Rev. Vernon Vander Zee, missionary from Los Angeles, California, chats with students following his chapel appearance.
THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT 19

Brad Breems

The recent revivification of the 19-year-old voting age measure raises new student consideration. The responsibility of 19-year-olds is the primary concern of Iowa legislators now. The seasoned skeptics look over their bifocals, read about Harvard demonstrations, and raise their graying eyebrows. With insurance company classifications, many people agglomerate the late-teen class as a meatball of radical rowdies intent on making America a seething, disordered and uninhabitable sty. What they apparently do not realize is the reason for the excited disturbances of most youthful disorder today.

Never before in our country's history has a group of people been so prepared, so widely read, and so close to homogeneity as today's 19-25-year-olds. Thousands of progressive men in the legislators' own generation have given countless hours to produce a high speed and efficient educational system. Today's collegian has been raised in a scintillating world of accelerated courses, an emphasis on comprehension, and the effects of Hiroshima-shaking discoveries. These educational advances, combined with speed-of-light communication with neighbors in the opposite hemisphere have produced a kind of offspring undreamed of in the days of spats and top hats.

A puzzled legislator-age generation looks with assumed ascendency at the puzzling generation they have bred. The former generation must see one very important fact: whether they like it or not, they have taught their 19-year-old son to "hurry and do" for about 19 years too long to make him "hurry and wait" now.

The campus groups, not the DAR or Kiwanis Clubs are the most avid watchers of America's political scene. The 1968 party conventions should not convince our elders of the destructive effects that youth can cause but should send them panicking to find safer outlets for young cultivated enthusiasm. If the youth are not allowed to vote because of alleged irresponsibility, then not something be mentioned of the ageing retiree who watches Lawrence Welk, shoots pool, bakes apple pies and votes for the candidate with the shortest hair?

I urge each student (any age) to form a Dordt coalition to consider all of the angles in 19-year-old voting. To not do so would, in my opinion, be a failure to follow the subduing mandate. Secular campuses are buzzing over this very issue. Not even a drone here?

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In the middle of trying to induce Christian social action within the Dordt community, an encouraging incident occurred. Apparently without the expressed consent of the Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, officials informed chaplains that they may no longer refer to the name of God in their counseling. The action resulted from protests by the American Civil Liberties Union. This group, reasoning from the statement that to mention God's name in the U.S. military services was unconstitutional, demanded government action.

When Laird was informed of the order, he overruled this decision. The Dordt Spiritual Activities Committee responded in a letter, addressed to Mr. Laird, dated April 23:

We, the students and faculty of Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, wish to express our appreciation of your recent action in restoring to U.S. Army chaplains the right to refer to God in indoctrination courses. We believe that it is impossible to instill a sense of moral responsibility in men without referring to God. We also believe that as Christians we must maintain the existence and honor of God in the face of all atheistic attacks. This incident, spearheaded by the ACLU, is one of many attempts to remove any acknowledgement of God from our National life.

Consequently, we are sincerely grateful to you and thankful to God that we have Christian officials who dare to resist the secularistic trends of our day by their courageous stance.

The committee should be congratulated for its response to this kind of action, so alien in our country.
BRAVO! “TAMING OF THE SREWH” by Mrs. Reuben Samani

Mr. Koldenhoven, the cast and crews who produced this delightful play deserve a standing ovation for their production. Those of us who love theater and appreciate art are indebted to you for your exceptional interpretation and presentation of Taming Of The Shrew. Although selecting a difficult show for production, you exhibited a hearty enthusiasm and brilliance.

A good performance is said to be a series of scenes, each one of which must in some way indicate the break between scenes. This was the skillful actor employed the pause, movement, the gesture, change in emphasis, change in tempo, pitch or any combinations of these methods. In Taming Of The Shrew there were many of these shifts and they all fell into place beautifully.

The performance given by Larry Meyer as Gremio was outstanding. An actor in portraying his character really has two tools, his own body and his own voice and he must shape himself into the character he is going to show the public. Larry displayed the utmost flexibility, and control of body and voice. Although his part was not lengthy he stood out as exceptional in the total design of the play.

Also of stellar quality was Jerry Vreeman’s interpretation and portrayal of Petruchio. I would especially comment on his interpretation of character, lines, voice quality, and excellent enunciation. One of his very fine scenes was Act IV Scene I. Another where he employed wonderful variations in pace, emphasis and tempo was Act V Scene II.

A beautiful, fiery Kate was played by Lynda Piersma contrasted by a lovely, gentle, soft-spoken Bianca, Vivian Booxm.

Vivian gave Bianca poise and grace of movement while Lynda gave Kate many delightful dimensions. She portrayed the shrewish Kate, the coy Kate, the obedient Kate, with exciting freshness and variety. The scene on the street to Baptista’s house in Act V one of the most (Cont. on p. 6)

LIMITED PLANS RELEASED FOR MAY 9 BANQUET

An elite group of some 425 handsomely dressed men and elegantly attired women will complete the aura of expectancy and excitement reserved for 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 1969. They will form a composite of juniors, seniors, faculty members of Dordt College. Their assembly is to occur at Dordt’s new gymnasium to celebrate the Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the class of 1970.

Along with sumptuous dining, general fellowship, and light-hearted entertainment, the banqueters will enjoy thoughts shared by the special speaker, Rev. Peter Grossman of the Reformed Church of America, from Pierre, South Dakota.

The juniors have industriously arranged the evening’s events, and in the expressive words of one committee member: “with making a lot of progress—we have a lot to do.”

Case De Haan and Thane De Stijger are the coordinators of three main committees and several subcommittees planning the evening. Their aim is to provide a stimulating occasion, even to the point of beginning the banquet promptly. To facilitate this accomplishment, prospective guests are asked to refrain from picture-taking before the dinner. The coordinators request that after wards all decorations be left intact to allow photographs and orderly dismantling of the appointments.

Tickets will be available in the Commons beginning Monday and will be distributed and sold until Wednesday.

‘VIETNAM WAR’ TOPIC OF PANEL DISCUSSION

The Political Science Club has announced that it will sponsor a panel discussion on the Vietnam war. The event will take place on May 6 at 7:30 pm in the classroom auditorium.

The panel which the club has chosen consists of one layman, two Dordt professors and one former Dordt professor. They are Dr. Peter Pals of Orange City; Mr. Louis Van Dyke, Assistant Professor of History; Rev. Cornelius Van Schouwen, formerly Associate Professor of Bible; and Rev. E. L. Hebers Taylor, Instructor of Economics and Sociology. All four men have seen experience in some branch of the armed services of this country or another. Dr. Pals is the only panel member, however, to have participated in the Vietnam campaign.

In the course of the evening the panel hopes to discuss such questions as “Why are we in Vietnam?” and “Is this involvement right or wrong?”

The public is invited to the discussion.
Dordt Adds Seven Men
To 69-70 Faculty

Dr. John Zinkand, Mr. Gary Warmink and Mr. Arnold Koekkoek will be returning to Dordt next year after interims of extended study and teaching. In addition, four new instructors will be added to enlarge the present faculty.

Dr. Zinkand, who has taught for the last four years at Westminster seminary, will return to Dordt to teach classical languages. Dr. Zinkand is an ordained minister in the Eureka Classis and has studied at Wheaton College, Johns Hopkins University, Westminster Seminary and Brandeis University. Mr. Gary Warmink will teach voice, Music History and direct the Chorale upon his return to Dordt after a two year leave of absence to complete the course work for his doctoral degree in Music History at Ohio State University. Mr. Arnold Koekkoek, who has taught History at Dordt prior to undertaking studies at the University of Iowa, is returning for his two-year leave of absence to resume teaching in this area.

The four new appointees represent an interesting variety of previous experience. Mr. Martin Dekkinga will teach in the areas of English and speech. Presently Mr. Dekkinga is principal-teacher at Dakota Christian High. He graduated from Calvin College and has earned his M.A. in Education from Northern Iowa State University.

Mr. John Struyk, who is working on his doctorate at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, will teach German during the 1969-70 term. Mr. Struyk is a graduate of Calvin College and has taught previously in Alberta and Ontario.

Mr. Gerald Bouma, who has attended Dordt College and graduated from Northwestern College will join the music department next year with an M.A. degree in Music Education. Mr. Bouma is studying at Arizona State University this year.

Mr. Delmar Vander Zee, an instructor at Southwest Minnesota Christian High School, will be teaching in the area of biology from Western Michigan University. Mr. Vander Zee is a graduate of Dordt and has earned his M.A. in Education from Western Michigan University. Mr. Vander Zee has taught Biology at Grand Rapids, Michigan, while his husband, Peter De Haan, attends Calvin Seminary.

SPEECH FINALISTS
MEET WEDNESDAY

Seven finalists from the Freshman English class will present their speeches on May 7, in an effort to finish with top honors in the Freshman speech contest. The event promises to be interesting with the best speakers of the Freshman class competing. The finalists will be selected from a group of fifteen semi-finalists on Monday, May 5. The final round of speeches will be presented in the Old Gym and will commence at 7:30 p.m. jvb

Six Instructors
Leave As
Faculty Changes

Two Dordt professors will leave Dordt next term to pursue their doctoral programs and four more will leave for different teaching jobs, an unofficial survey of the faculty revealed. The survey was taken by the Diamond in view of the inaccessibility of official data on the subject.

Mr. Donald Morton of the History Department has received a scholarship of 5000 guilders to attend the Free University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. This scholarship was made possible to a Dordt professor in order to cement good relations between Dordt and the university and to encourage Dordt students to further their education there. Morton's doctoral program will begin with two months of language training. The major concentration of his studies will be the theory of history.

Also leaving Dordt on a leave of absence is Mr. Dallas Apol of the German department. His intention is also to pursue a doctoral program, but a little closer to Dordt. He will undertake a three year program at the University of Minnesota, specializing in German literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Miss June Mulder, presently teaching German and English, will leave Dordt to obtain a different title, albeit not academic in nature. She will exchange her present title of Miss for Mrs. on June 21. Her plans for the fall are indefinite at the present. Miss Janice Bouma will teach at Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan, Montana, where her husband will also be teaching.

Dr. William Lothers, of the Speech department, will attend summer school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He will concentrate on speech pathology. Dr. Lothers has accepted an appointment to teach at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois next fall.

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Free University of Amsterdam. In commenting about the symposium, the Dordt professors agreed that the real issue was "what Scripture means for us in our scientific activity." Two camps appeared prevalent at the symposium: those who separated Scripture and science, and those who began with Scripture and then went to work in science.

Even though no real solutions were concluded, all felt that it was a highly worthwhile, and it was agreed to have the next symposium at Dordt College in two years. cvz

Two members of the music department will also be leaving. Mrs. Trena Haan will teach two graduate courses in music at Brooklyn College in New York City this summer. Her plans for the fall are indefinite at the present. Mrs. Janice Bouma will teach at Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan, Montana, where her husband will also be teaching.

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I fear that we do tend to a doctrine of praction thus we are guilty of being selfish Christianity. We think that we are Christian possible only for those who ourselves. ("Why should anyone who doesn't work for it?) How about the lazy, the imprisoned, the poor? If God does not the worthy but worthless then how can we selfishly anyone from our Christian church? We like to criticize the flight of our Christian world. Perhaps we are the fastest in history. The student protest of the 1960's is more saying anything about our world. Yet, our Christian world-and-life do we shut our eyes to the problems that are extant?-non-Christian colleagues, students, as image-beards perhaps distortedly seeing God-deeming evils in our society: evils which we cannot ignore in our ivory towers. Where the Christian concern about problems? We can theorize away, but we cannot eliminate their urgent reality.

Soli Deo Gloria! Dr. Lambert Zuidema

glorifying God require loving obedience to Him and loving service to our men so that they may better God and His image in 25 God says "love your neighbor as yourself," we are glorifying God by selfishly ignoring the needs and problems, world and assuming a "life-hon-"attitude. I am like one Christian student, other, how are we representing our Christian world-life view when we ignore the world and do not respond as loving Christians?

Lambert Zuidema
AS SYMBOL OF DORDT STUDENT APATHY

The problem of beards has made manifest another problem, not as easily discernable, but much more dangerous, inside the student body. There is an epidemic eating away at the influential muscle fibers of the Dordt College student. Fibers, now beginning to mature into what ultimately should be the well-flexed musculature of the Christian in society. The strength of today's Christian will ultimately exist in his interest in and influence on society. If there is no interest, there can be no influence.

While our muscle fibers are now in a maturing stage, that is, a stage in which activity and exercise are essential for proper growth and development, it is necessary that the Christian student prepare himself in the use of active participation in student affairs, and ultimately, world affairs. If government policy or legislative decision do not coincide with the scriptural mandate on a particular subject, the Christian in society must be active in doing all he can to bring it to the attention of his elected representatives, and change to the proper remedy.

In the recent poll on beards, I was extremely surprised to find that around 22% of the student body was convinced the present rule is justifiable. I expected a smaller minority, but I was wrong. But yet 78% of the students were opposed to the rule. About 8 out of every 10 students disagree with the rule as it stands. For eight months now, the rule has been in effect. No one has ever attempted to make a statement contrary to school policy. No one has ever written a letter, a column, or an article in the school's newspaper, although the editorial staff would welcome any such statement with open arms. No one has mentioned anything publicly although the majority of students avidly disagree with the policy. The students themselves have to take the blame for containing their criticism, or only mentioning them in closed-door "bull sessions," which neither aid in constructive action, nor accomplish anything significant in character building or responsible criticism, but rather tend to monopolize in "muck-raking."

Some students feel that the beard problem is so insignificant that dissent is hardly worth the time. This is in fact the truth. Beards are so trivial, that the subject hardly merits its discourse. However, where are we Christians ever going to begin to take up any responsibility? When 8 out of 10 students feel contrary to a stated or unmentioned rule, shouldn't some sort of recognition be imminent? Practice is needed for the Christian student in involvement and activity, if it be matters pertaining to his own life as a student, or as a citizen of this country and God's creation. Comments received in the poll were many times so well-thought and well-constructed, both pro and con, that I believe many students are neither taking up their responsibility, nor actively using their talents. And all this in a time when the Diamond literally cries out for students willing to express their opinions.

The farthest thing from my mind is a San Francisco State, or Columbia, or Berkeley, or a University of Wisconsin where violence has transposed the proper role of criticism to reaction and havoc. But dissent is an American and God-given right. A right which put the world at our continent, and without which democracy would not be democratic. It's time for all students at Dordt first of all to use their talents in whatever way possible, but even more to be outspoken for all they believe in and adhere to. We must give air to our views, and give voice, not only to our criticism, but also our support to matters pertinent to us. We will profit from practice in activity, and the world will ultimately profit from our comments and answers.

THE EXTINCT BEARD ISSUE:

A senior recital, the first event of the Dordt College Art Festival came to life at 8:00 on Wednesday evening in the Music Building. The recital was a joint performance by organists Joyce Vander Zee and William Bird.

Mr. Bird initiated the recital with a mixture of heavy and light sounds in "Toccata in E Minor" by Johann Pachelbel. Among the seven numbers Bird played, two of the most interesting were "Le Banquet Celeste," and "Carillon de Westminster," "Le Banquet," and "written modern composer, Oliver Messiaen, produced a solemn, mysterious, dissonant mood while adding to the slightly "off" sound frequent in contemporary music. The theme of the Westminster chimes rang throughout the composition "Carillon de Westminster," while building to a spiraling climax.

Joyce Vander Zee concludes the program with five numbers.

Tom Stampfl

committee meetings--Ways and Means--led by Rep. Den Herder and an Education Committee--which is trying to write a new bus bill.

Most people take a dim view of lobbyists, and those who dare to take on the name of professional lobbyists are frequently examined for evidence of black horns. George Wilson is a member of the latter class and he did much to change our views on the matter. Most of the professional lobbyists, including Wilson, are attorneys or lawyers and are hired by various groups or industries to introduce a bill and help get it passed. However, they also write up bills for Senators and Representatives as a free service, since they are acquainted with wording bills to make them legally and philosophically sound.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in the Student Union and adjourned at 5:30. We then had a long talk with Rep. Den Herder, who remained a true politician through and through. He conveyed compliments received on the neat appearance of our group and answered questions on all the legalities involved in the passage of a bill.

The ride home provided plenty of time for reflective thinking and exchange of opinions--a fitting close for a day that ended all too soon.
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should have strong convictions, demic freedom is that the scholar by governed and stand by them, and that the freedom: "The essence of academic principle and abide by principle. ennui; but academic freedom is the academy would sink into stimulated by conflict, struggle is part of a search for stratification takes advantage of its Student Council is too afraid to fear it holds for the watchful area of Missions inorder to fill the great commission vangelize the world.

Joyce displayed great control and dexterity, especially evident in her trills and runs of Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in D minor". Another zenith with her performance was the selection "Vi Noel" by Louis C. Daytin. Its rhythmic motion and clear, precise progression characterized her entire performance.

The highlight of the recital was the performances of two harpsichord-organ concertos, performed by both Miss Vander Zee and Mr. Bird with Miss Joan Ringerwol at the harpsichord. The musical combination of harpsichord and organ added immeasurably to the enjoyment.

Don't miss the program of slides planned for the night of Sunday, May 11. Rev. Van Antwerpen, from Sheldon Christian Reformed Church, will be showing his slides from the Holy Land.

EVENT RUNS FOR THREE DAYS

The annual Festival of Arts is now underway on the Dordt campus. Having begun on Thursday, the displays and seminar sessions will continue through Saturday, May 3.

This afternoon in the Old Gym seminars on literature will run as follows: 2:00, poetry; 3:00, short story; 4:00 essays. Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, head of the Dordt choral department, has prepared a performance of area high school and Dordt music departments for this evening in the New Gym at 7:30.

Tomorrow at 4:00 the Commons will host a seminar of the art works on display. Then at 8:00 in the Old Gym, the Festival will close with the performance of selected entries in literature, original drama, and music.

Students are urged to take as much advantage of the festival as possible.

The Dordt Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Trena Haan will present its final concert of the year this Sunday evening, April 17. The concert will be held at 9:00 pm, after the evening service at the Inwood Christian Reformed Church.

This is the last concert by a Dordt choir to appear under Mrs. Haan's direction. Mrs. Haan came to Dordt in 1965 and directed Concert Choir in that year. In the last two years she has had direction of the Chorale in addition to regular classroom courses. In some summers between her terms at Dordt, she has taught in the Meadow Brook School of Music and will be teaching this summer at Brooklyn College in New York City.

Mr. Gary Warmink will resume his former position as director of Chorale upon his return next fall.

The theme for this year's party is "Riding a Carousel", around which the decorations have been planned. Senior Dale Slings will emcee the event, in concert which the "Continental's" or Northwestern will perform.

Tickets for the party will each be $1 for the freshmen and $2 for all others. Sales begin May 5 and continue to May 12.

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Rev. Stob was delayed because of a speaking engagement in Orange City, causing a fifteen minute recession. When Rev. Stob arrived, he gave an interesting talk on the work of missions in Japan, and showed slides. He has been there for two years and is still engaged mostly in language study. This is his first post.

Thursday morning Rev. VanderZee spoke at chapel services on "Keeping the Faith". He is from the Los Angeles Fruit Reformed Church, works mainly in the Watts district. He gave a challenging speech about the Black Revolution and the Christian Revolution.

Dave Smit, president of the Mission Club, commented that he thought Mission Emphasis Week was a fairly good and that it fulfilled its purpose, "to incite and encourage students to fill the great commission to evangelize the world, to

MR. RUPEN SAMANI holds a B.A. degree with double majors in Drama and Speech Therapy from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Elmer B. Smith, a former president of the college, is a native of Dordt.

The three pictures on this page give a glimpse of part of the art on display in the Commons annex this week. The display is part of the annual Fine Arts Festival.