Pygmalion Staged This Week

Under the direction of Mr. James Koldenhoven, assisted by student director, Alan Huisman, Dordt Thalians' presentation of Pygmalion is nearing its production deadline. With only a few rehearsals left, Pygmalion has passed through the weeks of concentrated rehearsals and crew work and is ready for the final technical touches. Cast, directors, and crews are confident that on opening night Shaw and the Thalians will provide the audience with an evening of entertainment and dramatic interest. According to Mr. Koldenhoven, if the success of a play can be determined by the strength of its cast, “Pygmalion should be terrific!” At 8:00 p.m., March 16th, the first curtain opens onto the transformation of Eliza Doolittle from a cockney flower girl to an English lady through the teaching of Henry Higgins, a phonetician. In the process of the transformation, Higgins irrevocably changes a human life. By lifting Eliza above her own class and providing her with only the appurtenances of another, Higgins makes her unfit for both.

Be sure to take in one of the evenings of performance — March 16, 18, or 21. Opening curtain—8:00 p.m.

—J.B.

Congratulations From The Diamond

The Diamond would like to say “Congratulations” for a job well done. The list below consists of the names of students who have acquired a high enough grade point average to qualify for the Dean’s List. Keep up the good work!

Dean’s List
First Semester—1965-66

Cecelia Drenth 4.00
Elaine Eliason 4.00
Mary Medema 4.00
Cynthia Nibbelink 4.00
Patricia Swangel 4.00
Clarene Van Zanten 4.00
Kenneth Vande Griend 4.00
Judi Blankerspoor 3.94
David Netz 3.90
Wilma Roghair 3.90
Burren Mellemo 3.88
Donna Van Wyngarden 3.84
Jereyn Brower 3.83
Sylvan Gerritsma 3.83
Donald Godeke 3.82
Larry Van Essen 3.82
William Van Hal 3.82
Doris Haupt 3.81
Robert Koornneef 3.80
Glenda Ver Burg 3.79
Henry Gunnink 3.76
Geneva De Vries 3.75
Barbara Niekerk 3.75
June Mulder 3.71
Ken Verbrugge 3.71
Alan Huisman 3.69
J. Cliff Van Dyken 3.69
Delmar Vander Zee 3.69
Dale Claerbaut 3.67
Dennis De Jong 3.67
Karen Kamphuis 3.67
Deanna Leenstra 3.67
Esther Olivier 3.67
Bernie Haverhal 3.65
Beatrice Sweep 3.65
Linda Van Someren 3.65
Harvey Vander Top 3.63
Gladys Roosma 3.57
Case Boot 3.56
Rich Krosschell 3.56
Karen Nederhoff 3.56
John Holland 3.53
Peter De Haan 3.50
Paul Vande Voort 3.50
Kathy Meenderinck 3.47
Donn Rubingh 3.47
Carol Tjarks 3.47
Glenda Vogter 3.47
Dennis Boogerd 3.44
David De Koekkoek 3.44
Lois Dorhout 3.44
Michael Du Mez 3.44
Orville Kooiman 3.43

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Was Denken Sie?
—Herr John Schuurman

“Damn Mrs. Pearce; and damn the coffee; and damn you; and damn my own folly . . . .”

The above quotation was taken from the chapel speech made by Dick Leerhoff (who quoted from "Pygmalion") on Tuesday, March 8. Mr. Leerhoff’s talk concerned the problem that the production of secular drama brings up—profanity on stage.

Much controversy was raised concerning the chapel talk. Many people thought that the speech was acceptable and necessary. Others, of course, stated their complete opposition to the speech.

The polling of a chapel speech is almost impossible because everyone who was asked stated that they saw good and bad points. Therefore, a poll of many students was not taken. However, several quotations were obtained.

“... The audience around here can’t be expected to accept the ‘damn . . . damn . . . damn.’ They have to be gradually educated to accept this thing. If we wouldn’t cut or substitute in a play, the constituency would be offended and drop Dordt College. We really can’t expect them to do anything else.”

“I think what he said was fine, but I don’t think chapel should be used as a sounding board for matters like these.”

“Well, he made an analogy about a book in class and a play being the same, but they aren’t the same. If we participate in Intramurals...”

“Very appropriate because this is an area in which we as Christians come with quick criticism, but with little understanding of the conflict involved. We need a positive Chris-
I-M Gems
by John A. Byker

The rougher collection of feminine hardies finally completed their helter-skelter BB schedule. The sophomore DIXIECUPS survived the zesty—rather combative — competition to seize first-place glory. Jean Meyer’s fairer six headed the five-team field, with each squad playing a different number of games. Notice the results in the disarranged standings:

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After much quibbling amongst intramural participants concerning the role of the columnist as opposed to that of a reporter, the Diamond staff was prompted to include the writer’s editorial remarks under his name rather than his initials.

Most Valuable Tournament Player award to Denny De Kok, senior from Brooten, Minnesota. The big bomber meshed 48 points in the two-night tournament stand and best represents Dordt’s intramural potential.

Action by the Student Council has resulted in the appropriation of over $40 for the I-M council for the purpose of purchasing a new bulletin board. This will help immensely in the promotional work which the council and its energetic sponsor, Mr. J. Timmer, has in store for intramurals.

62 pct. of the student body participated in one or more intramural activity last year. —Release from Athletic Department.

Twenty-eight volley-ball teams have signed up and a schedule has been drafted. Fourteen teams in women’s division and an equivalent number in the male department compose the intra-college rivalry. Each division has been divided in two leagues. And, of course, JAB is ready for selection of league leaders. Of course, the lassie division is too unpredictable to judge at this time. (Your turn will come, young ladies.)

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However in the two male divisions, the scribe foresees the junior PUSSY-CAT’S (Don Ver Meer) annihilating all Wednesday League contenders in the Monday League skirmishes. The SPARTANS (George Vande Voort) will cop highest V.B. awards.

VARSITY SCORES 113

POINTS AGAINST NORFOLK

On February 23 a busload of Dordt students left for Norfolk, Nebraska on a Greyhound. Besides players, coaches, and managers, there was a class of Mr. Timmer along to scout the Norfolk team. This was for the class “Theory and Practice of Basketball.” The Dordt Varsity gave the scouts and the coach a terrific exhibition of fine basketball. The team really clicked and everyone was hitting. It was a fast moving game and at halftime the score was 50-37. Dordt had the lead, but it was still very exciting since Norfolk is not the type of team that gives up. Some fine moves by Norfolk’s center kept our team on the go. He came out of the game with 44 points. Don Ver Meer was hot from any position and racked up 36 points. The entire first five scored in double figures which gave the team a victory of 113-95. This was the highest score of the season. After the game the coach from Norfolk made a remark that Dordt was one of the toughest teams they had faced during the season. This is significant because of the fact that Norfolk only had four losses throughout the season with 18 wins. This final victory gave Dordt Varsity a season record of 10 wins and 8 losses. I consider this game to be the best that the Varsity had played this year. On the trip home the bus stopped in Sioux City for lunch. Some of the players remarked that they would not mind at all if they could take a bus to all the away games.

Next year Dordt Varsity will be taking on some tougher competition. All the players will be back next year. Considering these facts, the fans can look for another fine basketball season next year.

Baseball training will start March 14. Mr. Timmer will be the baseball coach this year and expects a fine turnout of experienced college players and also some new material.

Mr. Calsbeek has started a gymnastics class for boys and for the girls. A mass of eager tumblers came out for the first meeting and some fine gymnastics was exhibited.

—J.D.O.
John Vander Maaten

Who has heard of the Chicago Defenders? Not too many outside of a specific baseball organization. The ball club was formed in 1955 under the auspices of the C.F.L. and the A.I.O. Unions were formed such as the Scientific Pitchers Association, the Dramatic Infielders Association, the Athletic Outfielders Association and the Musical Coaching Staff Association.

It was a relatively close knit ball club with only few incongruities. These disagreements, however, had far reaching effects. It prevented the ball club from ever winning the World Series, although it won many pennants. I would like to enumerate a couple of the difficulties that led to the loss of the World Series.

The stadium in which they spent the majority of the year was somewhat inadequate for the various Unions, although improvements were being made. It is this lack of facilities that lies behind the majority of their problems.

The Musical Coaching Association received new and modern locker facilities which was to the chagrin of the Scientific Pitchers Union. The pitchers were forced to double up on available locker space for some time until other improvements could be made. This led to the discussion of which had the greater importance of winning the Series. The logical conclusion was that they both contributed to the end result in their own way, but this did not appear to be acceptable to either organization.

As long as this bickering continues, the World Series is only a thought.

Another problem that occurred concerned the Dramatic Infielders and the Athletic Outfielders as to practice time on the playing field. It was rather obvious that neither group could really practice without the playing field facilities. This led to a senseless discussion as to who had priority on the playing field. The two sides again closed their eyes to the fact that a World Series is won by a group effort, rather than that of individuals.

In the near future, the ball club has made plans for enlarging the facilities and giving each Union their own private domain. When these plans materialize, the problems will be solved. Until then, unless the various unions agree to work together, the World Series is just a hopeful dream somewhere in the future.

—Dennis De Jong

Flood by Robert Penn Warren

The backwaters of a great new dam are slowly rising and will soon flood the town of Fiddlersburg. Robert Penn Warren artfully brings Brad Tolliver, a native of Fiddlersburg, and Yasha Jones, a film producer, into the town where Brad's sister, Maggie Fiddler, lives. Yasha Jones has proposed to tell the story of the last days of Fiddlersburg in a movie, for which Brad Tolliver will write the script.

The reality of the town exists in the past, as every native subconsciously knows, and as Yasha Jones experiences eventually. For the people of Fiddlersburg the outside world barely exists and is not real. The town lives in the past, in past events, especially in past scandals. Brad Tolliver looks back at his life, and the life of his family, and realizes that all of the past seems to be a dream and an illusion, but is real nevertheless. Yasha Jones, the outsider, finds himself examining his past and knows that he is in Fiddlersburg.

Fiddlersburg symbolizes lonesomeness. The Confederate monument, the "spiritual center" of the town, symbolizes the South and its lonesomeness. The lonesome people of the town must necessarily be themselves, which they can not bear, so they must live in the past. Maggie Fiddler lives in the past, but must leave Fiddlersburg to experience the reality of her self.

Robert Penn Warren integrates the themes and symbols well, depicting the spirit of Fiddlersburg in gripping fashion. Flood is an excellent piece of the secular literature of our time.

"When I see the town I love Sinking down beneath the wave I pray I'll remember then All the blessings that God gave.

"When I see the life I led Whelmed and sunk beneath the flood Let the waters drown regret and envy— Make me see my life was good."

"God, make me know what I didn't have Was the sweetest gift you gave. Oh, let me know such perfect joy, When what I did goes 'neath the wave."

—John Vander Maaten

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P.S. HOSTS CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKER

The 1952 gubernatorial candidate for the Minnesota Socialist-Labor Party spoke to the Political Science Club at its last meeting. In a speech, prepared for delivery by Mr. Eldred Bauers informed the politically-minded assembly of various aspects of his party's stand regarding socialism. He quickly divorced the SLP's doctrine from that of Communist Russia or that of England's Fabian socialists. He ascribed to this party a "progressive Marxian doctrine," which was the only "true socialism" in the world. However, he also related that this movement, after 75 years of growing, had failed to be established in any of the world's countries.

Later, in a question-answer session, lasting nearly an hour, the remaining diminutive politicians quizzed the greying socialist on an acknowledgement of the "Man is Good" philosophical premise. At this point, the collegians turned the tables and presented the Minnesotan with our position concerning the innate condition of man and its bearing on his relation with his fellow men. This was indeed a positive attempt at Christian witnessing.

Mr. Louis Van Dyke, history instructor, presented a critique of Bauers' address concerning Socialistic philosophy. His remarks, not available at press time, will be summarized in the next Political Science Club report.

As for the SLP speaker! Well, the club officers deserve a commendation for obtaining representatives of controversial philosophies and they are heartily encouraged to keep it up!

J.A.B.

CHEMIST ON CAMPUS

Dr. Norman Miller, of the University of South Dakota Department of Chemistry, visited the Dordt campus Thursday, March 10. He spoke on the topic "Stereochemistry Chemistry and Boron Hydrides."
FOREIGN AID: TRIED
AND FOUND WANTING
by Merlin Bewalda

One of the perennial stigmas to
to the battle concerning foreign aid
appropriations. This is the issue on
which I wish to focus our attention
and consideration, not only for pur-
poses of interest, but hopefully to
stimulate action from those concern-
ed. For purposes of this discussion
I wish to define foreign aid as gov-
ernment to government economic
aid.

During the past twenty years,
American foreign aid has reached
the appalling figure of $115 billion.
Meanwhile, the national debt has
increased from $259 billion at the
end of 1945, to approximately $321
billion at the end of 1965. This
means that $62 billion of this for-
eign aid was, in effect, paid for by
borrowing and by inflating the cur-
rency, and $68 billion by added tax-
ation. This type of reckless spend-
ing, in an attempt to play Santa Claus
to the whole world, is hardly in ac-
cordance with a responsible attitude
ward the manipulation of “public”
funds, which is essential for a sound
economy.

Not only is the ceiling of foreign aid
appropriations manipulated ir-
responsibly, but also a lack of discre-
tion is shown in the areas where
some of our foreign aid is sent. Per-
mit me to cite a couple of support-
ning instances:

In the past seven years our U.S.
Congress has funneled $61 million
in cash and $672 million worth of
agricultural surplus commodities
to Poland, a member of the Com-
unist bloc. Meanwhile, our help to
the Poles has enabled them to
send $13 million worth of aid to Cu-
ba and $15 million to Viet Nam.

Another shocking example of our
foreign aid scandal is that the John-
on Administration is putting ap-
nropriations. This is the issue of
the Foreign Development
Program, headed by Paul Grey Hoff-
man.

Are we aware of what devastating
effects such an irresponsible attitude
toward the manipulation of public
funds can do to our society? Is this
within the realm of “Christian” char-
ity to aid in the development of a
country, which politically is diamet-
rically opposed to us, so that it can
cut our own throat?

By this time you may be thinking
that I am suggesting the abandon-
ment of all foreign aid programs;
this is not my intention at all. Gov-
ernment to government economic aid
can be effective if administered with
more discrimination and limitation.

Now that I have shown the negative
perspective of our present foreign
aid program, I must also be fair and
present an alternate plan for consid-
eration. For this particular proposal
I wish to define foreign aid as gov-
ernment to government economic
aid rests on a completely socialistic
assumption, which stifles individual
initiative. On the other hand, pri-
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capitalistic foundation, promoting
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country. Foreign private investors
would demand of the recipients as-
urance against misuse of their funds
by government owned competition,
offensive taxes, etc. The nationals
of the aid-receiving countries must
also invest their national profit in
their domestic economy. This dom-
estic investment and re-investment
 cycle would decrease the need for
foreign assistance; in this manner the
embryo of a self-supporting econ-
omy has been implanted promoting
individual initiative in the develop-
ment of under-developed countries.

The object of this plan would be to
keep government involvement in
foreign aid at a minimum. This
plan also would place a greater em-
phasis upon private investment as a
stimulus towards a goal in which
they achieve economic development
through individual initiative and in-
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Who is man? What am I?

Most men do not dare to ask questions concerning their true being because they always lead to a mystery. To escape from being confronted with such questions, modern man hides himself in noise, sex, liquor, smoke, and in pseudo-religions such as humanism, materialism, and evolutionism. Society provides man with many mufflers which silence the "whence?, "why?" and "where to?". Berger puts it this way in his book, Invitation to Sociology:

The walls of society are a Potemkin village erected in front of the abyss of being. They function to protect us from terror, to organize for us a cosmos of meaning within which our lives make sense... If we maintain that authenticity in society is possible, we are not thereby maintaining that most men are indeed making use of this possibility. Wherever we ourselves may be socially located, one look around us will tell us otherwise.

Robert Frost also goes in hiding when he says in "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening":

But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Existentialism is a little more daring and attempts to solve the mystery. "Existence before essence" is the slogan of this adventure. Man finds himself in the world and works out his own "essence" on the basis of his subjective feelings, resulting in "complete freedom." This struggle gives meaning to life, according to the existentialist.

There are many other means of escape or attempts to answer metaphysical questions concerning man, but the fact remains, however, that apart from the redemptive work of Christ man will not find the true answer, and he will have to face death without his marquee or his invented answer. Hermann Hesse in his poem, "Allein," puts it this way:

Du kannst reiten und fahren
Zu zweien und zu drein,
Den letzten Schritt musst du
Gehn allein.

Do we dare to ask ourselves: "who am I?"

It is not impossible for a "Christian," who is a Dordt student, to have his religion and studies as a "Potemkin village."

If our self-knowledge is rooted in God's Revelation, we should be filled with gratitude and moved with compassion for those people who are "in hiding" and those who have a pseudo-self-knowledge.

YOU AND

Another door has been opened for our realization of the world and life view. Up to this time in our lives we have been strengthened by bearing the mark of covenant children; we have been educated in a Christian system; we participate in church activities, and we profess to belong to the true body of Christ. But what about the application of these basic ingredients? In that respect I invite you to participate in the recently organized Christian Action Foundation (C.A.F.)

Organized under the leadership of Rev. L. Tamminga, this new project purports "to stimulate and deepen, among God's people, an awareness of their Christian responsibility and calling in regard to the various spheres of society and public life" and "to promote and encourage the propagation and application of Biblical principles to these spheres of society." And how shall these purposes be realized? "By the study of the Word of God in its relevance to society, and bring its precepts to bear upon such areas in life as: home, family, marriage, state and government, politics, labor relations, industrial relations, business, education, science, arts, welfare, public morality, the press, and others."

Rev. Tamminga very vividly made us conscious of the fact that as members of the church must see in the church "the gate to God's great creation." God gave us this world, this society, this nation, this hour, as the opportunity to be Word and Light bearers in it. The gate is open and ready to admit all those who would put their faith into practice.

As young and forthcoming members of society, we ought to be well informed and fortified against the godlessness of our society and nation. Individually our effectiveness is curbed, but united in purpose, action, and resources, we can have a sway that will go beyond our immediate surroundings. For that purpose, the C.A.F. exists, and for that purpose you are invited to further meetings of this organization. Watch for announcements in that regard.

—A.V.H.