Luther Choir To Appear At Dordt

The Dordt College Music Department announced today that they have completed arrangements for the appearance of the nationally-known CONCERT CHOIR, directed by We s ton H. Noble, the 67 voice choir strives with sincerity to communicate the text and spirit of the music to its listeners. The works of contemporary and classical composers are listed on the tour program. The 1969 concert tour includes appearances in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

The highly trained group of devout and gifted young people will bring to this community a concert of sacred music; distinct in style and interpretation to be appreciated by all.

Tickets may be obtained from Dordt Concert Choir members or bought at the door at performance time.

Hulst--Students Present Facts On Chapel Change

The current topic about the chapel changes at Dordt has aroused unprecedented student interest (possibly better known as gossip). The Diamond, in an attempt to present some of the facts which may not be understood by students, conducted interviews with some of the individuals involved. In the two following articles, information from two sources is presented.

Rev. J. B. Hulst, college pastor, announced changes in chapel services for next semester on Tuesday, January 14, 1969.

"The Public Law 88-204 of the Higher Education Facilities Act, 1963, does not allow use of Federal funds for any facility used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship. Dordt College has been notified that chapel services are considered 'religious worship' and it is therefore advisable not to hold chapel services in the new auditorium.

This announcement from Rev. Haan, president of Dordt College, was the result of an investigation on the part of college officials to clarify the terms used in the law. Late in the Fall, the administration was alerted to this matter when it was indicated that other colleges were having problems in regard to the same law. It seems that the government regards chapel as worship. Therefore, if Dordt continued to use the new auditorium for chapel it could be libel to the college officials.

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Students Dispel Rumors

Prior to the change of locale of chapel services, rumors had circulated around campus that the college faced a lawsuit due to the investigations of two students. The rumors named the instigators of this plot, Juniors Tom L. Vanden Bosch and Wes. The Diamond contacted them and they gave the following account.

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Contacts chapel officials

Vanden Bosch decided to contact an acquaintance in the Chicago Office of Education for private advice. A staff member confirmed the facts and further advised that Vanden Bosch inform college officials of the possible predicament in which they had placed the college.

He then discussed the (Cont. on p. 6)
EDITORIAL

by John Strikwerda

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and there-with curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God." James 3: 8-9.

"Did you hear the latest?"
"I heard that..."
"She didn't!"
"That's what I was told."
"Well, if he said so it must be the truth."

Are these statements part of your conversation as you go through the daily routine at Dordt? If they are, maybe you should reread the Biblical quote above. It speaks to all of us about the evil powers of speech. Believe it or not, this one negative aspect of our lives is probably the strongest foothold the Devil has in our social activities.

All too often we indulge in the questionable pleasure of slandering a fellow Christian. We hear and spread ugly rumors with such celestial zest that Apollo 8 is a snail in comparison. A half-truth, a juicy bit of gossip, or an ordinary lie is often the start of a personal character defamation in our closely-knit society. Whether we are the executioner or the victim, this process of idle talk reaps nothing but sadness and devastation.

Why is it that we are so vitally interested in listening to gossip about other people? Are we so small that we must tear down another's reputation in order to build up our own? I wonder if minding our own business would eliminate the harm done by mind-ing some one else's. Surely gossip does not justify itself under the heading of Christian love and concern for a fellow man. If that's the case then we might as well demolish every belief we have.

The next time someone reports to you a second-hand story about a mutual acquaintance ask him whether he has all the facts. When he claims to be telling the truth, verify his version by going directly to the party concerned. If the story turns out to be just that - a story, make sure you inform the guilty party of his lying and remind him of the damage he has done to someone's reputation. If, on the other hand, the original story turns out to be the truth, go to the gossiper and tell him that nothing is gained by letting the world know about someone else's mistakes. Rather he should go to the hero of his story and offer any assistance possible.

The courts in the United States will not tolerate hearsay evidence alone. The laws in the United States allow for great punitive damages to be paid out to victims of slander. Yet we go through life not only allowing others to slander but doing it ourselves.

STOP TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED UPON GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE SHAMED. II Timothy 2: 15

LETTER

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A bit of good news. Graham Greene has been informed that Dordt's Thalians produced his play, *The Potting Shed*. When he told Mr. Greene about our reaction to the play, Mr. Greene was very disturbed. (It was stated, among other things, that the play "does not give a very clear picture of true Christianity. It leaves out the problem of sin almost entirely and focuses on the hope and desire of belief and disbelief in God.") He wants to be Christian in all of his writings, and hence took our critique to heart.

And this is the good news. He is writing another play in which I am sure the errors we found in The Potting Shed theology will be corrected. The play, to be entitled *The Potted Easter Lily*, will be devoid of Roman Catholic stain. Unlike The Potting Shed, The Potted Easter Lily will deal with the problem of Sin. Not only that. Two of the characters will be led from despairing unbelief to conversion. As you might expect, the conversion scene, while pictures Tom and Lucy struggling while they have devotion forms, is the climax of the play. The play will soon be completed. Greene is a prolific writer. It will be published in the February 16 issue of my uncle's Sunday school paper.

John Hofland

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Touchester

by Dave Sinclair

The problem of form and content seems to be one of our communities' major problems. It is also a problem which perplexes the DIAMOND. Many ways this movie is a hit. Hollywood: a collection of big names singing and doing their way through a rather silly story. It is, however, its item that rescues "Funny Girl" from this fate, and then again, it is the individual performances of the big names that carry the movie. Danny Kaye as Frank Lent, Barbra Streisand, as Fanny Brice, can, of course, do wrong. As usual, she is singing beautifully and in the right key. Her musical nuance made the price of admission considerably easier to bear, and portrayed a Jewish girl from the Lower East Side ("bargle!"). It was faultless.

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The Student Council centered its discussion on Homecoming and Lecture Week. Its last meeting on Tuesday, January 14. A report first, however, by Agnes Siebenga from the Student Activities Committee, disclosed the following calendar of events:

- January 17: "Beckett," starring Richard Burton; and hockey game in Sioux City.
- January 18: Basketball game at Sioux Falls College.
- January 25: toboggan party at Oak Grove.
- January 30: Luther Choir.
- February 1: Luther Choir.

Questions were raised as to their purpose at a homecoming. The Council concluded that the hosts and hostesses would not be merely figureheads, but would function as guides for tours for the alumni and parents and as hosts of the reception following the game. Each class will select its host and hostess at a designated class meeting.

Selection of lecturers for Lecture Week was the second item discussed by the Council. Harry Fernhout, chairman of the Lecture Committee, reported that Dr. Evan Burnell, professor on at Calvin College, will be at Dordt February 12-14. The Council also accepted the challenge of raising $3000 in order to secure as lecturer the nationally famous news commentator, Paul Harvey.

The Rev. J. B. Hullt gave the following information to the Diamond concerning the recent chapel rehearsal:

Those whose last names begin with A-Mo will attend the Tuesday chapel.

Those whose last names begin with Mu-Z will attend the Thursday chapel.

From the time the Communists took over Russia until 1933, the American government had not recognized Soviet Russia. What were the reasons for this non-recognition? Alexander DeConde, in A History of American Foreign Policy, pages 531-532, gives several reasons. First, the Soviets had repudiated their 1921 debts and had confiscated private property without compensation. Second, the Soviets preached world revolution, and finally the Soviets plotted the overthrow of capitalism and democracy. But the reasons that are given for recognizing Soviet Russia are very concernent. Thought recognition would increase trade between the United States and Soviet Russia and thus stimulate the economy of the United States. Others encouraged recognition because they felt the threat of the Japanese in gaining much control. At any rate, Roosevelt approached Russia and on November 16, 1933, the United States formally recognized Soviet Russia. Was Roosevelt's recognition of Soviet Russia a mistake or simply inevitable?

I feel that this action was inevitable on the part of the American government. After the recognition the United States gained very little from the trade with Soviet Russia. Whether or not this should have been a primary motive or not I shall not discuss. I do feel that whether we liked it or not, Soviet Russia existed in a very real sense and it had to be dealt with. This was best effected by the exchange of ministers and diplomats. Perhaps the tragedy of it all is that Soviet Russia was not recognized by the United States and the community of nations during Wilson's administration. Although it is conjecture may we not say that, with the added responsibility in the peace after World War I, Soviet Russia might have taken a different attitude toward the West? But we did not, so the question seems useless, and yet if we look at the conditions regarding recognition of Communist China, perhaps the question has some value.

We deny diplomatic recognition to Red China and yet the United States gains very little from that fact. However, the real existence of this powerful mass of yellow humanity should be recognized. Roosevelt. Roosevelt recognized Red China, but did not have the courage to provide the necessary recognition to the United States. Roosevelt's recognition of Red China is a mistake or simply inevitable.
"Hoyakawa Calls for Additional Police at S. F. State", "Brandels University Scene of Demonstrations", "Student Coalition Meets--Urges 'Solidarity Strikes' in California Colleges"

These and similar headlines have, in recent weeks, told the story of the new wave of student unrest on college campuses across our nation. Sit-ins, Be-ins, picket lines, marches, and violent confrontations threaten to disrupt the workings of even the most prestigious academic communities. "Flower Power" has given way to "Black Power". "Black Power" has yielded the spotlight to "Poor Power". And now "Student Power" is where it's at.

There is a dangerous tendency in the Christian community, especially the Christian academic community, to write-off such students as just so many unbalanced malcontents. It is easy to stand alongside the society it serves.

Don't misunderstand! I don't attempt to defend the hatred and anger, the violence and disruption, of the student revolutionaries. They have "had it up to here" with an educational system which has refused to change along with the society it supposedly serves, thus re-galvanizing itself to a position of un-planned obscurity. And they are right!

That's right! I said, "change along with the society it serves". Education which fails to remain contemporary by constant re-evaluation and revision of its programs and objectives, which stresses the continuity of historical development at the expense of its differentiation (an equally valid norm), can never hope to command an audience. The "Black Students' Union" and the "Third World Liberation Front" have clearly recognized this--most of us here at Dordt have not.

What attitudes, then, must we take toward the changes constantly (and inevitably) occurring around us?

I think we would all agree that, however desirable such change might be, it is wrong to force change by means of revolution. We may not, because of personal piety or for personal aggrandizement, seek to forcefully overthrow the existing order. To do so is clearly not Christian.

A second attitude taken toward change is to forget it, ignore it, deny it. This is an easy approach--we run away from the challenge. This is a cheap approach--it demands nothing of us. This is an un-Christian approach--it places the Church in a position of irrelevance. Unfortunately, this is also a prevalent approach--here at Dordt College.

Sure it works! It's easy to deny the crucial issues--this requires no formative Christian influence. It's easy to endlessly hassle over "Thee" and "Thou" while others come to grips with The Secular City. It's easier to read Playboy from cover to cover and revel in its clever (pseudo) sophistry than to struggle with the articulation of a radical Christian philosophy relevant to all of life. It's easiest to let the whole world go to hell, while (Cont. on p. 5)

Thalians Return To Shakespeare

The coming semester promises to be an exciting challenging one for Dordt College drama enthusiasts. Shakespeare's rollicking comedy, Taming of the Shrew, will be presented March 14, and 15. To do justice to a play of such caliber will require much imaginative work for both cast and crew, reports Koldenhoven.

Sure there is enough student interest to insure a successful production, all and interested in working on in any capacity--are a call to sign up backstage be issued. Wednesday, January 22.

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To Shakesper.

Library Panel

Discusses Role

On Monday January 13, a panel discussion was held in the Old Gym on "The Role of the Library in the Christian School." The meeting, which began at 8:00 p.m., was divided into two sections. In the first part, the members of a panel was open to questions from the floor.

The panel was chaired by Dr. M. Nets and composed of Mr. N. De Jong, Miss H. Hollaar, Mr. E. Vanden Berg, Mr. V. Griendt (Principal of Rock Valley Christian School), and Dr. J. J. Veltkamp.

Items of discussion ranged from the importance of the library in modern learning to the feasibility of central libraries and the means of obtaining federal money for library material.

The Phi Kappa Sigma attended the meeting as well. Dr. Koldenhoven stressed the importance of the interested in working on in any capacity--are a call to sign up backstage be issued. Wednesday, January 22.

All of these questions will be put on The Merry of Venice and Macbeth. The Merry of Venice and Macbeth. The Merry of Venice and Macbeth.
NOTA BENE...

This weekend is "Best Sioux Falls Weekend." Tonight the Sioux Center Blades meet the Sioux Falls Hockey Club in a rematch. Earlier this semester the Blades beat this same team by a convincing score of 5-2. The Sioux Falls Club will be out for revenge, but the word is that Fernhout's Blades are going to be tough. Tomorrow night the Dordt Defenders move into Sioux Falls for a game against Sioux Falls College. This game is probably going to be one of the toughest this season for the Defenders. It should turn out to be a top-notch battle.

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The Norfolk Blackhawks were led by Keith Williams who led all scorers with 24 points. The Blackhaws found an unexpected offensive punch from reserve Ernie Boone, coming off the bench to add 15 points.

Defenders Chalk Up Blackhaws-Beavers

The Dordt College Defenders pushed their season's record to record five wins and two losses as they scored a hard fought win over Norfolk Jr. College on their own floor Jan. 10. The final score was 86-81 but even the closeness of that score doesn't tell the whole story. With 27 seconds left in the ball game, Gene Hospers pumped in 2 important free throws and Warren Vander Pol added a basket and a free throw to seal the victory.

In case you haven't noticed, this is winter in northwest Iowa.

IOWA COLD GREETS STUDENTS

In California it was 85° above zero. In Canada it was 65° below (without a wind?)

Then Christmas vacation ended. Students and faculty members came back to Sioux Center with its cold and its wind. Some of them found to disastrous side effects. The Timmers came home to a lot of frozen water pipes and broken, flooding the basement (including the furnace) with six feet of water. The city had pumped out the water and removed the mess, but the water-logged furnace didn't work and the big freeze made new plumbing an urgency. One consolation: 'The landlord is paying for it.'

The Men's Dorm didn't escape the frozen pipe epidemic. There, a pipe in the room above the houseparents' apartment broke, releasing a deluge on the De Prieses below. Mr. De Pries noted that they still have scars in the form of water spots on the ceiling. January fifth's heat wave may be partially responsible for the welcome that the girls living in the campus trailers received. When they started to unpack, they found that the clothes which were left in the closets were damp or wet—including 'dry clean only' dresses and suits. Counselor Phyllis Memmelaar theorizes that the clothes may have frozen in the extreme cold, and then thawed out in the brief warmth. Damage was not estimated.

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Dordt College beat Dordt's Fredonia Club in a rematch. Dordt was victorious in the match by a score of 91-70. Larry Louters and Warren Vander Pol received a rousing send-off from team managers and fellow players preceding the game with Dana. Dordt was victorious in the match by a score of 91-70.

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Defenders Execute Dordt's First Beaver Defeat!

Dordt has not forgotten how to play offense. This was illustrated Tuesday night in the defeat of Buena Vista College of Storm Lake, 109-98. Making baskets from all over the court, the Defenders jumped into an early lead. The Defenders were never headed as they led all the way, although the Beavers were never out of contention. A unique stall offense, devised by Coach Timmer, proved to be very effective in the last 4 minutes of the game.

In this offense Gene Hospers played center for the first time of his basketball career as Timmer used five guards.

Hospers was at his best as he pumped in 34 points, including a couple of 35 footers. Larry Van Wieren came off the bench and played an excellent game to score 17 points. Larry Louters was sidelined with a sprained ankle. His substitute, Warren Van der Pol, came through as he usually does with a very fine 22 points. The entire team played a great ball game. The refs were very busy as they whistled 28 fouls on the Defenders and 27 fouls on the Beavers.

Buena Vista had very balanced scoring as Robert Johnson, Ron Dick, Marv Blumenau and Noel Austin each scored ten or more points. The Beavers were led by Robert Johnson with 19 points.

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Workshop Introduces New Teaching Techniques

What is the situation of foreign language teaching in the U. S. today? Is there a need for a coordination in foreign language instruction in the state of Iowa? What new developments have linguistic studies produced in the field of foreign language teaching?

These questions and others were dealt with in a language workshop held at Dordt on Saturday, January 11, and sponsored by Dordt College and the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls.

The purpose of the workshop was to inform area elementary and secondary teachers of a system of foreign language teaching, called the "psych-o-generative method" which has been formulated by Dr. Samuel Nodarse and his associates at N.U.I.

Dr. Nodarse came to the U. S. from Cuba approximately six years ago. He had formerly taught economics at the University of Havana. In the states, however, he found that the most available positions were teaching Spanish. As a result, Dr. Nodarse immediately became engrossed in his new field and began to study linguistics extensively. The practical aspects of language teaching attracted him as Nodarse noted the high drop-out rate among language courses. Dr. Nodarse thus became interested in the motivation of language students and recognized an important psychological factor in teaching foreign languages.

The basis of the "psych-o-generative" system is the belief that every language operates according to a limited number of fundamental rules. By using these rules the language student can "generate" an infinite number of varied sentences, just as any five-year-old can speak an infinite number of sentences without formal language teaching.

The panel discussion in the morning session and the demonstrations with volunteer Dordt students in the afternoon engendered much discussion among the observers. Some teachers expressed the desire to use the Nodarse materials for their elementary, secondary and adult classes. The students participating in the demonstration found that the oral work done with translations seemed effortless and even enjoyable. They were not required to do the written work that is also associated with the method, however.

In an interview, Mr. Bos, of the language department, mentioned some significant facts about the "psych-o-generative theory and method." It deals with man as a total being who functions on more than just a biological or physical level. The theory also shows a more correct description of language as containing basic rules by which all language can be "generated.

Mr. Bos noted that he felt this was a definite step forward by the modern linguist who has thus far failed to recognize a distinct linguistic aspect in man and that, as such, man is also a "creature created to operate linguistically by linguistic laws."

At present, some aspects of this method are being used by Mr. Apol in his Basic Conversation class. But, further discussion will be necessary before the Dordt language department adopts the "psych-o-generative method" completely or in an adapted form.

He lived with students, talked with students, worked and played with students, but the funny thing about it is that he wasn't a typical drama professor. He was here for only three days, but they are three days he will never forget.

He lived away out East in the clouds of Pittsburg. Just an ordinary fellow who had the boyhood dream of becoming an actor. When he was sixteen, it is said, he met Jesus Christ and now he seems as if he is a large part of Him living right in the middle of Jim Lyttle.

Strange things like this have been happening now for nearly 30 years. From Pittsburg to Hollywood rumors are coming thick and fast that a great little man is bringing back the past in order to lighten the present. He doesn't represent any political party, religious campaign, but just goes by his own name and the name of Christ.

A lot can be said about this man. Time he brings back, and lots of things they say, but probably the best remembered is this: Jim Lyttle is real and one of us. He is just an ordinary person who says, "Well, here we have a lot of people we've witnessed some pretty extraordinary occurrences, and still can quite comprehend all that was said. For this man has coughed up a vision that few have ever seen before and he gave to us in a mere three days a real and living glimpse of that revelation."

He has left us now, but there's still a physick way. Somewhere across this wide, wide country he is making new friends and giving new vision. But we are only hoping that we can have met such a "little" man, and must ask with one of those Greek words, "How shall we escape if we neglect something so great as this; which at the beginning was begun to be spoken by the holy prophets and was confirmed unto them that heard him?"