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President Haan leads convocation

"Lead On O King Eternal," as sung by the Dordt College Concert Choir, was the opening sound of Dordt's 1970 convocation challenge of Rev. B. J. Haan, president of Dordt College.

In his address, Rev. Haan said that it was very significant that Dordt be in the scene at this point in history, "No part of society," he went on to say, "has escaped the disturbing factors of our time. Our strategic role in these times is to provide answers to help society out of its maze. It is Rev. Haan's belief that "Dordt has really become alive. Our slogan on campus should be 'up to date, but not offensive.'" He explained that we should not be offensive in the biblical sense of the word—as Paul says in 1 Cor., 10:32: "Give no offense to anyone, neither Jew, Gentile, nor the Church of God." He challenged the students and faculty to "turn the world on its side! We at Dordt have that kind of program and people... and it is only by living in the present that we will succeed."

Rev. Haan concluded his speech by reading Paul's recommended lifestyle for Christians in Romans 12:6ff. His last emphatic words were from the 21st verse: "Conquer evil with good!"

An instrumental quartet, a duet by Joyce Vreeman and Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, and some group singing climaxd by the singing of the Alma Mater, brought the 1970 convocation service to a close.

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Retreat Promises Rest, Food for Thought

At least 375 students and faculty members have registered for the second annual Dordt Retreat which will begin this afternoon at the Walther League Camp on Lake Okobojo. The aim of the retreat, according to one of the organizers Junior Don Draayer, is to give Dordt students a good start in the gaining of a Christian perspective toward some of the problems facing students today and to give freshmen and upper-classmen an opportunity to get acquainted.

An outdoor chapel, led by Rev. Kuil, College Pastor, will set the tone for this year's retreat. The main part of the retreat will center around three discussions on current issues in Biblical perspective. In the first panel, Lambert Zuldenaar will introduce the problem of "The Use of Drugs and Alcohol" in a 20-25 minute discussion. The second topic, "Sex and Dating," will be discussed by a panel consisting of Rev. Halst, moderator, Ruth Ann De Master, Rita Hettinga, Mick Klinkerm, and Diane Nieuwenhuis. Opportunities will be given to raise questions from the floor. The Saturday afternoon meeting will be introduced by Dave Cummings. Dave's work in ghetto areas of Pittsburgh qualifies him to speak first hand on the problem of "Race Relations." A final devotional around a bonfire will conclude the retreat.

Walther League Camp is well-equipped with recreational facilities which students are free to use in the free time at the retreat. In addition to sports clothes, retreaters will need their own linens (not blankets) and toilet paper.

Car convos to Lake Okobojo will begin leaving from the parking lot beside the new gym at 3:30 this afternoon and return to Dordt sometime Saturday evening.

Campus and City Police

Save what you have left by driving as you would if Dad and Mom were with you on the way to church. This is a reminder on parking and driving habits from the City Police Dept. and the Campus Police.

City ordinance prohibits parking on the streets from 2:00 am to 6:00 am. Welcome warnings have been issued up to now but summonses will be issued from now on.

Remember: park off-street and drive sensibly. The Justice of the Peace doesn't need your hard-earned cash.
editor's note: The following is a letter to the student body written by a former Dordt student, James Den Ouden. A 1968 graduate of Dordt, Jim was with the army in Germany when this letter was written on May 19, 1970.

Dear Alma Mater,

I consider myself a fortunate man to be able to call myself a "Dordt Alumnus". Although at the moment I am not pursuing graduate work I will take the opportunity to give you some of my ideas. Perhaps they will help you in some little way and if they do it is indeed a small payment for what you did for me.

From friends, a favorite teacher, and relatives I am keeping up with you for your action on the Dordt campus. New courses are being added to the curriculum, new teachers are being added to the faculty, and new ideas are floating around the campus. By the time you read this, naturally most of the reading in college is mandatory. I can remember complaining about all the reading I had to do. Believe me, the type of reading you will thank you for is a real struggle, and fresh compared to the dullness that prevails around here.

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"We're in hell, my pets, and they don't make mistakes, and people aren't damned for nothing!"

Whatever you think about the language in that line, you have to admit it's a good one for catching attention. Just the sort of thing that drives Sartre, and it might well drive him right into hell--as he portrays reality for his audiences. And as a negative example, the play hits hard and deep. Existentialism is the stuff that drives Sartre, and it might well drive him right into hell--not the kind of hell he has designed, but the hell described in God's Word.

"No Exit" is not a play that entertains. It is the result of a pessimistic view of life--it exaggerates and distorts until it hurts. But more and more of the artistic productions in North America are doing the same thing. Look at the paintings by Harvey Dinnerstein in the September issue of Esquire, the black theater productions on the East Coast, movies "Strawberry Statement," "Midnight Cowboy," or "Easy Rider," and the lyrics to the acid rock music from the West Coast. Christianity is not only being neglected in the popular forms of art--it is being openly rejected.

But because the play might have been offensive to too many people, the viewing audience was limited. Those in the Sept-ember audience (mostly faculty members) viewed the play critically, and from a Christian point of view. They were not, of course, gladdened by what they saw, but they were appreciative.

The fact that the play had to be presented to a severely limited audience points out a challenge for us as students at Dordt and for parents of students. We should learn to recognize the spirits of the age when they appear to us in art, we should criticize them from a Christian point of view, and either accept or reject the philosophies behind them according to their worth. And as we train ourselves to do this, we should become better-equipped to handle productions such as "No Exit.

Perhaps over the next few years, we'll shed some of the hang-ups that afflict us in the field of art. Maybe someday "No Exit" will be shown to a full house at Dordt College.
Remember the Walk-a-thon?

For those of you whose feet remember a grueling day last May, you may be interested in knowing that you helped collect $5,960 for the Philadelphia Association of Christian Schools.

The Walk-a-thon, held on May 2, provided an opportunity for interested people to demonstrate their support for Christian education. Rev. Harvey Davis, president of the PACS school board, was invited to visit Dordt Campus and explain the position of the school in the inner city. His enthusiasm caught fire. The walkers gathered that May 2 morning; they marched, trudged and crawled the 22 mile round trip between Sioux Center and Orange City. Sponsors for the walkers contributed a rate per mile, and soon the money started coming in. When it was all collected, it was sent to the PACS board.

William Kuiper, treasurer of the PACS board, wrote that the money came in "...a crucial juncture in the brief history... A 221,000 square foot building in the city... given to the association boasting four classrooms and a playground. But the gift from the Walk-a-thon came, PACS had funds for equipment, long with heartfelt thanks. Mr. Kuiper writes plans for this fall including two huge kindergarten through fourth grade classes: a full-time staff, eleven, and an enrollment of 225.

Arntzen to Lecture Sept. 23-25

A lecture and discussion on "New Theological Trends in the United States and Canada" will be presented by Dr. Marinus J. Arntzen on Sept. 23, 24, and 25. Dr. Arntzen is a professor of systematic theology at Calvin College. He also is making the first lecture for students, faculty members and visitors to Dordt College. The lecture will be held at 8:00 pm in C106.

The Arntzen lectures are sponsored by the Center for Christian Understanding and the Orange City University. The lectures are open to the public and are free of charge.

CAST FOR "ROMANOFF AND JULIET"

Igor - Verlin Vander Veen
Juliet - Judy Vander Plaats
Hooper - Brad Bierlink
Spy - Julius De Jager
I Soldier - Bob Vanden Bosch
II Soldier - Henry Vander Veen
Marfa - Ruth Goudswaard
Evdokia - Pam De Boer
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Thalian Workshop To Present Romanoff And Juliet

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Back to the Salt Mines

The counselors began the invasion. They opened, closed, dusted, cleaned, discovered, supplied, replaced, and then stepped back and let the fire burn. It came from all places: California, New Jersey, B.C., Michigan. It came in all ways: cars, buses, planes, trains, moving vans. And the Dordt College student body took shape and began another year.

Throughout Tuesday, Sept. 8, the appointed day for arrival, students began the awful task of unpacking. They discovered new friends and rediscovered old ones. The first official mixer was Tuesday evening. It proved to be the usual first night mixer. Kids split up in groups and bumped into many new faces. On Wednesday, the long session called Orientation began. Freshmen, while the upperclassmen met with their advisors and straightened out schedules. The cool wet weather stopped the scheduled scavenger hunt, but an invitation to play volleyball was issued, and the players assembled. Convos became as crowded as the administration.
Mr. Gritters explains administrative changes

Dr. Marinus Lyle Gritters has taken the job in his administration to the change in Dean of Student's Affairs. Several administrative changes have taken place in the past few months. Mr. Lyle Gritters pre-had the job in his office in the completed at the beginning of the strikes and construction difficulties. Looking to the future, students can expect a large two-story classroom addition located between the music-administration building and the classroom building. The faculty workroom will be replaced by a corridor which will lead into the new addition, beside the outer east entrance. A large lecture hall will occupy a large two-story classroom addition. Lecture groups will sit on several levels, all leading down to the platform. A video-room will be part of the lecture hall. One smaller classroom will be located on the first floor, in addition to the offices of Press, Haan, Mr. Gritters, and Mr. Dykstra. Two stairways on either side of the lecture hall will lead to a second level which will house one large and smaller ones. Twelve faculty offices will also occupy the second level. Completion is scheduled for next year.

The present parking problem will be reduced with a parking lot which will be located between the heating plant and the music-administration building.

Mr. Boersma points out that these new buildings indicate Dordt's rapid growth. He also invites inquirers to visit his office.

Galen Ledeboer

Taylor Lectures Christian Society

"The Christian understanding of justice implies that the state's main task, in fact, is to integrate society, or to hold it together; to hold the ring, so to speak, and see that no one community or association seeks to ride rough-shod over the rights and liberties of other groups or individuals.

In the Reformational view, the state is not the whole of which all other societal groups are parts. The various social structures must be distinguished, but not separated from each other, so that each other, so that each can display its proper character and perform its own function for the enrichment of human culture.

The structure of society, therefore, in the state of cultural and historical differentiation is not individualistic, as conservatives suppose, nor collectivistic, as liberals and socialists suppose, but PLURALISTIC."

With these basic concepts, the Christian view of law and politics and the state and his newest work Reform Action and Revolution, book sales were brisk and Prof. Taylor said that over $200.00 worth of Calvinist books were sold.

Present at the meeting were 25 lawyers and judges from the west and east coasts, Texas the Carolinas, Illinois, Iowa and other midwestern states, in their business meeting the members of the Christian Legal Society decided to revamp their whole work and witness in the United States.

Karen van Til

WELCOME

FRESHMEN!!!!!!
New Football Ruling Sparks 70-71 IM

The Music Department is mourning, both with activity and with joyful noises. Concert Choir, 45 members strong, has already given its first performance at the Convocation Service. After auditions, 15 men and 23 women were chosen to join Chorale Choir. The 79 members are now rehearsing for a Nov. 6 Fall Concert. Mr. Wurm, music director, says that the Chorale plans to perform two large Christmas works this year and the Chorale men will sing at the new Athletic Field dedication in the latter part of September. Breaking with tradition, the choir will not take its tour during Spring Vacation. The definite program for the short tour has not yet been announced.

Thirty new members joined the Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Grotenhuis. The 70 members are practicing, looking forward to a tour into California and Arizona next spring. Mr. Bouma and his Brass Choir are also practicing for a performance with organ in December. The Brass Choir has also been invited to Sioux City to give a concert with Miss Ringerswole at the organ for the American Guild of Organists.

Cross Country Team

Under the supervision of rookie Coach Rhoda, cross-country running at Dordt began Monday in drizzling rain at our beloved Sandy Hollow Golf Course. Losing only one letterman, Stan Visser, through graduation, the Dordt Defenders have added two promising freshmen to the team—John Zandstra and Tim Schiebout. Since both John and Tim have high school running experience, they will be a great help to lettermen Lynn Bleeker, Larry Lotters, and Gar Jaspers, Art Vander Wilt and Bill de Jager. Upperclassmen Dave Hind, Bill Lapp and Roger Vos complete the ten man cross-country team for Dordt.

Coach Rhoda is excited and enthusiastic about the club with its solid return of last year's nucleus.

Dordt's intramural activities started in controversy this year with a new ruling in touch football. Intramural Director Syne Aalten introduced the new ruling to lessen the amount of injuries and to increase the amount of participation of each member of the seven-man team. The new rule stipulates that all blocking is illegal, thus making every man on the team eligible to receive a pass. This would mean that guys like "Gráf" would lose their brutal gratification of clobbering the little player and would increase the ball handling responsibilities of all the members of the team. Alena stated that due to the ruling, "touch intramural football would be a safer game," but he added that "blocking might be allowed" (Passing and receiving eligibility would remain the same). All final decisions on the matter will come before Monday's opening games. If you're not playing, read your Western Civ. in the afternoon and come out and support the team of your class.

As a result, the Intramural Council (Marlene Moelenaar, Karen Kramer, Jim Eekhoff and Bob Schippers) have produced this year's schedule of activities beginning with touch football for men and fast pitch softball for women. Both events begin this coming Monday night so the Council encourages all participants to fill out the entry blanks found in the back of the rule book and hand them in to the office, located in the New Gym, before Friday night. For those who didn't pick up a rule book, they can be obtained in the Intramural Office during the hours of 6-8 pm Monday thru Thursday. All equipment must be checked out at this time also.

To inspire the bewildered freshmen a year ago, Congratulations!

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Archery (m) Sept. 28
Volleyball (m&w) Oct. 15
Bowling (m&w) Oct. 21
Free throw basketball (m&w) Dec. 7
Basketball (m&w) Jan. 12
Badminton (m) Jan. 24
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Table tennis (m) Mar. 16
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Oct. 10 Westmar (away)
Oct. 13 Sioux Falls (away)
Oct. 21 Yankton invitational Dakota State (away)