Dr. Edwin J. Geels, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Dordt, has been notified that he will receive three grants totaling $254,587 to support research in chemistry. One of these grants is from the American Chemical Society, and the other two are from the National Science Foundation.

The American Chemical Society has awarded Dr. Geels a grant of $16,667 from the Petroleum Research Fund. This grant, which covers the period from June 1, 1968 to August 31, 1970, is the largest single chemistry research grant received by Dordt College thus far. The purpose of this grant is to stimulate fundamental research in the petroleum field at the undergraduate level, to promote student interest in graduate study, and to improve the research program of the grantee. This grant is the result of a proposal submitted to the American Chemical Society last year. The following criteria were used by the Petroleum Research Fund Advisory Board in judging this and many other research proposals in this field: a) The fundamental nature of the proposed research; b) The extent to which advanced scientific education will be enhanced; c) Qualifications or potential of the principal investigator; d) Adequacy of facilities to conduct research; e) The extent to which the data obtained will increase basic knowledge or can be of use to others as a base for furthering research; f) The magnitude of the principal investigator's over-all research program, his financial needs, and his ability to conduct additional research.

A grant of $4880 from the National Science Foundation will support the research of two high school chemistry teachers at Dordt this coming summer. A primary goal of this project is to strengthen the teaching of high school chemistry by providing opportunities for high school teachers to improve their professional competence through participation in research activities. Another aim of this program is to develop fuller understanding between high schools and colleges concerning the training needs of high school students and thus effect better preparation of high school students for college work as well as more meaningful motivation of their interest in pursuing careers in science or science-dependent occupations. Under this grant, Dordt provides the teacher-participants with stipends and allowances for dependents and travel for the spring semester project. The grant also includes a cost-of-program allowance to Dordt to provide for equipment, supplies, and other expenses related to the participation of teachers in the research project.

A grant of $3040 was also received from NSF to support the chemistry research of two undergraduates during (Continued on page 5)

Commons and Student Union Expand

The Board of Trustees has applied for funds from the federal government to construct a third dorm and an addition to the commons. The new girls dorm will lie east of the commons, opposite the boys dorm. The dorm will be a three-story building similar to the present girls dorm, housing 240 students.

The other plans include a 70 x 115 foot addition, with a basement, main floor, and second story, to the north side of the commons. The addition will house the bookstore; post office; extension or revision of the snack bar; student offices, such as Diamond and Signet; a student lounge; and a recreation area with ping pong tables, etc.

The administration envisions construction and occupancy by the fall of 1969. Much, however, depends on whether a loan can be secured from the federal government; otherwise, there may be a delay or change in plans.

Rev. Haan Speaks In Holland

On Tuesday, January 2, Rev. Haan spoke in the Central Avenue Christian Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, at one of the three Re consecration Services held at the beginning of each year. At these services, the people from the various churches in Holland unite in re consecration their fuller service for Christ. Rev. Haan spoke on "Revival in the Church!" to an audience of five-hundred.

The following day Rev. Haan was interviewed about Dordt College for fifteen minutes by WJBL, the religious radio station in Holland. The program was broadcast on Sunday, January 2.

During his visit to Holland, Mich., Rev. Haan also spoke to the students of Holland Christian High School during their chapel services.
EDITORIAL
-Norman Bomer

Recent Student Council action has called for an investigation of the irregular publication of the Diamond. The question is not surprising or new. But an answer has been offered on several previous occasions with seemingly little response.

The percentage of working members involved in the actual publication of the Diamond is minimal. General student criticism is by no means supported by active interest. Planning sessions announced in advance have been very poorly attended, and the subsequent burden of responsibility on a few has hindered prompt and frequent distribution. Those who indignantly criticize the staff for its irresponsible handling of the Diamond never seem to find time in their heavy schedules for some bolstering contribution.

With approval of the sponsor, the Diamond has not been consistently published bi-weekly for several reasons other than the primary reason mentioned above. Some weeks offer little news, and publication would be difficult. With the small staff, vacations and testing weeks have also hindered strict regularity. News reporting and follow-up for distribution will only be as frequent and extensive as added and enthusiastic student support allows.

General reporters are needed, as are technical workers for layout and content. Student body organizations, each responsible for its own reporting, have neglected to furnish information for Diamond coverage. Segments of Dordt who have complained about their neglect in the student paper have apparently made little effort or no effort to inform the staff.

The Diamond is now due for organization and re-organization. An official set of by-laws has never been set, and is now in the making. Suggestions have been proposed for a constitution, but student interest and co-operation is needed before progress can be made.

Students must take an active interest in their paper. The possibility of complete student production is being considered, but without support, irregular publication will continue.

SPARKLES
By Carol Addink

Forty-three Washington students and twenty-five from California plus fourteen miscellaneous passengers set a precedent for transportation home for Christmas vacation; they took a bus. The Washington students were privileged to have a Super Scenic Cruiser both going and returning, but the Californians had to be content with such luxury only on the return trip. The buses left Dordt approximately 2:00 P.M. on December 20, made about five stops in their respective states to drop off the passengers, and returned to Dordt the evening of January 4. (For the Californians it was actually the morning of January 5.)

That's the official record, but, as with any bus trip, the real life, the true atmosphere of the trip, was how the passengers used the traveling time.

The Californians sacked out for the first five hours. They then sang Christmas carols until, as one passenger put it, "We were blue in the face." If Herb Vanden Broek had colored film in the camera with which he was always taking candid shots of inconvenient moments, he must have gotten some unusual pictures! One of their bus drivers christened his bus "The Moving Canteen"—for obvious reasons. Several of their bus drivers asked where they were from and commented on how well-behaved they were. (Whether or not they were being satirical is a matter of opinion.)

One of the highlights of the trip was a tour of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City during a layover. A ground blizzard delayed them in Wyoming; shortly after they went through the road was closed.

The theme of the Washington bus was "Noel." It was sung repeatedly by a would-be Barbershop Quartet at the back of the bus. They stopped singing only long enough to eat the food passed back in answer to a note, "Please send all food to the back of the bus. G.G.R." If Herb had taken (Continued on page 3)
Northwestern College presented a musical variety program on Dordt’s campus February 3.

Freshmen Invade Sandy Hollow

Dordt’s Freshman class rocked Sioux Center’s fun spot—Sandy Hollow—last Tuesday evening. The evening’s activities centered around ice-skating and skating games.

A lakeside fire provided a somewhat safer position for those who preferred not to skate.

After the skaters had enough of the ice, they retreated to the campfire where the winter sportsmen indulged in hotdogs and hot chocolate.

Stiff joints and skinned knees were probably the most lasting results of the evening’s fun. Most of the freshmen involved, however, seem to conclude that it was worth the pains.

Annual Christmas Party Draws Large Crowd

On December 19, 1967, Dordt’s annual Christmas party was held in the Commons. A large representation of the student body and faculty was present at this important social event. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Gerry Ebbers. The festivities began with a program which consisted of the following: a choral reading by Kathy Huizenga and John Byker, a trumpet duet by Del Vande Kerk and John Hull, solos by Gail Schaap, Charlotte Keller, and Jim Gabrielse, a number by the faculty quartet, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Hogan, and numbers by groups from both the concert and choral choirs. Following the program Marlo De Young led everyone in spirited singing of several Christmas carols. The evening came to a close after a delicious holiday lunch had been served.

Ringerwole Travels To Boston

From December 27-29, Miss Joan Ringerwole attended the American Guild of Organists Mid-winter Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Among the many recitalists featured at the convention were Anton Heiller from Vienna, Robert Glasgow and Catherine Crozier from the United States. Three outstanding choral groups also performed. A type of contemporary Christmas music was the theme of the organists and choral groups. On her return, Miss Ringerwole commented that the experience had been “entertaining and inspiring.”

Board and Faculty Socialize

A Board-Faculty Social was held in the Commons on Monday, January 15. The evening of fellowship for the Board and Faculty members and their wives was designed to increase acquaintance between the Board and the Faculty. The Board of Trustees met Monday and Tuesday for their business meeting.
By Rodney Van Abbema

The Master of Hestviken, by Sigrid Undset, is 994 pages of novel, and some readers will think it a waste of time to read it in its entirety. The action is definitely not always exciting nor is all the dialogue. The novel's greatest mechanical fault is its lack of plot. This, though common to novels that treat the entire life of the main character, causes the reading of the novel to be more than a little drudging at times. However, reading one of the four books of the novel presents a clear picture of the underlying theme without being as repetitive as reading all four.

Therefore, I will speak mainly of one book, "The Snake Pit." It is the second book and deals with Olav’s unhappy married life with Ingunn. The basic thrust of the book is the terrible suffering Olav and Ingunn must go through—apparently because of their past sins. Olav, particularly, is haunted by the fact that he has slain the man who committed adultery with his wife. He is constantly torn between the prospects of confessing the sin to lighten his burden and of concealing it to save those around him from grief. The blood of Christ is mentioned a few times, but as a whole the author seems to imply that the only way to salvation is through suffering and sacrifice, and that the greatest good is done in helping others. Man is not to work for the glory of God but for the benefit of mankind.

The novel as a whole, though not Christian, is quite readable, despite some awkward language due to translation and a number of accounts about ancestry that the reader could do without.

BROTHERS

(a psychadelic monologue)

The chase was long
Under the sun,
Dust fields
Burned your feet
I know and
Hunger drove you.

I—also knew
An angry pat—iron sun
Poured molten
From the forge of Hell
Brother! I was
Ashes on a summer wind
Faint pursuit
Brother! I know
This what you know
I ran your hunt
Played your lonely game
Sweet Tragedy
And loved but
Hunger drive
Sifted desperate
Soul
To my own door
Again Yes that too

But there your brother
Met you with indifference
I know and a precious
Pot of porridge

But not me
Old man listen!
A brother met me
At my door with open arms
And a worthless pot
Of watery indifference
I wouldn’t buy
If it cost accepting—
My hunger was yours I
Aside
I spent my birth—right
Covenant to me
And to my birth—defected
Children forever
But I was
Starving understand?
—took acid
My friends helped me
Nice see’n you.

Charles William Van Gorku

KDCR may “take to the air” if tower construction meets one of its completion dates.
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Dust to Ashes

- Thomas Bennett

A riot in the streets is heard,
With cries
That magnify the heat of violence.

Engulfed by the terror,
In terror dies
died a youth obsessed with self-defense.

Beside an anguished pillow,
a quaking
Hand in fear to a watchful guard;
With soothing words of innocence making
Clear that dread which guilt to a sufferer brings.

At last within that troubled form, a thread
Of twisted sleep completes

With a nightmare
The dying of a man already dead
Before that insane, fatal dream.

Now but five of a watchful eye remain;
The other sleeps within once frenzied brain.
The Juniors Survive

By Jahn Hull

Saturday morning, January 20, proved to anyone who made it out of bed, that the Juniors had the best intramural basketball team. The Kamikazes beat the Cinderella Sophomore team, The Syndicate, 72-66.

The game was truly a championship one from every angle; officiating, sportsmanship, and excitement. I think it displayed the epitome of the intramural objective of team spirit and cooperation. Both teams have trademarked themselves all year long as playing team effort games.

The game was rough and hard fought, but only 22 fouls were called, the Juniors getting nine of them. The only thing that was not in Championship form was the scoreboard, which didn't show the score.

The Sophomores led by Case De Haan's shooting built a six point lead at half-time. The fast moving Sophomore zone kept Ken Verbrugge IS team off balance, while John Le Mahieu and Ken Mulder dominated both boards.

The tired Juniors rallied, and overtook the Syndicate in the scorching thad quarter. The inside work of Pres Moerman with the gunning of Marty Zuidervaart turned the six point deficit into a seven point Junior lead.

Both teams were very hot, and the game progressed at an exhausting pace.

The Sophs started their traditional last drive in the final minutes. Captain Elroy Vander Ley and De Haan carried their team to a tie with two minutes remaining. With 30 seconds left the Juniors led by one. The vain attempts of yours truly to steal the ball from Marty Zuidervaart proved fatal as Marty canned 5 free throws to ice the game.

Each team played with some unhealthy players. Keith Huiskens was weak with a cold and Pres Moerman had a bad ankle. The Syndicate too had ankle problems on the person of EIroy Vander Ley.

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Juniors Survive—Continued
The Juniors won their way to the finalswith a first round bye, a simi-
lar win against the shocked Hoop-Benders. After the opening victory over
another Sophomore team and a convincing win over the pre-
tournament favorite Hoop-Benders.

I would like to express my personal thanks to the Intramural Council for
its organization of the basketball season and tournament. The double elim-
ation stipulation was a great help in the making of an exciting tourna-
ment.

To the Champs: Ken Verbrugge,
Casey Dusseldorp, Rickers also hod a good night and put
in 15 points.
In the well-balanced General Beadle
attack Schlae hit 26, Heldt 20, Stod-
dard 16, and Fisher 15.

The first half of the game was all
Dardt's. Norfolk was held to a small
number of shots while Dordt kept pick-
ing up points. Hospers had a search-
ing first half, connecting on 13 of 17.
The score at the half showed 47-36.
The second half brought a change
of scene as the Blackhawks increased
rebounding power and relied on the
hot shooting of Butler and McLeod.
The score was soon knotted at 55 -55.
The third quarter was also close
as they outlasted the Norfolk
Blackhawks 87-85 in a game that went into
time. Hospers and VanderPol led the
scoring department with
24 and 23 points, as well as
for the Chadron College Invitational,
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once again led Dordt scoring.
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Trophies, Anyone?
Humility is a virtue, but it can be
spoiled too far. Accepting an athletic
trophy, for example, does not destroy
humility. Several coveted gold cups are
still awaiting claim by their ath-
etic owners. If you have earned a
trophy in track and field or football, be sure and pick it up soon.

By Marly Breems
NORFOLK
On December 18 the Dordt Defend-
ers earned their first win of the season
as they ousted the Norfolk Black-
hawks 87-85 in a game that went into
time at Sioux Center.

Despite playing fairly good ball and
staying very much in all their games,
they were unable to win any of the
three rounds of play.

In a Thursday the 28th game, Dordt
picked up a first half lead but lost it
and went down to defeat 90-76 in the
hands of the tall Colorado Mines
team. Hapers and VanderPol led the
scoring department with 20 points
each.

Saturday was much like a repeat
performance. The Defenders again
grabbed the early lead but were un-
able to handle the big Southern Kan-
sas team. Hapers put out a fine effort
for the losers—he hit 33 points.
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GENERAL BEADLE
The even scoring and superior re-
bounding power of General Beadle
College proved to be more than the
Defenders could handle as they went
town to defeat 99-67 in a contest on
January 10.
Throughout the first half the Defend-
ers kept within striking range by mak-
ing the best use of their superior
speed. The score at halftime stood
37-28. As their opponents' speed de-
creased in the second half, General
Beadle made fast work of widening
the gap.
Hapers led all scoring with 25,
Rickers also had a good night and put
in 15 points.
In the well-balanced General Beadle
attack Schloe hit 26, Heldt 20, Stod-
dard 16, and Fisher 15.

CHADRON INVITATIONAL
Christmas vacation was not all va-
cation for the Defenders. The Varsity
squad traveled to Chadron, Nebraska,
for the Chadron College Invitational,
December 28-30.

SPORTS
(Continued from page 6)
Defenders Hang On In Distressing Season

In a January 12 contest with Midwestern at Denison, the Defenders dropped their 11th game of the season in 12 starts.

As in many of their games, Dordt stayed within range through most of the first half and were down 8 points at mid-game.

In the second half nothing went Dordt's way and they fell back to a 96-60 final score.


On the 17th and 18th of January the Defenders dropped their 12th and 13th games of the year. The first was to John F. Kennedy College 110-61, the second to Norfolk J.C. 98-77.

Rickers led in the J.F.K game with 16. Hospers was unstoppable with his 20 footers and equally effective from the free throw line. He shot around 50% from the field and was 21 for 25 from the line. In the first half he netted 16 consecutive charity tosses.

The former record at Dordt College better plan to do something a little extra special. Gene Haspers, in a super 76-76 performance, gave something to shoot for as he put on a 21 point scoring show in a game his team lost to Bethel College 98-93. Haspers was unstoppable with his 20 footers and equally effective from the free throw line. He shot around 50% from the field and was 21 for 25 from the line. In the first half he netted 16 consecutive charity tosses.

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Another hard fought battle had Dordt again coming out on the bottom side of a 100-85 game with Briar Cliff, this one at Sioux City. Dordt controlled the entire first half and had a 42-44 edge at half-time. The power and height of Briar Cliff came through in the second half and by the final horn they had built up a 13 point lead. Vander Pol, Haspers, and Kruen all had good games as evidenced by 28, 25, and 22 points they put in respectively. Schultz connected for 24 and Wittgen for 23 at the head of the Briar Cliff scoring list.

BETHEL COLLEGE

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Also in double figures were VanWieren with 12, and Schelhaas with 10. Anderson led a strong Northwestern attack with 28, 25, and 22 points they put in respectively. Schultz connected for 24 and Wittgen for 23 at the head of the Briar Cliff scoring list.

HAspers Equals State Record
(From the Des Moines Register)

Gene Haspers of Dordt College put in 51 points and tied the state record Friday night at Bethel of Minnesota beat the Sioux Center school 98-93.


JUNIOR VARSITY—GENERAL

The J.V. managed to hold on to a lead through most of the first half and held a slim 39-36 advantage at half-time.

In the second half a stiffer defense by the Defenders and increased rebounding power proved to turn the advantage over to the Defender side. Roelofs put up a fine night—he poured in 26 points, 19 of which came in the second half. He connected with a sensational 65% accuracy from the field. Van Voast added 16. Smith led the losers scoring attack with 19.

General Beadle J.V. and put them down 96-77. Buttler led the Northwestern scoring with 24. Roelofs put up 26 for the losers. The game was played in Sioux Center January 24.

On January 24 the J.V. brought their record to 6-1 as they slid by Sioux Empire College 71-66. Roelofs hit 15 to lead Dordt scoring, well below his 21 point average game.

J.V. NETTLETON

February 2 was the night for records. Not only for the varsity's Gene Haspers but also for the J.V. and Larry Louters. The J.V. went all out to win over Nettleton 122-69, this score breaking all known former J.V. records. Louters was the game's giant, forcing through 41 big points and hitting a 76% from the field. The other men weren't idle in the meantime however; Jim Haemstra put in 20, Denny Walstra had 17, Dennis Van Voast 15, Al De Waard 12 and John Kleiser 11.