Presidential Convention Tonight

Five Candidates on Primary Ticket

Amidst the hustle of perhaps the busiest time of the year for Dordt students, the occasion for the election of a student body president has also arisen.

A competent field of five juniors is presently engaged in campaigning for the presidential position now occupied by Miss Cecilia Drenth.

Each of the nominees, when asked about a statement of policy which he would employ if he were elected, seemed to indicate that he favors an increase in student voice through the use of proper means of approaching that end.

The candidates, in alphabetical succession, are as follows:

Dwight Bakker. Mr. Bakker, a native of Wellsburg, Iowa, is a sec-

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The Poetry event will be conducted over the three days of the Festival, and on the evening of the 26th Mr. James Koldenhoven, poetry critic, will ask a select number of the writers to read their poetry in connection with his lecture on Poetry and the Young Christian Poet, at 7:30 p.m.

An addition to last year's Arts Festival is the Short Story event. Mr. Richard Vander Zee is the critic, and on the evening of the 26th a number of these contributions will also be read by the writers.

The Art event includes anything pertaining to art such as water coloring, oil painting, sketching, chalkings, graphic designs, and sculpture. The Photography event is divided into categories including black and white prints, and color slides.

On Thursday, April 27, the Speech event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with registration and refreshments, followed by a round of speeches in interpretation, poetry, prose, and, at 5:15, a series of Meditation speeches. The meditations are based on a Biblical character—this year, the life of Daniel. The individual speeches will center around the Speakers Dinner, which will be served in the Commons. After dinner a series of humorous speeches will be given, with Dr. Lothers as critic at various points in the program. This event is open to the public; tickets must be purchased in advance for the dinner. The one-act play performance will conclude this event on Thursday evening. The plays will be presented by students of Dordt College and Western Christian and Dakota Christian High Schools, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the college auditorium.

Friday evening activities will conclude the 1967 Fine Arts Festival. At 7:30 p.m. a vocal and instrumental concert will be presented in the auditorium, along with selected readings of the outstanding contributions of original prose and poetry.

The National Labor Relations has stated that tampering with coffee breaks would be an unfair labor practice.

Sioux Center Plans
Cultural-Recreation Park Project

The city of Sioux Center, through its officials and through the Sioux Center Development Corporation, has recently acquired 80 acres lying immediately north and east of the natural gas border station (across the road, northeast from the principal Dordt campus).

This 80 acres will be used for the establishment of an outstanding cultural-recreation park project, that might eventually incorporate, in addition to a football field and track (lighted field and track, with suitable seating), such facilities as (1) a fine arts center, (2) indoor swimming pool, (3) baseball field, (4) softball fields, (5) tennis courts, (6) general landscaped park area with playground equipment, and such other facilities as may be needed and are compatible with a comprehensive program of this type. Construction of a football field and track may be launched yet this year.

Plans outlined call for ownership of all physical facilities by the City of Sioux Center, which, in turn, will arrange long-term, minimum-cost lease contracts with Dordt College and the community schools.

A map of the over-all project, now considered to be a reality (at least in part) has been drawn and is on display at the local bank.

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Ordinary education student, majoring in mathematics. He stated, generally, that he wished to stress "a more consistent and broader interpretation of the constitution."

Norman Bomer. As a third year pre-law student at Dordt, Mr. Bomer is pursuing a very active course of studies. Norm, who comes from Torrance, California, has been active in many student functions previously at Dordt. At present he is editor of the Arete, Dordt's literary publication. One of the issues which Mr. Bomer intends to develop is the promotion of an increased amount of inter-collegiate relations between Dordt and surrounding institutions.

Sylvan Gerritsma. Occupying a consistent position on the Dean's list, Mr. Gerritsma's studies center mainly around the subjects of German and English. His interests in the field of student leadership revolve around a couple of main ideas. Mr. Gerritsma, first of all, would like to see a greater amount of student participation, a) in making and enforcing rules, and b) in matters pertaining to the budget. Secondly, he wishes to strive for increased cooperation among students, faculty, and administration.

Bert Polman. The only Canadian contender in this year's campaign is Mr. Bert Polman from Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Polman is enrolled in a secondary education course with music as his major. He stated that if he is elected he would also like to see an increase in student self-government. Mr. Polman is particularly interested in increasing the involvement in budget planning for student activities. He also noted that he would like to begin a program of student lecture series on campus.

James Vanden Bosch. The only pre-seminarian on the list of presidential nominees is Mr. James Vanden Bosch. Jim's major is in the field of English, which possibly explains his interest in journalism. This interest, of course, is put to practical use since he is presently editor of the college newspaper, The Diamond. Mr. Vanden Bosch proposes to continue the notable progress of the present student council in establishing intercollegiate scholastic and entertainment exchange, and he wants to promote the council's beginnings in students' working alongside faculty and administration in Dordt's government.

These capable candidates will be on hand tonight to offer their proposals and views in their campaign speeches. Each student is urged to be present, consider the facts, and make an educated decision. The voting for this important position will take place on Tuesday and will definitely affect the future of Dordt's student-body policies. --Brad Breams
Wranglers Conclude Season -- 15-27

Should the United States withdraw from Viet Nam or escalate the war? Does France's withdrawal from NATO render it useless? Are the treaties of the United States with other countries necessary and workable? These are a few examples of the problems with which Dordt's debaters were faced this past year. Coached by Dr. Lothers, four teams traveled into Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota as well as into Iowa to pit their skill in the art of logical thinking and talking against other colleges. The topic was "Resolved that the United States should substantially reduce its foreign policy commitments."

The teams were as follows: Orlin Hogan and John Strikwerda, Reynold Siebenga and Larry Kooi, Barbara Jabaay, and Dean Vander Veen Ron Oostra and Jack Van Vliet. After many hours of research and practice sessions, the first two teams started the season with a debate tournament at Wayne State, Neb., on Dec. 2 and 3. Both wound up with two wins and three losses.

The second two teams traveled to Sioux Falls College, S.D., on Dec. 10. Vander Veen and Miss Jabaay broke even with two wins and two losses, while Oostra and Van Vliet lost all four. After Christmas vacation it was back to work, and this time all four teams went to Mankato State, Minn. on Jan. 14. This trip was the best for Barb and Dean. They won three and lost one. The other teams were: Orlin and John 1-3, Reynold and Larry 0-4, Ron and Jack 1-3.

The last rounds of debate for the Dordt teams were held at Central College, Pella, Iowa, on Feb. 11. For this tournament Reynold and Dean teamed up to break even at 2 wins and 2 losses. Ron and Jack ended their season with the same results. The final tally for the Dordt Debaters was 15 wins and 27 losses. This result does not look too encouraging, but Dordt had to debate colleges which were much older and had many more students.

The final project of the year was a debate between Orlin and John and Barb and Dean for a speech class at the Sioux Center High School. It was an appropriate way in which to end a year of much work and acquired knowledge.

Judging The Talents

by David Sinclair

There is something about local talent that makes it most entertaining. Perhaps this is what made Talent Night on April 15 most enjoyable. And much talent was in evidence.

The nine acts, which varied from popular music, each had a special kind of appeal to the audience. Most showed great preparation in selection and performance.

Perhaps the most exciting portion of the evening was the announcement of the three winning acts. While the judges were deliberating, many groups were waving their batons beautifully; Jon Stevens in an amusing recitation on the harmonica; Evie Dykstra reading The Cry of the Children, and doing justice to Elizabeth Barrett Browning; and The Dielemans in a trio of originally-composed pop music written by lead singer Dale Dielemann.

ARETE GOES TO PRESS

Fifty-three entries were submitted this year for Arete, Dordt's student literary publication. Last week the editors and judges selected twenty-five of the poems, essays, and short stories for publication. The judges are Mr. Merle Meeter and Mr. John Van Dyk; Norman Bomer is editor, and John Mahaffy serves as his assistant. Winners of the Grand Prize, $25.00, and Second and Third Prizes, $15.00 and $10.00 respectively, will be announced soon. Arete, now at the printer's office, should be ready for distribution on approximately May 17.
The ethical situationist holds that whatever is the most loving thing in a situation is the right and good thing. It is not excusably evil, it is positively good. —Vernon Grounds
I-M GEMS

by Stephen Arends

It is all over but the crying (and the tournaments) for another volleyball season. In the Girls’ Leagues, Sloppy Sophs’, Upsetters’, and Valley Victors’ perfect records earned them League titles. In second place and also tournament bound are the Spikers, Centipedes, and the Spikettes.

Final League Standings

---A---
Sloppy Soph’s ................... 5-0
Spikers .......................... 4-2
Chippet Chips ................... 3-2
Rocketeers ........................ 2-3
Scoopers .......................... 2-3
Booy’s Babes ...................... 2-3
Finals .................. 0-6

---B---
Upsetters ........................ 5-0
Centipedes ....................... 5-1
Knickerbockers .................... 3-2
Clique ............................. 3-2
Roommates B4 ..................... 1-4
Tiperellos ......................... 1-4
Mare’s Ponies ...................... 0-5

---C---
Valley Victors ........................ 7-0
Spikettes .......................... 6-1
Glad Bags .......................... 5-2
Butterfingers ...................... 3-4
Jewels ............................... 2-5
Feminine Follies .................... 2-5
Spastics ............................ 1-7
D-Knot ............................. 1-7

Final Standings

---A---
Spikemen .......................... 9-0
Franks ............................... 8-1
Theologians ......................... 6-3
Les Rois ............................. 6-3
Netrippers .......................... 5-4

Breakfast of Champions ........... 4-5
Participation Points ............... 4-5
Railroaders ........................ 2-7
Crackpots ........................... 1-8
Greyfriars ........................... 1-8

---B---
Cannons of Dordt ................. 9-0
S.S.K. Pops ......................... 8-1
Nads ................................... 6-3
Rinky Dings .......................... 6-3
Bootleggers ......................... 5-4
Rejects ................................ 4-5
Rest Home Rejects .................. 3-6
Anti-Slammers ....................... 2-7
Irish Setters ......................... 1-8
Trying Dutchmen .................... 1-8

One comment concerning the men’s tourney seems in order. The defending champions, Cannons of Dordt, seem to be the team to beat. But is their typical Philadelphia 76’er style winning going to continue, or will this year be the end of their era of domination as the Boston Celtics? The Cannons defeated the SR Nads 15-13, 15-13 coming from behind both games—this could be a sign of decline and possible fall. League A’s Spikemen and Franks do not seem to be the caliber of League B’s tournament bound.

If you notice any battered birds around the gym lately, they’re just left over from the badminton tournament last week.

Baseball Schedule Released

Dordt’s 1967 baseball schedule has been released and shows a slate of nine games. Coach Calsbeek reports that nineteen men are trying out for the team. Six of these men are veterans: Du Mez, Hospers, Janssen, Stiensma, Van Wieren, and Ver Meer. Most of Dordt’s opponents will have an advantage because they will have played 10 to 12 games in southern trips by the time they meet Dordt. The schedule is as follows:

Sat., April 29—JFK—2 Away
Tues., May 2—Yankton—2 Away
Tues., May 9—Northwestern—2 Away
Thurs., May 11—Westmar—1 Home
Sat., May 13—General Beadle—2 Home

Education Seniors

Job Hunting

by Lorna Van Gilst

April 10–20 marked the peak of the teacher replacement season. Presently employed teachers were to have returned their contracts by April 10. New teachers were technically not required to sign contracts until April 20. Thus, since April 10, school boards have been making intensive efforts to secure teachers.

Many of the sixty-seven seniors in the education courses have been interviewed by school boards from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Although school boards and principals tend to present biased pictures of their own schools, the interviews often give the future teachers a better view of the school, curriculum, and community.

Most of the seniors seeking positions are making use of Dordt’s Teacher Placement Service. This agency secures records, grades, and letters of recommendation to be placed in one folder and sent to a school board upon the student’s request. Appointments for interviews are also handled by the placement service.

According to the National Union of Christian Schools contract policy, any person receiving a contract when he already holds another is requested to return either contract within two days. Signed contracts of new or unemployed teachers returned prior to April 20 are not valid.

Dordt students have noted that many positions are available, especially after April 10. Some find a limited number of offers to correspond with their majors and minors, however. Deciding for which positions to apply and which contract to sign is a frustration resolved only by prayer for guidance from God.

BORED BULL ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Iowa Center for Education in Politics Sponsors Student Work with Washington Lobbyists.
2. Red Cross Offers Training in Water Recreation This Summer.
Drama . . .

THE CRUCIBLE PROGRESSES

Director J. Koldenhoven and student director John Strikwerda feel The Crucible is beginning to assume a more polished form. Thalians have been working on the production five times weekly. The cast has its lines memorized; emphasis now lies on interpretation.

Arthur Miller artistically molds the twenty characters into a drama which at several points builds up to peaks of intensity. Thalians are certain to captivate the audience from the opening scene where Betty Parris lies bewitched, to the wrenching accusations of the concluding jail scene.

Crew members as well as cast are presently working towards a successful production. Much of the complex stage has already been set up. Costume crew members are making and altering costumes to suit the characters. Although less than two weeks remain before the play is staged, the students may anticipate excellent performances on May 3, 5, and 6.

FIVE DAYS TO BE GIVEN AT FESTIVAL

Several high schools will present one act plays at the Dordt College auditorium on Thursday evening, April 27, as part of the Fine Arts Festival. Thalians will also participate in the program by presenting the one act play, Five Days, under the direction of Jerry Korn.

The action of this play occurs during five days of a "war that happened not today but yesterday." It focuses on a soldier and the prisoner of war whom he must bring to a different camp. The soldier has been ordered to think of the prisoner only as an enemy, not as a human being. Before the play ends, however, he finally considers his prisoner a fellow human.

Rod Compaan portrays the soldier, and Del Groen plays his prisoner of war. Other roles are played by Carol Addink, Dave Ahrenholz, Brad Breems, Bernie Haverhals, John Hull, James Tuuk, and George Venema.

In Blue

—Norman Bomer

In 1904, the Moroccan bandit Rai-suli held an American named Perdicaris for ransom. In those days, Uncle Sam was still the American Eagle, and not a chicken in a dove suit. He didn't try to negotiate the matter and coexist peacefully. He didn't meekly bow to the bandit's demands as during the Cuban blackmail for tractors and antibiotics. A telegram from Secretary of State John Hay read: "Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead." And our navy got ready. Perdicaris was handed over alive.

Today, United States' fishing boats are being harassed in international waters off Latin America. The State Department in February issued a statement that it was "increasingly concerned" over the seizures of American boats. Recently it apologized to Peru and Ecuador so that the statement would not be misunderstood as a threat, and it assured the countries involved that they were in no danger of losing foreign aid from the United States.

Oh, say does that chicken feather yet wave, o'er the bend of the knee, and the road to the grave.
A blunder of more immediate concern which also severely discredits our foreign policy is the recent activity, not widely publicized, in connection with the Panama Canal. Negotiations have been going on, and concessions have once again been made, in keeping with President Johnson's 1965 pledge to "effectively recognize Panama's sovereignty" over the zone. Agreement has been claimed that no new American government will be appointed and that the Panamanian flag will fly in the zone. It also seems to have been agreed, according to reports, that the canal will be run by a corporation "based on international law," and jointly administered by both the United States and Panama. The Panama Canal will probably go the way of the Suez Canal.

It is to be hoped that the United States will awaken before it is too late. Our advantages are easy to fritter away, but they are difficult to regain.

**Library “Stacks” Take On New Look**

**GOAL OF 25,000 VOLUMES IS REACHED**

The library staff and administration announces that the goal set for the 1966-67 year has been met. Twenty-five thousand volumes was the number established at the beginning of the year as a possible total amount of books to be shelved by Spring vacation.

Now, after weeks, even months, of ordering, re-ordering, stamping, cataloguing, and shelving, the goal has been attained. This year alone, 4,500 newly printed volumes were placed on the shelves of the recently constructed library.

According to Miss Hollaar, head librarian, the staff hopes to have placed 1,500 additional books in their proper areas before school ends. Included in the number of new books already catalogued are 300 volumes of bound periodicals which have recently arrived.

Since January, 18 new titles have also been added to the periodical and journal section. In this same period, 325 new records have been acquired for listening enjoyment and research in the library's listening room.

The ultimate goal which should be met in subsequent years is to attain the present library's capacity of 70,000 volumes. This long-range hope is still hidden in the future, but in view of the present progress it no longer seems unattainable.

**Five Seniors Accept Assistantships**

Four seniors from this year's graduation class have accepted assistantships from various universities in the Midwest. Donn Rubingh will attend the University of Wisconsin; Allan Kramer will go to Kansas State University; and Glen Baas has been accepted at Southern Illinois University. These assistantships will all involve a part-time teaching assignment in the field of chemistry. The above-mentioned students have also received offers from the University of South Dakota, the University of New Mexico, additional offers from Kansas State University, the University of Oklahoma, and the Iowa State University at Ames.

The fourth student is Mr. Dennis De Jong who has received an assistantship with the Colorado River University. Dennis will also be teaching part-time in the field of mathematics.

**music etc**

- Choirs return safely after successfully completing their tours.
- Mr. Warmink will sing the tenor solo in Bach’s B minor mass in Sioux City, May 4.
- The Dordt Chorale will publish a stereo record.
- Attend the organ workshop in Eppeley Auditorium, April 22, 10:30 a.m.
- Dress rehearsal for the Requiem will be held April 26.
- Don’t miss the musical activities during Spring Fine Arts.
- Several graduating music majors are preparing their senior recitals.
Go to the polls on Tuesday!!

HEY THERE BUD!

Most of the students at Dordt were beginning to take the acquisition of the trees for granted until a recent storm caused the large Blue Spruce to fall. Many have assumed that since the trees have withstood the winter and are doing well, they should produce a beautiful crop of leaves.

This is not necessarily true. When the trees were planted on campus, they were relatively dormant. Essentially what has happened is that they were placed in the "deep-freeze." For the first time since their move, they are starting to come to life. The trees have gone through a radical change and are now fighting for their lives. They are just now starting to develop new roots and new leaves. It will take the trees a few years to adjust completely to their new situation.

Circumstances look favorable for the survival of most of the trees. No one can actually tell until they live through a full year. With proper care and much water through the summer, chances for their survival are good. Most of them have buds but will be a little slow to develop.

The Blue Spruce, however, has gone through a double shock. When it fell it had to be decided whether to chop it up or to give it another chance. It has been given all the TLC possible, and now it is up to nature. Pete and John are quite optimistic. Unless something else interferes, it has a good chance to live.

Renowned Physicist Lectures At Dordt

On Wednesday, April 12, the members of the Dordt Physics Department were privileged to hear two lectures by Professor Thomas Erber of the Department of Physics at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. The afternoon lecture dealt with the magnetic pinch effect; "Magnetic Domains" was the topic of the evening lecture. The Professor visited Dordt under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics. Dr. Marvin De Young was in charge of the arrangements for Professor Erber's visit.

At the present time Dr. Erber is doing research in quantum electrodynamics and magnetism, and has written articles for a number of physics journals.

DORDT COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Presents Brahms' A GERMAN REQUIEM
Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.
First Christian Reformed Church
Orange City, Iowa
Prof. Dale Grotenhuis will conduct the combined Concert Choir and Chorale.
Soloists: Gary Warmink, baritone, and Vernetta Buys, soprano
Organist: Janice Bruxvoort
Timpanist: George Venema

Iowa winds temporarily de-spruced Dordt Campus

Speaking Up

I was pleased recently when I learned of the large number of freshmen expected next year. But more startling is the expected number of dropouts. Possibly 120 students, besides the 85 seniors who are graduating, will not come back next year, and only 25 upperclassmen transferring from other colleges or returning after several years' absence are expected back. Stated differently, 35% of the students at Dordt now, including seniors, will not be back next year.

Considering only these 120 students, I realize that many of them have legitimate reasons for leaving. Some students will be transferring to other colleges because Dordt does not offer the courses or program they want. Marriage and teaching will attract others, and a few will be asked to leave because of academic deficiency.

Still, there is a number of students who will transfer for no clearly defined reason. Maybe you are one of them. Then let me ask you: Why are you leaving? Is it because you think that Dordt is too small or that Dordt is too young to confer prestige on you when you graduate? Let's be realistic. Dordt is small, and Dordt does not have a big name—yet. Your education, nevertheless, can be as thorough at Dordt as at any other college. Greater size only lessens your own opportunity for personal development not only in one, but in many areas. Here you can express yourself in music, athletics, drama, and journalism, instead of being only an insignificant on-looker at a large college.

I know how you feel. I had your attitude before I came to Dordt, but two years at Dordt has changed that considerably. Through classroom and personal encounter with professors and students, I am learning to understand the totality of the Christian life and to more clearly recognize Christ's call to service. Isn't this the real purpose of education?

Clarene Van Zanten