturday evening in the Faculty Room, now dubbed the Academy. As a guideline for the discussions, **Symbol and Myth in Contemporary Philosophy** will be used.

No formal organizational meeting has been held as yet. However, since even philosophers can not live on food for thought alone, a committee has been named to supply tangible lunches.

"Theosophy"

by Harold De Jong

(Editor's Note: **Theosophy** is a new column designed to add depth and variety to the **Diamond**. It is sponsored by a group of students who will delve into prominent philosophical and theological questions.)

After a cursory inspection of the history of philosophy from the beginning of recorded theoretical thought with Thales of Miletus (died circa 546 B.C.) until the present time, one discovers that most of the philosophers found their ultimate within the created order.

Thales himself theorized water to be the unifying principle of the apparent diversity in the universe. Subsequent philosophical investigation lead others to postulate the absolute as fire, flux, static Being or the universal forms of Plato. The modern Renaissance philosophers who placed utmost confidence in reason were followed by a reactionary movement initiated by Kant in the direction of empiricism and intuitionism which has led to phenomenism and modern liberal theology respectively.

However, there is a marked similarity in all these approaches. The unifying aspect is that every ultimate was derived by means of reason, although not all philosophers postulated reason as the Ultimate. But all did derive their absolute from within the thinking subject or from some specific facet of observed phenomena. Even the Medieval philosopher—theologians, adopting Greek philosophical categories, plunged into this cacophany of rationalism.

R. J. Rushdoony said that such philosophies "must resort to antinomies and paradoxes, because (their) basically religious faith is apostate faith and hence (has) no law or norm beyond itself or some aspect of creation." Thus the philosophical trends mentioned are really expressions of the apostate mind seeking to establish its supposed autonomy. Men oriented in this manner will not look to God first but to man. This trend originated in Eden when Adam made himself judge on the basis of his own autonomy rather than obey God's command. Since then man has exalted himself as judge of both God and the world. Some chose the apple, others the orange, but all got a lemon!

Only if man categorically accepts God as the Absolute, can he expect to arrive at ultimate truths and principles. Only if man's religious orientation is firmly grounded in God, can he anticipate finding unity in the diversities of the cosmos.

Election Night Festivities

The Commons erupted into a hall of revelry election night. The faculty and their wives sponsored a party of fun, informal speakers, games, food, and television-viewing for the Dordt College notables (i.e., students and "all good Americans").



Election '64

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by Glenn Van Wyhe

A soft white cloud floated in the night sky. Far away stars twinkled in their deep blue setting, and the moon washed the buildings and roads of Washington in silver. A huge, powerfully-built figure leaned over the edge of the cloud and gazed thoughtfully down on the peaceful panorama.

Almost two centuries ago this nation had been born when a handful of patriots decided that liberty was worth more than peace. Now it was the mightiest nation on earth—or it once had been. What had happened to the days of those proud defenders of freedom? How could the descendants of these men accept what was happening without lifting a finger? How could they let any foreign country humiliate them? How could they let their rights be taken from them by the men in this city below? How could they let these men control them and tax them unmeritorily?

Was this the same nation that produced men like Patrick Henry, who said, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"? Was this the same nation that produced men like Washington and Jefferson who believed that there had to be strength to secure peace and maintain liberty? Did the minute men whose blood stained the river red near Concord belong to this nation? Did the Yanks and the Rebels die for a doomed ideal? Was this the same nation that produced Abraham Lincoln, who said, "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."?

Below were men who lazily sat and

did nothing, who relied on the government for everything; men who had lost all will and individual initiative; men who had lost the ability to think for themselves. There had been an election; there had been a choice. These hollow people could finally have stood straight up and become men again. They had overwhelmingly voted it down; they had chosen the easy path to socialism. "Lord, what fools these mortals be."

And the god laughed.

Have Gun, Will Form Club

To provide a proper outlet for trigger-happy youth, several students are thinking of forming a gun club, to be composed of responsible, active members. This organization, when formed, would sponsor target practice meets, hold discussions on local state game laws, emphasize safety rules, provide a thorough knowledge of guns, and in general increase the level of sportsmanship. This proposed club would probably affiliate with the National Riflemen's Association. The requirements for membership in the N.R.A. are:

- (a) a financial sponsor
- (b) a target range, preferably indoors.

The help of the local game warden has already been acquired. Arvin Van Ry, one of the would-be organizers, would like to meet with anyone willing to join him in organizing this club.

Navy To Visit Campus

The Navy Officer Information Team consisting of Lt. G. E. Bodenner and Lt. (j.g.) H. L. Hartman will be on the Dordt College campus November 20, 1964. They will be available to prospective graduates, both men and women, interested in obtaining a commission in the U. S. Navy. The Navy offers various programs to the college graduate, Line, Supply, Engineering, Aviation and many others. Arrangements may be made with the Information Team to take the Officer Qualification Test while they are on campus.

Canadian Rockies

On Display



James Forshee will present a travelogue on the beautiful Canadian Rockies. This, the second of the series, may be seen Friday, November 20, in the Dordt College Auditorium. The former travelogues have been interesting and well attended. The pictures on the Canadian Rockies should also be excellent.

The travelogue program has had a substitution in the schedule due to illness. On January 15, Owen Lee's "Inner Space" will replace "African Animals" by Larry Linnard. Owen Lee had done work on his subject, undersea exploration, in the **National Geographic** magazine.

Note for those wishing to save money: season tickets are still on sale.

Norman Luboff To Perform Tomorrow Night

The Norman Luboff Choir will give the second program of the Sioux County Concert Series. The performance will be given Tuesday, November 10, at 8:00 P.M., in the Northwestern College Auditorium.

The traveling company includes twenty-eight mixed voices and four instrumental musicians, with Mr. Luboff directing. The fact that this recording choir has sold over 2,500,000 copies of its records illustrates its acceptance by the public.

Norman Luboff has done graduate work in composition and orchestration, and has taught music theory. A well-known arranger, Mr. Luboff took his choir to Hollywood in 1948 to make the first record. Mr. Luboff, his wife, and two teen-age children live in London.

Now that Khrushchev has retired he'll probably be relying on Socialist security.

Fine Arts Program

Many people who are interested in music attended the Fall Fine Arts Program presented by the Dordt College Music Department November 4 and November 6.

The Wednesday night performance was mainly for adults. The concert band made its second public appearance for this year. Other numbers in the program included the vocal ensemble, the recorder ensemble, and the male chorus. Kathy Buteyn, a senior at Dordt College, favored the audience with a soprano solo. Sharon Van Til, also a senior, played a piano solo which she herself had composed. The Trumpet Trio presented a number which was composed by Jim Jouwstra, a junior at Dordt. Mr. Worst, director of the concert band, played a tuba solo.

Friday evening more emphasis was placed on children's music. The concert band, vocal ensemble, the recorder group, and the male chorus were again featured.

The special number for the evening was a tenor solo by Mr. Gary Warmink, director of the chorale choir.

If the size of the audience is a determining factor, the programs were a success.

Guret Addresses Pre-Sem Club

At the second session of the year, held on Oct. 24, 1964, the Pre-Sem club drew large attendance, showing strong interest for the adopted program, in which guest speakers introduce the topics for discussion. Since the topics are selected to fit the area of specialization of each speaker, the element of personal experience given by the speaker creates added interest in the discussion.

A special word of appreciation was expressed by the group to Rev. and Mrs. Haan for the use of their basement for the meetings, as well as for the delicious lunches prepared for us.

Mr. Guret favored the group with his presentation of the topic, "The Minister as Speaker and Reader." Regarding the function of the minister as speaker, he divided this into two roles: that of public and private speaker. As a public speaker, Mr. Guret explained to us that a speaker without a cooperative audience is meaningless; therefore, one should pray for his audience to be receptive to his words. Then, to fulfill the role of private speaker, one must be a Bible leader as well as a "maternal" friend to those whom you are counseling.

Shifting to the other main point of division, namely, the minister as reader, we were advised to read with discretion, since the field of literature is very broad and a minister's time is quite limited. Literature must reveal our "foreign" position to God. Secular literature tells us negatively what the Bible states positively. Underlying this quest of men for truth and wisdom, Mr. Guret showed us our right to come boldly to the throne of God for direction, as is stated in Scripture: "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find."

The Special Subscriber Organization

The Special Subscriber group originated informally six years ago with its main purpose being to subsidize the running expenses of Dordt. Little is heard of this group, although it has already played an important role in Dordt's development. Recently the Board of Trustees selected a temporary Board of Directors and instructed it to formally organize this group into the Special Subscriber Organization. A draft constitution was drawn up and received the approval of the Board of Trustees. In the near future, the proper organizational meeting will be held. There are presently 175 members in this group, but plans are to increase this to approximately five hundred.

Many persons who are financially capable are invited to join this group to provide stability to the program of Dordt College. Both regular and associate memberships are available. Membership requires a minimum annual gift of \$25.00 which is to be above and beyond normal quotas and yearly fund campaigns.

To quote from the proposed constitution, the purpose of the organization is "to recognize, consolidate, and expand the efforts of its members . . . in order to give greater financial stability to the college in its operational and developmental programs with a view to securing academic quality and prestige of the institution." This organization will eventually build up a sizable endowment to stabilize college finances.

Student efforts could greatly aid this organization. Here is a chance where we as Dordt students could provide contacts in our home-towns. We should advertise this group at every opportunity and suggest possible members to Mr. R. J. Dykstra, the Administrative Field Director, or to any Administration member. Through student action, this organization could rapidly expand, realize its purpose, and form a key group for the prestige of Dordt in its development.

Political Science Club

Undertakes . . .

As an act of good will to the student body the Political Science Club has initiated a library political science file. This file will contain whatever informative materials the club may be able to collect concerning various political organizations and parties.

Furthermore, as a necessary act in regard to the club treasury, ten of the pseudo-politicians picked loose corn last Saturday in spite of the inclemency of the weather and the travails of labor. They increased the club's assets by forty dollars.

It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle it without debate.

—Joubert



by Jay Levering

Soon after his great cruise which had taught him that only a well-balanced vessel can navigate properly, Barclay Jerome again returned to his first love, farming. He soon became a prosperous farmer whose weedless acres were the envy of all. He grew and prospered until he could grow and prosper no more, for no matter how much fertilizer and weed control one utilizes, one can get only a certain amount of crops off a certain amount of acres. It was with this in mind that the farmer branched off into a different project which he felt would greatly enhance his fame.

He undertook the raising of fine white geese. To accommodate the geese, he built a brick building which he called "Trotd." Just for kicks he also started a sideline operation for his wife, Allegretto, that of raising yellow canaries, whose chirping was beautiful, occasionally.

Success was immediate. The farmer's geese-raising operation was soon a widely acclaimed enterprise. All agreed that the beautiful white geese marching in uniform splendor was indeed a sight to behold.

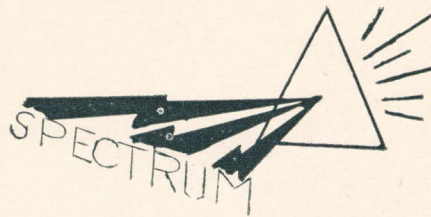
Occasionally, however, some of the geese in the course of meandering throughout the farm would pick up a bur or weed seed as a result of stretching their wings too far. The farmer, however, quickly plucked these burs from their down in order that they would provide a unified spectacle to the public.

Once in a while, however, despite the valiant efforts of the farmer, the public would see one of the geese entangled in burs. They would laugh and deragate the farmer's operation. This enraged the farmer and he decided upon immediate steps which would halt the scattered instances of the blemishing burs. "Those stupid geese," he muttered, "They know nothing of virtue and good conduct. I'll handle this with force," and force he used.

The geese were confined to their quarters under a strict curfew and when they were allowed to meander through the countryside, they were coveed with a heavy cloak of rules. This kept their feathers from brushing against weeds and becoming besmirched with grime. One thing could be said for the flock, however, it was pretty.

After four years of existing like this, the farmer removed the curfews and cloaks, and released the matured honkers to the public in order that they might lead productive lives patterned after the life on the farm.

To the dismay of all, many of the geese were soon covered with burs for they were so dependent upon the cloak of rules that they had never learned to avoid the burs with their own resources.



CANADIAN AFFAIRS

by Winsen Elgersma

We have just witnessed another general election. Washington, it appears, will be erupting with Democrats. With the proceedings still fresh in our minds, it may be well if we examine the method used in which we as Canadians elect our government officials.

The representation in the government is based upon population. That is to say, the more people in a given area, the more representatives they have. This is true except for two provinces, Ontario and Quebec. These two provinces have a representation of sixty-five members each. This particular number was established in the British North American Act.

There are four nationally organized parties; the liberal Party, now in power, and the Progressive Conservative Party. These are the two major parties. The two lesser or splinter parties are the Social Credit Party and the New Democratic Party.

When electing a government, the people of Canada choose one of the four candidates, representing a particular part, from within their own constituency or district. Canadians do not vote specifically for a Prime Minister. The leader of the party which returns the majority number, becomes the Prime Minister.

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LIBERAL

"May they rest in peace."

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CONSERVATIVE

by Norman Bomer

I can't stop thinking about the story which I read today in my history book, or the picture of that man the story told about. Let me relate to you a few portions which I especially remember from reading and looking at the picture.

The picture was of a man. He was indeed a smart dresser. His coat was nothing flashy, but its style was so pleasing that it would have been appropriate anywhere at anytime. There was a crest of an eagle on the pocket, and I could plainly see that it had been sewn there with great care and pride. The buttons which held the coat so nicely in place were blood red, but they were only noticeable at second glance because his left hand was adorned with a fabulously beautiful ring which immediately caught my eye.

He held in his right hand a black book entitled HOLY BIBLE, although he didn't seem to be paying much attention to it as I noted the expression on his face.

Looking closely, I could see many scars on his hands, but his eye was

trained on the ring, and in his admiration (as I learned from reading about his tragic decline) he forgot completely the scars and how they had gotten there.

It was obvious that an unknowing onlooker would think this man to be accomplished and free from heavy burden. Actually, he was afflicted with a very deadly and contagious disease which was rapidly spreading through his body. When he ate certain foods, his body experienced very little pain, but his doctors informed him that these were the very foods upon which the disease thrived. However, since the pain was so minute as long as he ate this way, he told all his friends that the doctors were either crazy or they were lying because they coveted his beautiful ring.

Sewn into his coat lining were words which had been handed down in his family for many generations. These words were of great wisdom, and as I read on, I learned that they had protected and guided him and his forefathers through many perils. The words were always over his heart where the disease had not yet taken hold. The title of these words is unknown today, but it is known from remnants that still exist, that it began with the letters CONS. I assume it was his conscience, but since I have been taught that there is no such such thing today, I must admit it is only an assumption. Sadly, though his heart was yet strong, the disease was rampant in his brain and it had spread so intensely that his arm and ring hand were no longer very useful.

There are so many things I can't understand about this fascinating person and his story. Up to his death his heart remained strong, and it was the last to be diseased. He was buried with his coat; his book was burned. The beautiful ring was taken from his hand.

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The Office Of The President



What function does President Haan perform at Dordt College? I see him walking around the campus and talking to everyone, but what does he do anyway? Such questions have been voiced to students, as well as by students of Dordt.

President Haan's duties and responsibilities have expanded with the development of Dordt. It is his responsibility to give leadership to the Board of Trustees in the academic, facility, and financial development program of the college. But most important, his task is to pilot the college in the realization and fulfillment of its goals as a Christian, Calvinistic college.

As executive head of the college, the president is responsible to the Board of Trustees, executing the decisions of the Board. He delegates the responsibilities of the administrative and college personnel. Only via the president do the college personnel have access to the Board of Trustees.

Perhaps students feel that the faculty has a strangle hold on them at times, especially during mid-semesters, but President Haan in turn keeps his eye on the faculty, for he is chairman of the faculty, as well as chairman of the Academic Personnel and Educational Policy Committees. He also functions as the recruiter for additional faculty personnel as the need arises.

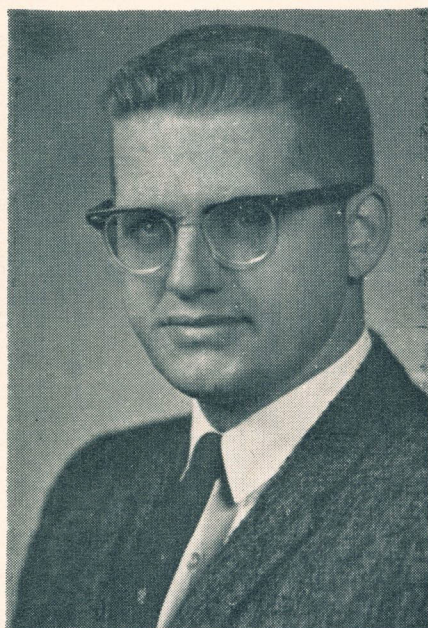
Regarding public relations President Haan acts as the chief representative of the college to the public. This function answers the question of those persons who ask why he is the "Walky-Talky" instrument of Dordt, for he seeks to promote rapport between the college and its constituency.

Each Sunday finds President Haan taking up his ministerial duties, for he feels duty bound to fulfill any congregational need of a pastor where the need evinces itself, while simultaneously working to cement relationships between the college and its constituency.

To enrich a student's spiritual, academic, and social life, to develop a

Christian culture through the nurture of the rational-moral life of each student, and to foster a closer personal student relationship with his Lord, are the basic aims which Dordt College seeks to fulfill, and which President Haan seeks to guide. This is needed in our present age. Since tensions are mounting in this world, let us remain faithful citizens of God's kingdom.

Duties Of The Dean



Dr. Ribbens, Dean of Dordt, also serves as registrar and director of admissions. Although he has been at Dordt since its inception, he obtained his Doctorate in August 1963, from Colorado State which is located at Greeley, Colorado.

Prior to the arrival of students at Dordt, Dean Ribbens corresponds with them, processes their application forms, transcripts, and references, notifies them of acceptance or rejection, arranges their registration procedures, advises them in the selection of courses, and sets up their course schedules.

After the students arrive, the maintenance of permanent personal and academic student records begins. Preparation of the student-faculty directory and the school catalog are also duties of the Dean. Since exam week has been eliminated, Dean Ribbens should have one less headache this semester.

To give academic guidance and counseling, to check that students are meeting graduation requirements, and to evaluate student academic progress are included in the Dean's responsibilities.

Since at present Dordt is seeking accreditation from North Central, Dean Ribbens is extremely busy for he must co-ordinate the efforts of all the faculty committees which have been organized to aid in meeting the accreditation standards. These same committees are working on an institutional self-survey of Dordt which has been requested by

the Iowa Department of Public Instruction for accreditation purposes. In order to fulfill such requirements successfully, the Dean must remain posted on all academic affairs of higher education. And all academic regulations are supervised by him.

Whenever President Haan is absent from the college, Dean Ribbens takes official charge, but have no fear, for he has been at Dordt almost as long as President Haan.

Administrative Economy



Mr. Neal Boersma is the Business Manager at Dordt. Prior to his appointment four years ago, he served as the superintendent of Field Representatives for Pine Rest Christian Hospital. He commutes to and from Inwood, Iowa, each day.

Although many students seldom see Mr. Boersma during the course of the school term, he is present when each semester commences to receive the students' payments. An interesting fact is that the total income of tuition represents 55.2 per cent of the general budget, the remainder being absorbed by denominational offerings, quotas, personal gifts, and the Foundational Day Drive. Excluding student housing and dining hall expenses, the fiscal budget for this year is \$302,695.00. So one realizes that Mr. Boersma is a valuable man around Dordt.

The Business Manager assists the college president in drawing up the fiscal budget for the coming school year. This budget is based on studies of other college and university standards. After the college president approves the proposed budget, the Board of Trustees deliberates it.

The functions of the Business Manager range from food purchasing to maintenance supplies. Mr. Boersma is also chairman of the housing committee and a member of the finance and building committees.

"Trick or Treat"



Editorial

The call it a Democrat landslide: the death of the conservative. This, the worst year for conservatives since 1936, is said to be ominous of their immediate extinction.

As Senator Goldwater was Mr. Conservative, so, they say, his political death is a symbol of the final gasps of his cause. Behold, they say, rising out of the decaying corpses of the conservatives, the new liberalism, the Great Society assumes form amidst the rancorous fumes of the unburied bodies. Now being ushered in, they say, is the new "Age of Liberalism," the period of the birth of "society" and the death of the individual, the birth of the world society and the death of the American.

But THEY are wrong. Dead wrong. The Conservative is the symbol of the spirit of America, and can never die. Amid defeat, disappointment, and despair, the conservative is still alive. The Calvinist conservative, placing individual responsibility above the great classless mass society, freedom above fiscal promise, liberty above life, refuses to die. His call re-echoes with that of the early American warrior: "We have barely begun to fight!" His cause is not on the decline; it is on the increase. The defeat of his candidate is not the writhing of his death spasms, but the first awkward motions of the reborn, revitalized American. The immortal call of the American: "Give me liberty or give me death!" is consistently contacting the heart of more and more revitalized Americans; is drowning out the dismal dirge of liberalism: "Better Red Than Dead."

Mr. Conservative has suffered his physical political death. But through this death will come the spiritual resurrection of the true Conservative: the real reborn American; and the salvation of liberty and freedom for America and the posterity of the world!

Letters To The Editor - -

November 2, 1964

Dear Editor:

I must congratulate the Political Science Club on their successfully conducted mock election. The main convention speakers, however, certainly did not help to achieve this. The Democrat speaker was entirely negative in his approach and made virtually no reference to any major election issue. The Republican speaker did not improve upon this but gave an economic survey, specializing in agriculture, and concluded with four summaries. I realize that a certain amount of "mud-slinging" seems to be necessary to satisfy the barbaric nature of unregenerate man, but more reference to basic election issues would have greatly raised the intellectual level of the convention. Politics is serious, even in a mock election.

If either of the speakers was a Christian, he did not show it. Both failed miserably to apply real Christian principles to politics. A pair of true Christians would have brought this convention into the realm of the spiritual. Real Christian politicians are certainly to be considered for any future mock election. We profess to be Christians—let us show it in all our activities.

Yours truly,

Bert Polman

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Dear Editor,

Strong partisan feeling is fine. However, we do not feel that this extends to handing out smear sheets after chapel.

Evidently the girls who handed out this literature did not listen too closely to Miss Hoogwerf's message or they would have reconsidered handing out the slanderous sheets they did.

Sincerely,

Deanna Ledeboer
Judy Van Der Veen
Lois Bulthuis
Audrey Van Manen
Anne Hoogendoorn

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Dear Editor,

As a member of the student body, I would like to see the office staff given the opportunity to attend chapel. They are equally members of the Dordt community, and would, I am sure, be most happy to attend. They know all of us by name and it seems a deletion not to have them join us in our two periods of weekly worship.

Anno Leenstra

Probability

For the second meeting of the Math Club, Dr. Alberda will speak on "Probability," a very interesting concept. Another item up for the club's consideration will be the adoption of a proposed constitution.

The club will be gathering on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m., to hear and discuss Dr. Alberda's presentation. We welcome all who are interested to come and join us.