Dordt College Homecoming Day, 1969. For the first time, in the history of the college, that traditional-old ball game against Briar Cliff in the evening, the big day is almost here! Saturday, February 1st is when Dordt College Homecoming '69 will be the scene of a variety show of sorts, complete with presentations in music, drama, and comedy, but starring those lovable little Shakespearean pages from the girls dorm, who have only so recently hit the musical stage. They will be performing in true Shakespearean style an original composition by their producer director - an event that shouldn't be missed.

Meanwhile, back in the sports world, the action will be hard, fast, and humorous all afternoon in the new gym, as team after team of all-star volleyball and basketball players take to the floor in fierce competition. In some cases, it might even be a battle of the sexes as men and women fight for superiority on the volleyball court. Rumor has it, also, that there will be a demonstration by the all-star faculty members of the jogging club; but as yet, there is no official confirmation of that score. Five-thirty is starting time for the biggest event of the day as the J.V. and varsity squads will give to the homcoming crowd a spirited performance of Dordt athletics.

Vander Stelt Talks About War Issues

The recent lectures of Rev. Vander Stelt presented on February 4 and 6 on "The Christian and the Problem of War" were meant to be tentative and introductory to the problem. As such, Rev. Vander Stelt did not intend to give pat answers to questions relating to these problems. Rather, he traced the historical development of the problem of war, and things that must be considered when studying the problem of war.

He began by raising several thought-provoking questions, such as: Is killing the same as not loving? If there were no government with an army to protect you, how could you even be a conscientious objector? May we only have defensive war and still win the planning for Dordt College's First Homecoming Offers Wide Variety...
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The sharp Iowa breeze sifted a fine powder of snow across the crusted drifts outside the window. The usual suburb, hum of people engulfed West Hall dormitory. It was a quiet winter day. As I sat at my desk, it seemed that things suddenly came into sharp focus. A radio, or was it a record player, provided a distant background sound. The song, one of the usual top forty, thrummed with a tone of reckless abandon. The words spoke of a search for acceptance, thrills, satisfaction, status, always just beyond reach yet sure to be there, somewhere.

Footsteps echoed down the hall accompanied by voices discussing a recent examination given by a "professor" who was "such a sleepy guy..." Across the room two fellows spoke in hushed whispers about a certain intimate female acquaintance from back home. As they talked, the kid from down the hall, a boy with a sense of humor, mentioned the possibility of a date for the following week. The radio was still playing, and the talk continued, thought about saying something, I decided not to, because I was afraid that they would just laugh. An Observer.

The above letter appears to be a critique of Diamond magazine's editorial content, particularly指向 the家乡的杂志 "Observer". The letter suggests that the magazine's content is lacking in depth and insight, and that the editorial staff should consider the "Observer"'s statements both valid and valid. The letter ends with the request for the magazine's editor to respond publicly to the letter.

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Dr. Runner fields a query from the floor following his lecture Wednesday evening. About 150 students and faculty members met to hear a lecture on "Student Dissent and the Christian College." The faculty intends to add a series of meetings March 4 through 6.

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At the conclusion of his lecture, Dr. Richardson was born at the University of Chicago and graduated from Sterling College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in the field of Religion and Personality. He served as pastor to several congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in North America. Presently, he teaches and does research at the University of Chicago besides maintaining a private practice in psychotherapy and marriage counselling. He has served as president of the Christian Association of Marriage Counsellors and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex. Dr. Richardson is a visiting professor at Trinity Christian College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

The book is just plain entertaining. The Mexicans talk dialect (quite vulgar dialect, at that), the Americans battle wits. Marcia suggests, for example, that there is little chocolate during the war because they dump it on Tokyo so the Japanese will get acne. Throughout, the book is filled with this and similar witticisms. Some, however, are vulgar. But, after all, people really do use four-letter words. I dare say no word is used which any Dordt student could not define conceivably. Explain the apology and the digression.

Brandford's tone in this book is one of amusement in the tragic comedy (as he sees it) of life. He is somewhat bitten at moments, and alternately biting and excusing, I imagine he could be called a realist. He does not stress the sordid, nor the exalted. Ideals are absent in a remarkable way: this is not the struggle of a youth to obtain identity and meaning and identity and excellence, nor the search for God's Word, which gives us meaning and identity and allows us (compels us) to work.

This basic philosophy was also found in the open philosophy class lecture held Thursday morning entitled "Scientific and Pre-Scientific," his open lecture to the political science club considering "Revolutions," (Cont. on p.6)

The people are not beautiful, not rich, not too wise. They almost all live next door: the doctor's son looks at the pictures in his father's anatomy books, the rector's daughter makes fun of the teachers, and the protagonist swipes his father's wine.

Pharmacist
To Lecture

The student lecture series is past and the annual faculty lecture series will soon be here. The faculty intends to bring Dr. E. Alan Richardson, a Christian psychiatrist, to the campus. He will address a series of meetings March 4 through 6.

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Yesterday is already a dream. Tomorrow is only a vision. Today will live makes yesterday a dream of happiness, every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.

—From the Sanskrit

Red Sky at Morning
Richard Bradford
J.B. Lippi ncott Co.
256 pages
Reviewed by David W. Sinclair
CARNIVAL PEAKS TWIRP WEEK

-Kelii Keller and Larry Meyer

Girls are shy? This "oxlorn" was... S.N.-
A, E, U. reached the finals
with an unblemished record
in the IIBI! league. Third
place in the tournament wert
unidentified

BOOKSTORES

...DCB By Violence

A case of breaking-and-entering was reported by the Dordt College Bookstore. The incident took place sometime after closing on Friday, February 7, through a south window of the store. An estimate of the theft cannot be made until a complete inventory has been taken by the company suppliers.

Miss Bertha Haverhals, a bookstore employee, discovered the break-in Monday morning when she opened the shop. A blast of cold air from the broken south window greeted her. An overturned rack was the only other visible sign of the entry.

Seniors Take I-M Volleyball Honors

The Cannons of Dordt, led by superstar Pres Nekman, again mapped up on all volleyball competition this year. They went through the season undefeated and walked away with the volleyball tournament by defeating the O.T.A.E.'ers and the S.N.-A.E.U. Second place in the tournament went to the S.N.-A.E.U. reached the finals with an unblemished record in the "B" league. Third place in the tournament went to the Sophomores' O.T.A.E.'ers who defeated the Soul Brothers for that honor.

Bringing up the rear was Junior Soul Brothers who defeated the Christian education is a necessity—we believe this at Dordt. What are we (and should we) be doing in connection with the battle that is being fought in the Iowa State Legislature? Because of moral difficulties, many Roman Catholic schools are closing. Their requests to the state government for help have been ignored by various legislators of 'justice.' Senator Richard Step and legislator, Richard Walter, have stated their respective views very clearly. Mr. Stephens, who opposes granting subsidy for private schools, has also, in his own inimitable Christian manner, put the following question: "What need is there for non-public schools when there are high quality public schools?" Mr. Walter has stated: "If we have the right to impose a dual system [public and non-public] on our citizens," he asks, "whither have they a right to impose one system of education upon all the citizens?" Mr. Walter adds: "Non-public schools would, in effect, be subsidizing religious teaching. Morals can be taught in public schools as well as in other schools.

Mr. Walter and Mr. Stephens have not even begun to understand what the real issues are. They have not understood the integrity or wholeness of Christian education. Neither have they seen that Christianity is much more than "morals" that can be taught in the public schools. As a matter of fact, Christian morals are already different from so-called 'neutral' morals. Morals are by their very nature not neutral. These politicians represent only a fragment of the citizenry; they do not seek true justice for all those citizens who believe that education is by its very nature not State-education and for those who claim that, because of the unbreakable wholeness of life, education cannot be religiously colorless.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century it was believed in the Netherlands that "the central aim of education was the development of a person's mental capacities so that he could become a rational being... This provoked a vehement reaction on the part of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish citizens. As citizens they appealed to their legislature, rights to have children (who are also citizens) trained in a truly democratic manner. "They heeded the di-vine norm that children must be brought up in the fear and adoration of the Lord." It took Groen van Prinsterer and Abraham Kuyper, together with Roman Catholic and Jewish fellow-citizens, several decades to stir the conscience of the situation on this crucial issue... The battle for justice, for non-adoption of a citizen's basic right was completed in the Netherlands only a few years ago for the Christian universities in Amsterdam and for the Roman Catholic university in Nijmegen. Dr. Kuyper saw the central problem clearly, a century ago. He joined forces with Roman Catholic and Jewish citizens and political leaders. At the beginning of his Christian princi-principals was not involved; it was a political issue that can and had to be dealt with in conjunction with other citizens, the other citizens, upon a dominating self-group of citizens and politicians.

I believe that the situation today is very similar here. If Kuyper viewed them, we can see them from today in the Dutch seat. Christians, Catholics, and Jews must forces as free citizens in the land, as people who love the commonwealth of it, who do not, of course, deny the basis for discrimination against their citizens. We are learning to think act politically. Or Are we perhaps, suffering from a feeling of "superiority" as Christians who are free citizens, afraid to be recognized as fellow-citizens who are in-need. What should we do? How can we keep silent while the battle is raging in the Iowa State Legislature? Political freedom or Political strangle-hold?
The Sioux Center Blades, deciding out-skated, fell to a strong Iowa State team. The Hawkeyes, led by a strong defense, beat the Blades 11-3. The Blades' three goals came off the sticks of Tony Jansen, George Fernhout, and Pete Greidams. The Blades bounced back in the next game, however, by beating Sioux Falls 13-8. Henry Knoopp led the scoring with 5 goals. Ren Siebens and Bill De Jager added 2 each and Tony Jansen, George Fernhout, Pete Greidams, and Herman Van Niejenhuis added laps. The Blades are a clean team accumulating only 4 penalties in the two games. The Blades hope to schedule a meet with Trinity College in the near future.

Defenders Continue Wins

Dordt's cagers continued their winning streak by again defeating General Beadle, this time by an 82-69 margin. Again the Defenders got off to an early lead but this time they nearly blew it. Midway through the second half, the Beadle meat pulled to within 4 points to make the score 64-60. The Defenders then narrowed the range again and outscored their opponents 18-5 in the closing minutes. The Defenders averaged a good 52% from the field with Gene Hospers leading the way with 24 points.

TIMMER DEFENDS STATISTICS POLICY

Coach Jim Timmer's basketball team is on the rebound this year, and this is not to be taken literally. This is one of the big reasons why the Dordt Defenders have more wins than losses this year. Rebounds. Of course, the cause of this is the extra height he has attained from Van Hofwegen, Halstra, and Kreun. Last year, Dordt's tallest man was 6 foot 2 inches, whereas this year he has three boys at 6 foot 5 inches. But the big issue at this time is the reasons why Coach Timmer does not give up the team statistics. He states that they are not important. They are all there, but to publish them every game would be worthless in Timmer's opinion. The only thing this does is give each player recognition as an individual, but basketball is not an individual sport. The whole team together wins the game, not just one player. And who should give the players recognition? Some newspaper man from the Des Moines Register worried about statistics or their fellow students—the peers? Basketball is a spectator sport and it gives people the opportunity to see a part of Dordt College in action. Like a band or choir concert, basketball reflects Dordt in action in its different fields. But this is not the number one thing for any of the players. The first reason they are at Dordt is to get an education in a Christian perspective. Basketball is only a part of the wholeness of the individual. And in Coach Timmer's words, "We are here to prepare the students for the future, in both mental and physical capacity, to the glory of God."
The hour is long as the day is short
As
Corridors turn brown under blended saunter,
and
White-yellow lights emit channels of knowledge;
As
Long-handled mops push away educated evidence,
and
Big-block tubs swallow educated scribblings.
The hour is short as the day is long
As
Love-sick hearts feel aching desires,
and
Tired minds seek peace from rising tension;
As
Weary flesh hunger after Filling Bread,
and
Empty souls thirst after Living Water.
Blowing blades, lingering leaves, swirling snow, rising sleepers--
Ah
Is there no peace?
My eyes look into the valley.
Is there no help?
White-blue lights poke new spark into fading flame, but
Sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety-five.
Where am I running? North, Sir, North...
But why is there no shadow, no shade, no escape?
A crossroad--no, a fork!

Impending darkness, shade, escape--
Fading, dying light!
Hope, confidence, life!
Let me live... I'm free!

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and evaluated his views accurately. The evidence does not say that the result of this symposium was the "propagandizing of the students and advancement of the cause of nihilism, anarchy and immorality."

What black and white agitators have so tragically missed in the past is the realization of God's true revelation. Northwest Iowa reacted. Correctly? The time is past to change the spokesman's minas, but that must not stop us, the Christian community who have honestly failed in the past, must not be present or future failure. If those who objected to Gregory's appearance at our sister college had visibly improved the current crisis in our nation, their objections would be beyond criticism. Since they have not, it may be time for inexperience to learn--and to the extent that its predececssor did not.

SC REPORT

Improvements in the bar, the approaching Arts Festival, and both are the top issues broached to the Student Council's attention recently.

The Art Club has repaired the snack bar creating a warmer, friendlier atmosphere in the snack bar. Hangers for display art have been secured. Dave Vander Molen, president of the art club, represented that displays of local art would be shown for two weeks and eventually weekly shippings of Dordt student's art will also be hung in the snack bar when it is completed.

Heading the Fine Arts Committee, Mr. Richard Vander Zeer appeared before the Council to request student representation at the committee. The committee after conducting a poll, decided to invite Northmen and Westmarians, led by experts in fields, are also being ranged. The Fine Arts Festival will be April 30, May 1, 2, and 3 and will include a variety of categories.

In appreciation for stimulating lectures, Council decided to send Evan Runner an honorarium of $100.

Possible replacements for Paul Harvey as a future future tourer are also being considered.

CLUBS In View

The Mission Club is planning to have Rev. Friday speak to them on March 17. This proposed topic for discussion is "The Calvinistic Approach to Evangelism.

The Pre-Sem Club met twice this week. On Wednesday, February 19, the topic was "The Secular City" and was discussed. On Thursday evening, the members met at the supper with Dr. A. Bandstra from Calvin Seminary. Bandstra was present to answer questions about Calvin Seminary's future for the Dordt Sem.