CAMPUS EXPANDS LANDHOLDINGS

The Dordt College Board of Trustees met recently and reached several decisions affecting the development of the college. However, only one of these decisions can be released for publication at this time.

The Board has purchased 10 acres of land directly east of the campus. The new acquisition runs the entire length of the campus as it is now and extends east of the campus 429 feet. The land will be used for future expansion and will probably serve the needs of the athletic department.

DORDT INVITED TO ORAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

Dordt College Thalians have been invited to attend an oral interpretation seminar at Northwestern College on January 29th. Each college invited is allowed to enter participants in three given divisions of interpretation. Since the seminar is non-contest, there will be only one entry in each division, each entry will be critiqued by Professor Thompson of the University of Minnesota. Those Thalians entering and their respective divisions of interpretation are: Dick Leerhoff, John Vander Maten, Duane Nieuwsma, John Schuurman, and Dave Bloemendaal — Experiments in Group Reading of Fiction; Mamie Haan and Alan Huisman — Reading of Humorous Poetry; and Jeri Brower — Atmosphere Through Characterization. The seminar allows for much experimentation within each division—the only limitation is a fifteen minute time allotment for each entry. High school students are being invited to audit the seminar and discuss performances with Professor Thompson.

SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

A committee of professors has been formed to select a program for the spring meeting of the lecture series on science and the Christian faith. The committee consists of four teachers: Dr. Alberda of Dordt, who acts as chairman of the committee, Dr. De Young and Dr. Mennega, both of Dordt, and Mr. Blankespoor, of Western Christian High.

The science teachers of the area formed the committee to select a topic for the spring meeting and to keep the lecture series known to the public. The committee hopes that the spring meeting will be as well attended as was the fall meeting in which the concept of day as used in Genesis was discussed.

CHEMICAL RESEARCH

The research carried on by the Chemistry Department will be continued this summer. The National Science Foundation has approved a grant for high school teachers to do summer work in the lab.

Two high school chemistry teachers from the area will work this summer in collaboration with Dr. Maatman and Dr. Geels. A number of Dordt students will also perform research here.

PARDON US, PLEASE

The Diamond editors wish to apologize for omitting Mr. Huisman’s name as author of “Amahl and the Night Visitors” critique. This was due to an oversight and was not intended.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

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No Vacation for Practice Teachers

While the rest of us were peacefully wasting our vacations, the practice teachers were sweating uncomfortably in suits and heels. Their six-week assignment began Monday in many schools in the vicinity. Their respective schools and areas of instruction are as follows:

Bulthuis, Lois—Rock Rapids Public School (Central Lyon County Schools) Elem.—Third grade
Butryn, Jane—Orange City Christian School. Elem.—Fourth grade
De Boer, Douglas—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—History
De Kok, Dennis—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—Biology
Dorhout, Lois—Orange City Christian School. Elem. and Jr. High Music
Dykshoorn, Patricia—Sioux Center Christian School. Elem.—Fourth grade
Grootuis, Ivan—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—Biology
Hansenburg, D. Jay—Sioux Center Public High School. Sr. High—Biology
Jansen, Donald—Sioux Center Public Schools. Sr. High—History
Joling, Rose—Hull Christian Grade School. Elem.—Third grade
Kamstra, Deores—Sheldon Public School. Elem.—Third grade
Kemink, Ellen—Sioux Center Public School. Elem.—Third grade
Leenheer, Peter—Unity Christian High School. Sr. High—History
Mellema, Judy (Mrs.)—Orange City Christian School. Elem.—Kindergarten
Moss, Trina (Mrs.)—Sioux Center Public School. Elem.—Second grade
Mouw, Marilyn (Mrs.)—Rock Rapids Public School. Elem.—First grade
Mulder, Roselyn—Sioux Center Public School. Elem.—First grade
Pranger, Beverly—Sheldon Public School. Elem.—Fourth grade
Regnerus, Gary—Orange City Christian School. Jr. High—Social Studies
Rip, Janice—Rock Rapids Public School. Elem.—Kindergarten
Sichenga, Norma—Sioux Center Christian School. Elem.—First grade
Stryker, Glen—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—History
Stuurwold, Reta—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—English
Tanis, Karen—Sheldon Public School. Jr. High—English
Van Beek, Lois—Hull Christian School. Elem.—Fourth grade
Vander Maten, John (Jr.)—Rock Rapids Public High School. Sr. High—English
Vander Zee, Delmar—Unity Christian High School. Sr. High—Biology
Vande Voort, Paul—Sioux Center Public High School. Sr. High—Math
Van Dyken, Roger—Western Christian High School. Sr. High—History
Van Wyngarden, Donna—Sioux Center Public School. Elem.—Fourth grade
Ver Meer, Phyllis—Rock Rapids Public School. Elem.—Second grade
Vis, Roger—Sioux Center Christian School. Jr. High—Social Studies
Vos, Paul—Sheldon Public High School. Sr. High—History
Walhof, Bernice—Sheldon Public School. Elem.—Second grade
Westerveld, Arlene—Sheldon Public School. Elem.—First grade
Wolterstorff, Marvin—Sioux Center Public High School. Sr. High—Music

I-M Gems

Hard-court action dominated intramural activity for the fourth straight week. The ambitious RING-A-DINGS capped 4 straight victories to lead the 12-team competition with an 8-0 record. The once-feared SPARTANS were dumped into second place, ½ games behind. The PRAEtorians, another scrappy sophomore team, surrendered third-place to a highly-respected junior team, the BOUNCERS, while the junior THEOLOGIANS stole fourth place. With two or three games remaining for each intramural team, only the above five teams appear to be likely candidates for tournament action. These teams are trying to win points for your class—so give your team some moral support.

Your defense needs work, skins!

Latest news from the L-M council hints at a free-throw contest slated for the latter weeks of February. The details are somewhat vague at this time, however, it will be open to all members of the classes. Each charity-stripe shooter receives 25 tries for the most net-meshers. Separate competition will be held in men’s and women’s divisions. Everyone concerned with his class’s intramural point standing should humble his pride, boost his ego, and try “netting” some points. —JAB

London:
The birth rate dropped again last year for the third year in succession.

Hunters in Europe have lured deer within shooting range by hiring violinists to play to the animals.
What is the state of the Union? In an attempt to fulfill his constitutional obligation to “give to the Congress information of the state of the Union, and recommended for their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient,” President Johnson spoke at length concerning matters which he considered “necessary and expedient,” but he neglected to divulge the state of the union.

While the blood of America is buried in the mud of Viet Nam, the blood of American students at home is being gathered to aid the Viet Cong. While American Vietnicks are sending Anti-American tapes to Hanoi radio stations, Americans who visited North Viet Nam in violation of the Logan Act are going unpunished. While J. Edgar Hoover warns of the increasing onslaught of Communist infiltrators in the United States, the Senate is considering a Reciprocal Consular Treaty with Russia that would allow the Soviets to open offices in several U.S. cities.

The urgency of America’s position, however, failed to shine in the President’s low-key approach to our Viet Nam involvement. After hearing a reiteration of our determination to remain in Viet Nam, patriotic Americans waited in vain for the President to take them into his full confidence in regards to the war in which our sacrifice is so great. Instead, the President called for the highest budget in the nation’s history and asked for no new taxes. He suggested new proposals for social legislation at home and abroad. Ironically, he urged expanded trade with Communist nations which is a rather surprising approach for a nation at war with Communism.

Although President Johnson failed to voice the state of the Union, his appearance made it obvious.

**PRE-SEM CLUB REPORT**

The Rev. Louis Tamminga addressed the Pre-Sem Club on January 14. At the first meeting of the club in the new year he spoke on the subject of “Humanism.” Humanism defines ultimate values apart from the Bible; man is the starting point and the center of life. The Rev. Tamminga traced the history of humanism and pointed out its manifestations today in such areas as the arts, religion, science and ethics. He emphasized the role that the Christian should play in combating humanism in the area of politics. The Christian must realize that his covenant relationship to Christ is so immense that it includes the whole of life, leaving no room for neutrality. —JM

**Crossfire**

by Jim Vanden Bosch

Dear Reader: Since the Crossfire columnists refuse to see eye to eye on certain matters, they have made a mutual agreement to duel it out in the remaining Crossfire articles.

In a cross-eyed humanity two people fencers for truth are likely to end up in a crossfire of misunderstanding thrusts. Unfortunately no spectacles have yet been invented to relieve the cross-eyed. Neither is dark ignorance bliss when beams of light, however murky, invade it. Thus the spectacle-less cross-eyed find it necessary to begin levering for a hit, with no boshing around.

It has been the policy of past crossfiers to open a door of truth by slamming it. This paradoxical method can be justified if the door is worth opening. The stance of this fencer, however, is not concerned about whether a door is open or not worth slamming, for if a shambly door is slammed, it will merely disintegrate and by its disintegration reveal the trivial contents it supposedly hid. The stance of this fencer is concerned with the most valuable doors which when slammed tend to jar the structure and the occupants it contains. To jar the occupants is good, the structure bad.

Crossfiers have often spanked the “naughty group of piousity” at Dordt and have found delight in doing so since it is not often that an “innocent little boy” gets a chance at “big bad daddy.” For the “piousity” to admit wrong would create a bigger piddle for the “true at heart.” To blatantly deny the charges would be perjury. To undertake actions to rectify their plighty position would be resented and misunderstood. In the light of What Lasts they must make their choice.

A last parry about structure and occupants: if it is necessary to break the structure in order to injure the occupant...

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**THE STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS**

... that a biannual financial report will be published shortly after semester break...

... that two films have been ordered for Jan. 28 and Feb. 11, The Mouse That Roared and The Cardinal, respectively...

... that a critique on The Cardinal will be posted before it is shown...

... that music tapes for the Commons have been ordered...

... that the Student Handbook was discussed and revisions were made for the coming year.

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**YES, YOU!**

Thinking back over last semester, do you feel that you have given as much of your time and talents to school activities as you would have liked? Perhaps you are one who would like to contribute more this semester. The Arete provides an excellent opportunity for those interested in creative writing. Perhaps you're the Ogden Nash type and have six lines of humorous poetry to contribute, or maybe you have an essay or sketch lying around that would be publishable after a little polishing up. We are reminded that cash prizes totaling $100 will be awarded to those contributing the best selections. If you are interested in making the Dordt student publication a success, consider submitting something this year. Yes, you will be the winner, if not of a cash prize, then of at least knowing that you did your part. The deadline of March 30 is nearing, so don't put it off. The library has a few copies of last year's Arete for you to look through if you would like.
Editorial

"Be home on time." This familiar parental reminder still rings in our ears from our Junior High days of exploration. "If you're in after 10:30 you will have to stay home Friday night!" This continued until the bliss of a 12:00 evening in high school indicated that we had "arrived." And I'm sure we all thank our parents for this instruction. Most of us got the point.

But then we entered college, and once again we were submitted to the Junior-Highish, or at least low Senior-Highish, embarrassment of an early curfew. Why is it necessary for college students to submit to these silly restrictions? Is it because we are not trusted, or because there are so many temptations to which we will undoubtedly yield, or simply because we need our sleep?

The classic argument for a curfew is to compare our record of student behavior with those colleges which do not impose a curfew. But this comparison is not valid. If its defenders mean to suggest that if we lift the curfew, our record would look more like a state school's, they haven't much faith in our Christian background. Nor do they have much respect for us as individual Christians. Most of us have professed our faith, yet those to whom we made this profession indicate strongly that they are not quite sure we meant it.

The curfew is unnecessary, ineffectual, overly stringent, and indicative of a strong mistrust of Dordt's Christian students. Its very presence would indicate that Dordt is a school of juvenile delinquents who need to be taught the values of moderation.

We give Dordt students credit for knowing when they are sleepy and knowing their Christian limits. Now let's see if they can be trusted to stay within them.

PROGRESS REPORT

Even though Signet '66 entered the planning stages early last summer, it is now becoming a reality. The first deadline is February 15, when eighteen facing page groups are due. These pages include the opening section, one of this year's innovations.

The student pictures have been received from the photographer and must now be identified and laid out. Additional club pictures will be taken in the first weeks of the new semester. Something new and different is being done with the club section this year; students are asked to give their full cooperation.

The best and certainly the most exciting acquisition has been the reception of a gift photograph from Dordrecht, Holland. This will be used in the front piece. It is a great honor to receive this photograph and to be granted publication permission. The only other such photograph available in the country, to our knowledge, is in the Beham Archives in New York City.

Many have asked about the size of the annual. Yes—it will be larger, approximately twenty pages have been added. Yes—it will contain a color photograph in addition to some duotones and spotcolor. Yes—it will be different, not better perhaps, but different.

June Mulder
Signet Editor

Semester Tests were hard on all of us, Rod

IS IT TOO LATE?
by Bill Van Hal

As Calvinistic Christians, we believe that we must glorify God in all aspects of life. We attempt to do so in our educational system, in our philosophy, in our economics, in our everyday life.

One aspect of life, however, seems to be neglected greatly. This aspect is that of politics. The number of Christian warriors seeking to conquer this realm for Christ is indeed sparse. Why? Is every potential Christian politician sidelined before he has an opportunity to develop? Is every potential "Christian" politician prevented from entering politics because he fears corruption by association?

Our United States government no longer submits itself to God's rule. It has become humanistic and non-Christian. Toward this status it has steadily developed. Where will it stop? The Supreme Court is showing an increasing distaste for anything related to a free exercise of religious convictions.

Compare this trend with the "Body of Liberties," of Massachusetts, 1641: "If any man after legal conviction shall have or worship any other god, but the Lord God, he shall be put to death." Also, "If any man shall Blaspheme the name of God, the Father, Sonne, or Holie Ghost, with direct, expresse, presumptuous or high handed blasphemie, or shall curse God in the like manner, he shall be put to death." (cf. The Supreme Court and Public Prayer, Rice, p. 162).

These two laws were formed in a strict Puritan environment. They stood at one extreme; our current "Great Society" is approaching the other extreme. What can be done about current degeneracy? Do we ever write our legislators in order to influence them toward our views? Or, do we concern ourselves at all with any national happenings? Is Washington D.C. in another world, and does what occurs there have no effect upon our present and future worship of God? Are we to sit by complacently and let the wheels of the minority form the path for the "Christian" majority to follow?

My contention is that, if followers of and sympathizers with Mrs. Murray are still in the minority, why do we, as part of the majority, not resist this trend more forcefully than we have done? Will we as Christians drift along until it is finally too late? I hope not.