Student Body President Elected
For Next Year

Campaigns for the election of next year's student body president were held April 29 in the gym. Before the campaign speeches were given, the National Anthem was sung, and Bert Polman was called upon to explain the new procedures for electing future Signet editors. By the new system, only an assistant editor will be chosen every year who will automatically assume the role of editor in chief the following year.

Two candidates, Phil Kok and Cecelia Drenth, sought student support in the election. In her speech of nomination for Phil, Jeri Brower outlined her candidate's leadership capabilities. Mr. Kok's platform called for more college level entertainment, a method of letting the teachers know how they stand in relationship to their students, and also for more exclusiveness in chapel speeches, among other things.

Jim Worst challenged students to overlook the sex of his candidate and vote for a combination of intelligence and originality. Miss Drenth propounded the view that to have a successful student government, all must give and not only receive. Inter-campus activities with nearby colleges are necessary, she contended, to develop well rounded personalities at Dordt.

On the election day following, Cecelia Drenth was chosen to be next year's president.

D.N.

PRE-SEM CLUB REPORT

The Pre-Sem Club held its last meeting of the year on April 29. The club elected officers for next year. Philip Kok was elected president, Robert Koorneef, vice-president, and Aldon Kuiper, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Simon Kistemaker spoke on "The Sabbath and Sunday." The Jews saw the Fourth Commandment as a negative command to keep the Sabbath. The early Christian church observed the Lord's Day, rather than the Sabbath, even though they did not refrain from working on Sunday. We must keep the Lord's Day positively by devoting the entire day to spiritual affairs.

—M
A once time upon there was a college. The college's name was Dordt. Many of its students were nice. Many of its students were attractive. Many of its—

"Many of its students were unconf- 

cerned, indifferent, lukewarm, un-

impressed, uninspired, calloused, im- 

perious, unambitious, unstirred, vege-

tative, phlegmatic, dull, flat, ab-

tuse, supine, languid, stupified, chlo-

erphormed, narcotic, comatose, tor-

did, unprogressive, non-collegiate, non-

scholastic, self-interested, mean,

dane, witless, uncultivated, daft, shal-

low."

"Thank you, Mr. Roget. As I was 
saying, many of its students were . . .

well, you know. When the time for 
election of student body president 
arrived, two whole students voiced 
your terminology, Mr. Roget.

Surprisingly, the one who accusing-
ly implicated that the atmosphere 
which your waxed words suggest was 
present in the college, won the elec-
tion. What do you think of that, 
Mr. Roget? Does that mean there's 

hope? Do you think that some day 
you can have something nice to say 
about this college?"

"Oh yes, definitely. In fact the 
other day when I was riding along 
in your pocket, I heard a professor 
say that the student council really 
did have some good ideas; that they 
were doing a good job. Then when 
you mentioned the cannon, he said it 
was at least a good attempt. And 
remember how they tackled and laid 
out the treasury this year. Many 
people in G.R. cherished the concert 
choir. You won six baseball games 
easily, too. I wish kids would have a 
conscience and not murder students."

"In this area Miss Hollaar stated that 
Dordt campus, to be born some 
time in the future in order to "en-
hance" Dordt's campus, serve as a 
symbol of something (Canons of 
Dordt?), and be admired by all pros-
ppective visitors (unless a process of 
abortion can be successfully carried out)."

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SENIOR VOCAL-INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL MAY 16

On Monday, May 16, at 3:30 P.M., a Senior Vocal-Instrumental Recital will be held in the Music Building Recital Hall. Vocal soloists will be Lois Dorhout, soprano, and Marvin Wolterstorff, tenor. Also featured will be James Jouwstra on the trump-
et assisted by a brass quartet.

Selections on the program include:

- "The Virgin's Slumber Song," by Max Reger
- "Oh God My Heart is Ready," by H. Schutz
- "Rain at Night," by Austin
- "God is My Shepherd," by A. Dvorak

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JOHN VAN DYKE TO TEACH AT DORDT NEXT YEAR

Mr. John Van Dyke has recently 
been appointed to the teaching staff 
of Dordt for next year. Having grad-
uated from Calvin College in 1961 
with majors in Greek and philoso-
phy, he won a Woodrow Wilson 
Scholarship to the University of 
Michigan. Here he obtained his 
M.A. degree. Mr. Van Dyke majored in Latin and 
minored in Greek.

Being a very talented man, he has 
a speaking knowledge of Dutch, Eng-
lish, and German as well as a read-

LONG

ing knowledge of English, German, 

and French. Mr. Van Dyke is also 
an organist and has directed church 
choirs. He avidly pursues his hob-
bies—ornithology and herpato-

logy—in his spare time. He has traveled 
widely in the U.S., Canada, and 

Europe.

For the past three years Mr. Van 
Dyke has been teaching in Ripon 
Christian High School in Ripon, 

Calif. His duties at Dordt will en-
tail teaching English, German, and 

Latin.

On the gloomier side, word has 
been received that Mr. John Worst 
is leaving Dordt to teach first and 
second year music theory at Calvin 
College. He will also be directing the 
varsity band and doing some ar-

ranging. With his assistance a new 

music curriculum will be set up at 

Calvin. After having been at Dordt 
for two years, Mr. Worst says he has 

enjoyed teaching here. —J.S.

HEAD LIBRARIAN TRAVELS SOUTH

On Friday, April 29, Miss Hollaar 
took to the road with two librarians 
from Northwestern College to the 
Iowa Library Meeting of Small Col-

leges held in the new Dunn Library 
at Simpson College, Indianaola, Iowa.

Two separate subject areas were 
discussed by the librarians. First, 
there was a presentation of new li-

braries and plans by several Iowa 

colleges. This procured especially 
worthwhile as a standard by which 
to judge Dordt's new library. Miss 

Hollaar stated that Dordt is receiv-

ing a large amount of beautiful and 
practical facilities in relation to the 
total cost. Saturday morning there 

was a discussion of the mutual prob-
lems confronting college librarians. 

In this area Miss Hollaar stated that 
she was very thankful that many of 

the problems discussed, especially 
concerning unbefitting student con-
duct in the library, do not exist at 

Dordt.

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P.E. MINORS ATTEND WORKSHOP AT VERMILLION

Physical education minors at Dordt college attended the Physical Education and Recreation Workshop for the Mentally Retarded. The workshop took place on April 29 and 30 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. It was sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, the AAHPER, and the Department of Health and Physical Education at the university. The workshop opened Friday morning with an address "Re-Creation of the Mentally Retarded" by Dr. Henry Cobb, who received one of the highest national awards for working with the mentally retarded. The delegates spent the remainder of the day and Saturday attending sessions in which actual teaching of the mentally retarded was demonstrated through all types of physical activities. Some types of activities included games, gymnastics, swimming, tumbling, and stunts, and body mechanics and conditioning.

Defenders Win 7-3 Baseball

After Losing to J.F.K. 6-1

The Defenders dropped the opener with a 6-1 loss. Gene Hospers did the pitching for the Defenders in the first game and was touched for three runs in the initial inning. J.F. K. scored another run in the second and two more in the sixth. Dordt's lone run came in the fifth when Terry Jonker scored on Larry Van Wieren's sacrifice fly. The Defenders were outhit by only 6-5. Don Ver Meer had two singles in three times at bat for Dordt. The Defenders committed four errors, which resulted in two unearned runs.

Larry Van Wieren missed a no-hit pitching job by one pitch in the Defenders' split with J.F.K. on Thursday, April 28, on the Sioux Center Diamond. Van Wieren had his no-hitter for 6 and two-third innings in this game and had two strikes on what could have been the final batter. He hit a single however and another single came later in the inning. The visitors scored two runs in the seventh. J.F.K. scored an unearned run in the second inning and held a 1-0 margin until the fourth when the Defenders exploded for five hits and two runs. The other five Dordt runs came in the fifth frame on a four-hit attack. Van Wieren had 10 strikeouts and also took batting honors with three singles. Dordt had 11 hits to two for J.F.K. All starters hit safely for the Defenders in the second game.

SENIOR GIFT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Three senior students and two faculty members have assembled as a committee. They are: Rich Verver, student chairman, Jane Buteyn, Dave Netz, Mr. Bos, and Mrs. Haan serving as advisor and coordinator. The purpose of this group is to select several art works and contact several artists from which the senior class can choose a gift. The art work(s) will be conspicuously located in the new library as a memorial of the graduating class of 1966.

After the first meeting of the committee this past Tuesday, it was the general concensus of the student members that an artist should be chosen from within the Christian Reformed Church. Several letters of inquiry have been sent out with already one encouraging reply. It is hoped that the committee will be able to reach a definite decision in the near future which will meet with the approval of the senior class and the college administration. —DN

RETURN WITH MEMORIES

The date: April 27, time: 2:00 A.M. The sleeping city numbly awaits the return of its wanderers. Far down the ribbon of highway headlightsloom out into gross darkness, search-
I-M Gems
John A. Byker

Volleyball Tournament: As a climax to intramural volleyball this year, a tournament was held between the top three teams of each division. This resulted because of three-way ties in both divisions. Competing before some random spectators, the teams put out their best for this afternoon performance. A first-round "bye" to the PUSSEY-CATS coupled with a FLYING DUTCHMAN win over the gentle THEOLOGIANS sent both teams into the second round. In other first-round action the CANNONS OF DORDT sent the SPARTANS to an early shower, which matched them against the SPIKEMEN, who also drew a first-round "bye." Then, with two teams eliminated, four VB squads (one Jr., two Soph., one Fr.) took up the second-round duelng. Both sophomore teams were erased—the Pussey-Cats stopped the Dutchman in two games out of three, while the ambitious Cannons of Dordt shut-out the Spikemen, 2-0. At 6:00 P.M., in the consolation affair, the Spikemen grabbed two straight games from the slambang Dutchmen. This preceded the championship contest between Ver Meer and his furry Pussey-Cats and the younger Cannons of Dordt. The freshman squad surged to one game lead as they glided over their elder classmen, 15-11. However, the Pussey-Cats were not to be shut-out and returned the series to a one game tie with a 15-12 victory. In the deciding game, with some super front-court slamming, the freshmen handily overpowered the upper classmen, 15-9. The new champions, captained by Stan Van der Kooi, sustained a complete 9-1 season. Other members of the CANNONS OF DORDT include Eugene Hospers, Ken Vander Wal, Preston Morman, Loren Bouma, Dennis Visser, Duane Bakker, and Burnell Meerman. The Gems extend their congratulations to this new VB champion and the other teams participating in this well-fought tournament.

All-Star Team: Of the six tournament squads, the following individual members are presented as an All-Star team: Preston Morman (Cann.), Eugene Hospers (Cann.), Ken Vander Wal (Cann.), Don Ver Meer (Cats), Bern Sturing (Spike.), Mike Du Mez (Dutch.), Rich Meyer (Spar.), Eldon Dyk (Theo.).

The MVP is awarded to Preston Morman as most versatile of the tournament players.

Faculty vs. Three Student Teams: Friday afternoon (3:00 P.M.) May 6—The fearless faculty took on three I-M squads, the Cannons of Dordt, the Pussey-Cats, and the Spartans. The event had not been played at press time. However, various random statements have been made by the faculty members. The following comment by a faculty member seemed to be representative of the opinion of this motley crew: "I predict the faculty by a slight edge. They should have six tough games."

Softball—Theologians Picked: Of the competing teams, the Theologians are foreseen to grab first-place decorations. The squad, a junior group, has superior pitching, good fielding, and adequate hitting.

The Gems is happy to finally see some diamond work.

Dordt Wins Two Against General Beadle on Tuesday, May 3

Larry Van Wieren picked up his third win without a loss in the first game although he needed a little help on the mound from Don Ver Meer and Gene Hospers. Bob Miedema went the distance for the victory in the second game. Van Wieren was the big man at the plate with a 2-run homer in the third inning of the first game and another 2-run homer in the fifth inning of the second game. Don Ver Meer had a single and two doubles in the double-header. The Defenders had just four hits in the first game but made them count as they bunched them in the second and third innings. An error and a double by Jay Leverd turned for runs in the second inning. Three more runs scored in the third—when Don Van Wieren singled, stole second base, and scored when Gene Hospers was safe on an error. The other scored on Van Wieren's homer. The fifth inning was a big one for both teams in the second game as the teams scored five runs each. Dordt had broken a scoreless tie with a run in third and then Van Wieren's second homer of the day together with some fine hits in the fifth gave Dordt the victory. Jerry Sietsma and Bill Jansen singled, Don Ver Meer doubled and Terry Jonker was safe on an error earlier in the inning. Then came the long bottom of the fifth inning. General Beadle had three hits and used three costly errors to score five runs—making the score 6-5. G.B. had the tying run on second when they were retired in the last inning.
The one act play which was presented by the Thalians during the recent Fine Arts Festival was this year's final production of the dramatic group. The play, A.A. Milne’s ‘Vander Maten,’ was one of a group of three presented last Thursday. The Ugly Duckling, directed by John evening. The other two, The Lottery and the third act of Arms and the Man, were presented by Western Christian High and Southwestern Christian High respectively. Following the productions the Thalians hosted several seminars to which the dramatis personae in the high school presentations were invited. Here, in keeping with the educational spirit of the Festival, the above plays were discussed and critiqued.

Previously, on Friday evening, April 30, the Thalians presented their second annual Thalian Activity Night. The program, directed by Mr. James Koldenhoven, consisted of a variety of presentations showing the versatility and originality of the theatrical group. Garneth Hengeveld opened the evening as narrator of the classical Goldilocks and the Three Bears in which four local kindergarten children portrayed the characters. Also included in the program were three original works, “A Lecture on Slapstick Humor” by Bill VerSluys, a pantomine entitled “A D.J.’s Success” by Jim Vanden Bosch and John Byker, and a reading of four poems by their author, Stu Williams. The remainder of the program illustrated the Thalian’s ability in oral interpretation. Mamie Hahn and Alan Huisman read several humorous poems by Dorothy Parker and Ogden Nash; four Thalians interpreted a cutting from Ibsen’s Enemy of the People; and through selected readings Jeri Brower demonstrated how atmosphere can be created through characterization. Her demonstration included the reading of Roy Helton’s “Old Christmas Morning,” the requiem scene from Arthur Miller’s Death of a Salesman, and a cutting from Shakespeare’s Othello.

With these two events the Thalians concluded their activities for this year, but they eagerly anticipate further dramatic adventure in the fall.

Rich Verver

At noon, Wednesday, April 20 the 74 members of the Chorale Choir eagerly boarded the two Greyhound buses ready to leave on tour. The destination for their first concert was Calvary Christian Reformed church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Rev. Haan and Mr. Dykstra traveled by car to Minneapolis and showed the firm of Dordt College after the concert.

The next morning the choir had time to do some sight seeing or shopping in Minneapolis before they left for Prinsburg, Minnesota. In Prinsburg the choir sang a few secular numbers for an afternoon assembly program in Central Christian High School and that night gave their sacred concert in the church.

Friday morning the choir traveled on to Edgerton. The choir sang their secular numbers and in addition, sang a few numbers with the members of the Southwestern Christian High School choir. The sacred concert was given in Leota Christian Reformed Church that evening.

The choir spent their free time Saturday afternoon in Worthington. Various activities were fishing, swimming, bowling, shopping, and even studying. The final concert was given in the church that night. After the concert the buses turned toward Dordt College and headed for home.

The tired Chorale members were eager to get to Dordt again after such a wonderful and successful tour.
Editorial

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. For some of you, it marks the end of your formal education, while others have but begun. I know you're busy, but stop for just a moment, put down your book and pen, and reflect a bit on the year which has just sped by.

The year doesn't look bad, does it? We spent our time wisely, studying and learning as much as we could. We took advantage of every opportunity to grasp a little knowledge while we can. We participated in many school activities, always doing our best. We were careful to use every moment in this short year as if we wouldn't have a second chance at it.

And we were faithful Christians too, weren't we? We witnessed for our Savior on several occasions and never took His name in vain. We read our Bibles faithfully, and attended all the church and chapel worship services. We were careful to heed the spirit of the Law, rather than just the letter. Our lives were dedicated first of all to the Glory of God and then we fulfilled our own needs. We loved our Father, didn't we?

Yes, it was a pretty good year and we can almost hear God saying, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

But if your view is slightly distorted from this ideal, don't despair. God has given us youth and ambition. We still have time left to strive for the faithfulness of the servants with the five and two talents. Let's not waste a moment of it!

-T.J.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With fear and trembling I am presenting this brief and gentle critique in place of my usual "Spectrum" column, for the benefit of Dordt's great minds and numerous literary connoisseurs. I attribute my burning (yet meek) zeal to Herr John Schuurman's WAS DENKEN SIE? column. I commend him earnestly for the fortitude he has thus far manifested by publicizing himself as the DIAMOND staff member who collects and publishes in his own column some of the most witty, convoluted found in any student body anywhere. I tremble from the fear of castigation by more of Dordt's learned men-on-the-street. I volunteer this epistle to gratify Herr Schuurman who finds himself surrounded by students who don't "have anything to say," and are "satisfied with everything."

I begin with a look at the WAS DENKEN SIE? poll concerning Dordt's showing of THE CARDINAL (DIAMOND, Feb. 28, 1966). Man-on-the-street number one criticizes the "film" (movie) for providing too much entertainment (the curse of the pure intellect), which automatically disqualifies the cinema from the field of art. Of course, there exists within our company the more broad-minded aesthete: "Even though the film was about Catholics, I liked it." Throbbing profundity! "I think that the scenes in the dance hall and so forth were in poor taste." I don't know what to think. One guy wants to get away from the entertainment and absorb the art, while another guy wants to get away from the art and absorb the entertainment. Where in the world did Herr Schuurman find the guy who said, "From an intellectual point of view, it was swell."

"Even though the film was about Catholics, I liked it." Even though I can't believe that statement is authentic, I like it. Can you imagine a Dordt intellectual stepping out of Bible class and saying, "Even though the lecture was about Catholics, I liked it."

I turn now to the WAS DENKEN SIE? coverage of Mr. Leechhoff's approach to profanity on the stage (DIAMOND, March 14, 1966). We hear first from Dordt's wayfaring Mr. Experience. "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."

Horror! (Did you make that one up, John?) Where in the world did this person grow up? Did he? Maybe we could hold classes for Sioux County, and slowly let them in on some things that really happen. Maybe Mr. Experience could contribute to such a program.

The DIAMOND of April 25 presents the classic WAS DENKEN SIE? column. (How do you find them, John?) "Well, there is one thing that I'm really getting sick of around here. Everybody is so terrible cynical. No matter what you do or how you do it, everybody knows about it and everybody has to tell you what they think. Why don't people appreciate something for what it's worth? Can't they give credit for somebody trying? It really makes me mad." I like this one. Give him credit for trying. I can't figure out whether this man-on-the-street is a neurotic or a philosopher. When I read his statement I almost shed tears but I still don't know what I read. Does this fellow know what he said? I think he's poetic.

Here is the heartbreaker: "I don't like all the kids who slam the pre-sens. Just because we have to study more than most people, isn't a sign that we're aloof. No matter what we try to do we are always criticized for it." Get that kids? I like to throw things at pre-sens. It's hard to find them sometimes though. They're always home studying. I'm sure glad the rest of us kids don't have it so rough. We thrive on aloofness. As Dick Gregory puts it: "There ain't nothing 'like bein' us!" Beasts we are. (I suggest that you more mature pre-sens have a talk with your self-appointed representative. Recognize his accomplishments, be nice, and keep him away from John Schuurman from now on.)

". . . curfew is stupid and unnecessary." So is your statement.

"I think the students general attitude around Dordt is poor. They are either overly cynical or completely complacent. They either don't express themselves at all, or their expressions are demoralizing or degrading." Well sir, I apologize for being "so terrible cynical." I'll try to improve if you and your fellow WAS DENKEN SIE? contributors will quit embarrassing Dordt College and disillusioning the professors who thought you were learning something.

—Norman Bomer

Reminder!

The spring meeting of the lecture series on Science and the Christian Faith is scheduled for 9:00 Saturday morning, May 14. Dr. Bastiaan Van Elderen of Calvin Seminary will speak on what has been and may be learned from the archaeological excavations in the Holy Land and in Asia Minor. Again ministers and teachers from this area have been invited to attend.

—dj