Project Thank-You Mushrooms
CHRISTIAN CONCERN MANIFESTED

"RIP UP A DRAFT CARD? MARCH ON THE PENTAGON? NO! WE'VE A BETTER IDEA. WE DON'T WISH TO DISCUSS WHY OUR MEN ARE IN VIETNAM—WE ONLY RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE THERE, SACRIFICING FOR US. DO YOU REALIZE VIETNAM IS A HOT, STICKY, HUMID PLACE? DRINKING WATER TASTES FOUL, AND SOCKS ROT AWAY IN WET BOOTS. WE WANT THOSE MEN TO KNOW WE APPRECIATE THEM AND ARE INTERESTED IN AND CONCERNED FOR THEM, CONCERNED FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS AS WELL AS THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS. WE WANT TO SHOW THEM CHRIST'S LOVE. HERE'S WHAT THE LAYMEN OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ARE PROPOSING: WE PROPOSE TO SEND A THANK YOU PACKET TO EVERY MAN IN THE FRONT LINES IN VIETNAM... YOU CAN JOIN WITH US. FOR EVERY DOLLAR YOU SEND YOU CAN SAY "THANK YOU" TO THREE MEN IN VIETNAM!"

This statement began a marathon broadcast over radio station WJBL in Holland, Michigan, on Saturday, November 25, in support of a local project which very soon turned into a huge national project. Project Vietnam, or Project 'Thank You' as President Johnson dubbed it in a special release at 12:01 Saturday, snowballed throughout the country following the broadcast in which WJBL donated time from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., cancelling the scheduled Michigan State football game because of the fantastic success of the program. Over $33,000 needed to send 100,000 "Thank You" gift packages to all the U.S. combat troops in Vietnam was collected and pledged during this first broadcast.

Project 'Thank You' is sponsored by the Christian Reformed Laymen's League; officials in Grand Rapids approached WJBL soon after the October Peace March on the Pentagon with the idea of a four-hour broadcast. The idea grew out of a set of circumstances begun by a lady in Hudsonville, Michigan, who was sitting in a restaurant, just having finished a chicken dinner, with a wet-n-dry towel in her hand. She was reading a newspaper with a picture of a young GI in Vietnam. She thought how the boys in Vietnam could use and needed such things as wet-n-dry towels so much more than she did and enclosed it in the letter she wrote that evening to a young serviceman from her church in Vietnam. Soon she was sending packages and hundreds of towels to that boy and all of his friends and it got to be too much for her. She approached the Laymen's League and the League began sending thousands of the towels to Vietnam.

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Completion Of Tower Slated

The 300-foot KDCR radio tower, located Northeast of the Physical Education building is slated to be completed by December 17. The tower is being built by Gates Radio Company of Quincy, Illinois and will serve to beam out the radio's 45,000 watts. Gates will also equip the station with the necessary radio equipment as required by the FCC. The station should be ready for broadcasting by late March.

A former Dordt graduate has received the most recent appointment as station manager and pending his approval, the station should be "Proclaiming a God-centered Culture" by early summer.

Speaker Chosen For Lecture Week

The lecture for this year's Student Lecture Week, March 19-21, 1968, will be Dr. William E. Wilmers, an internationally famous linguist from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wilmers was born in Orange City, his father then president of Northwestern College. He graduated from Hope College and received his B.B. and Th.M. degrees from Westminster Seminary. Dr. Wilmers has worked in many countries, attempting to transcribe the spoken language into written form.

De Groot Outlines Financial Aid

Information on the '68-'69 loan, grant, and Work-Study programs will appear shortly after the Christmas recess. Students should watch for announcements, posters, and newspaper articles.

Meetings will be scheduled by Mr. John De Groot, the student financial advisor, explaining the various aids and the process of application. Mr. De Groot stressed that all application material must be submitted by the end of the '68 school term.
EDITORIAL
Norman Bomer
Our Christian responsibility in the area of personal appearance was thoughtfully approached in the last Diamond editorial. Certainly Christ's admonition to "Let your light so shine before men," must be a prominent aspect of our Christian life, as we are instructed not to offend in our witness. Current attitudes on our campus, however, have in many cases substituted sincere Calvinistic epistemological self-consciousness with the self-righteous banners of subjective preferences and habit. The result of such a tendency is a misdirected emphasis in the Christian life.

All educational institutions are committed to certain standards and must maintain them for the preservation of discipline and order, and the respect of the institution. Dordt College has a great responsibility as a truly Christian school to reflect its standards as the concern of our "model Christian." Modesty and personal cleanliness are personal responsibilities, but fitting discipline and order, and the respect of the institution. Dordt College has a great responsibility as a truly Christian school to reflect its standards as the concern of our "model Christian." Modesty and personal cleanliness are personal responsibilities, but fitting discipline and order, and the respect of the institution. Dordt College has a great responsibility as a truly Christian school to reflect its standards as the concern of our "model Christian." Modesty and personal cleanliness are personal responsibilities, but fitting discipline and order, and the respect of the institution. 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CORRECTION PLEASE
There appeared a printing error in my reply in the last "Letters to the Editor" column. The statement as it appeared was: "Thus they illogically dismissed my criticism which was not intended to be a call for facing current issues in a Christian perspective." This is a complete reverse of the original statement which was written as follows: "Thus they illogically missed my criticism which was not intended to be a call for facing current issues in a Christian perspective."

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Dordt Hosts Area Chemical Society

On Saturday, November 18, Dordt College was host to the meeting of the Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. The lecturer, Dr. Foll A. Miller, who is professor at the University of Pittsburgh, spoke on "Studies in the Far Infrared." Dr. Miller has completed much research in spectroscopy, having published over fifty papers on his work, and at present he is setting up a lab to be used solely for spectroscopy. He is also editor of the Journal of Spectroscopy. The purpose of meetings such as this is to acquaint chemists with recent discoveries in chemistry. The Sioux Valley Section of the A.C.S. encompasses chemists from over fifteen colleges in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Panel Discussion Held At C.A.F. Meeting

On November 28, 8:00 P.M., the Christian Action Foundation held a meeting in the Dordt Commons. After a discussion on the principles of Christian Social Action there was a panel presentation on the subject "The Relationship of Christian Schools to Government and Society." The panelists were Mr. John Bajema, Mr. Ray Geerdes, Rev. B. J. Haan, and Prof. Nick Van Til. The panelists affirmed that ideally the parents of school children should allocate funds directly to the school or the educational system of their choice. In view of our economic structure, however, it was agreed that justice would be served if the parents of children in private schools should receive the benefits commensurate to the taxes they pay, as do the parents of children in public schools who pay no more tuition than is included in taxes. A committee was appointed to investigate the question of our involvement in Viet Nam. They are expected to report their progress in this field at the next meeting of the C.A.F.

Blankespoor Offered Associate Position

Ron Blankespoor, a senior at Dordt College, has been offered a teaching associate position at the University of Minnesota. If Ron accepts this position, he will be a full-time graduate student in addition to teaching in the Chemistry lab. He is as yet undecided as to whether to accept this position.

Debaters Compete At Westmar

The Dordt College debaters had their second debate tourney at Westmar College, Le Mars, on November 18. There were four novice debaters from Dordt present, Betty Vreeman and Jack Van Vliet took one out of three rounds. John Byker and James Vanden Bosch won two of their three rounds and were presented with a certificate of excellence. On December 1 and 2, the debaters went to Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska. Here the four varsity debaters — Barb Jabaay, Dean Vander Veen, Ronald Oostra, and Reynold Siebenga—won two of their ten rounds. The novice debaters — Betty Vreeman, Jack Van Vliet, John Byker, and James Vanden Bosch — won five of their ten rounds. Charles Veenstra, a senior speech minor at Dordt, served as a judge at both of these contests.

Mellema Accepted At Med School

Burnell Mellema's goal to become a medical doctor received real impetus Wednesday, November 29, when he learned that he had been accepted at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. Application for admission to medical school may be made after three or four years of college, but only rarely are three-year students admitted, so Burnell's acceptance at Minnesota is a real honor both to himself and to Dordt. Before accepting a student, a medical school considers grades, character recommendation, and the score on the Medical College Admissions Test, a national standardized test required by all medical schools. Beginning September, 1968, Burnell will attend medical school four years before he will get his Doctor of Medicine degree. To practice, however, this must be followed by a year of internship and, if desired, from two to five years of residency for specialization.

Chorale Choir Performs

On Sunday evening, December 10, the Chorale Choir presented a concert in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church. The concert began immediately after the 7 o'clock service. At 3:30 p.m. December 17, the Chorale Choir presented a concert in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa.
For the past five days an abnormal quiet has pervaded Dardt College campus. Parking places, dorm rooms, and library desks are empty. Tijuanna Brass music resounds in the library to keep the floor polisher pushers awake. In the evening Old Main is dark except for a brave glimmer from the office of one lone, industrious (or is it procrastinating?) professor. Dorm lights don’t disturb the wee morning darkness, with the exception of one student’s, whose beacon burned until 3 A.M. (It wasn’t ambition he slept until 5 P.M., the following day.) It’s not summer; the fallen leaves belie the fact. It’s the last day of Thanksgiving vacation.

How have the forty Dordt stayovers spent vacation? It began Wednesday evening with De Jong-De Young engagement. (This is probably what touched off the Sent-Roosman diamond hunt Friday morning.) Thursday many students gobbled traditionally at the homes of professors or friends. Twenty-one of them, however, had to be content with chicken at the Auto Dine. As one student said, “It was good, and we had lots of fun, but it just didn’t seem like Thanksgiving without turkey.” U.S.-Canadian volleyball competition followed by pizza and popcorn parties highlighted Friday and Saturday evenings. The Canadians won all four Friday games. Why? John Schuurman gives this version, “We Americans decided, since it was our Thanksgiving the Canadians also needed something to celebrate. So it was arranged that the Canadians would win.” Saturday, however, the U.S. decided that the Canadians had celebrated enough, and each team won five. (Any rumor that the Canadians won five out of nine games is due to a miscount.)

Students have spent today cramming to salve their consciences about the leisure of the other four. The away-overs are arriving and campus life is returning to normal. For some stay-overs it’s been boredom, for others fun, but for all of them it’s been “not quite like home.”

DEAR SAN FRANCISCO WEEPER

When the sun flaunts JEHOVAH’S Glory
—Flings a splash of color at the fleecy clouds
Who mount in angry metamorphosis
Into glowering monsters swinging through the night
When the buzzing roof-top ventilators
of the tallest buildings burn out to shadows,
And descending solitude like falling rain
And nervous tobacco smoke bury the huddled day,

When dusty winds usher fits of drenched rain
Past hotel windows, torn curtains,
Faded prize-flight posters in the alley,
Blearing burning eyes with its ice,
Flapping coattails as you wander,
While the city curls her warm toes
Before her private fires,
And the wind moans only...only...only
You creature of no place day or night,
Then come;

When busy lighted stores promise
But elude,
And you walk
And walk the shimmering side-walks in the fitful rain,
When your heart so cries,
You suddenly run across the streets
Blind, green light or red—
Then come unto Me,
And I will give you rest.

Charles William Van Gorkom

The beauty of the Christmas season pervades the Dordt Commons.
GRETTA'S ATTEMPT

Joyce De Bruin

Gretta took the stairs two at a time and burst into the long corridor of the dorm. She flung open the door of Room 208. Karen looked up, grinned, and said, "Oh, he asked you. How did you know? I wanted to be the first to tell you. Has Marcia been up here already?"

Karen laughed. "No silly, it's written all over your face. You don't hide your emotions very well, you know. We'll sit down and tell me about it."

That had been two weeks before the Christmas banquet. The banquet was the biggest event of the year except for graduation. Gretta Franklin had set her heart upon going to the banquet with Dave Baker. She had met Dave at the last meeting of Kingdom Crusaders, a campus club for students interested in mission work. Since their meeting, they had carried on a flirtation of glances in Logic 319. Old Professor Gurling didn't take note of it; he was too busy focusing on mission work.

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"My father manages the supermarket in town. He's a deacon in our church. I have two sisters and one brother, all younger than I. She's no longer with us." She glanced at her, expecting her to say more, and noticed a little frown on her face. He kicked at a twig that lay imbedded in the snow.

"I don't think so," Gretta answered. "But that's just it! I was never away from Santa Claus and Father Christmas. They're nice traditions, but we tend to make them more important than Christ."

Dave looked thoughtful. "My father always says, 'Go ahead and enjoy Santa Claus, but worship Christ. Remember that Santa is just an impostor, Dad makes every Christmas a real religious experience for us, and his Christmas sermons are usually his best sermons.'"

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"They've never known anything else. It's only since I've been away from college that I've realized that some families are different. When I talk to someone like you, whose family is so vitally Christian, I feel sort of cheated. I just wish my family could be like that."

Two days later Gretta was home for the Christmas holidays. She was in high spirits. Dave had brought new excitement into her life and she smiled more often than usual. Her mother noticed her new glow but she didn't have time to analyze it. Christmas was always a busy time for the Franklin family, and this year was no exception. There was the grade-school program, the high school concert, the Sunday School program, the young people's caroling at church, and several family activities with grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Gretta was busier than usual. A few of the young people of her church had formed a Mission Club and they invited Gretta to join in their Christmas activities. She was very interested in missions since she had spent a summer doing volunteer mission work in New York City.

The second day of vacation, Gretta was dressed and down to breakfast by (Continued on page 6)
Then came all the draftcard burners and peace-marchers, and the Layman's League wanted to do some thing for all the troops in Vietnam. Project 'Thank You' came out of it. The idea of the project is to send "Refresh Soul and Body" packages to all front-line troops in Vietnam. The package is enclosed in a reusable, sealable plastic bag. It contains wet-n-dry towels, a pair of wool socks, pre-sweetened Kool-Aid packages because of the undrinkable water in Vietnam, pen and paper, and the Gospel of Mark. Top officials in the Pentagon have guaranteed shipping the packages to Vietnam.

The marathon broadcast began, and it soon snowballed unbelievably. Senator Everett Dirkson gave a beautiful speech in support and praise of the project from his home which was played periodically over the air on request. People from Holland and Grand Rapids and the local area contributed staggering amounts of money. Soon calls began coming in from out of state. President Hoan called and pledged over the air, a sizeable contribution from Dordt College students and faculty. At 12:01 President John son released a statement and message "thanking those of you who would demonstrate your personal appreciation of this patriotic project."

Dr. Bell, an editor of Christianity Today, called along with Mrs. Billy Graham, the governor of Michigan, senators, representatives and just plain people from all over in warm-hearted support and approval of this project. In the afternoon a call went through to General Westmoreland who talked with the officials sponsoring the project for some time and then made a statement from the phone over the radio: "I'm impressed with the project and I'd like to thank all the people involved. It's a tremendous accomplishment." Donations poured in from all over ranging from $1 from a little girl who broke her piggybank to $1,000 from a businessman in Grand Rapids. Two small boys from Grand Rapids gave their entire pony fund to the project and Capt. Randall Jansen, an ex-Marine, crippled in Vietnam when his helicopter was shot down and six of his friends killed—gave a donation in commemoration of his buddies. A prayer was offered at the end of the broadcast to thank God who had truly shown how great He was and blessed the project and those who had had so little faith in it. Support is still mounting throughout the country. Dr. Plekkan's statement is being read at this moment over many radio and T.V. stations, nation-wide, in preparation for more marathon broadcasts. A four-hour broadcast was scheduled for Saturday, December 16, over a large station in Los Angeles, California. The president of a prominent airline company has given free transportation to the officials who will man the broadcast anywhere in the country, and a sign company in Grand Rapids has donated nation-wide space. President Johnson wrote a personal letter to Dr. Plekkan, which was read over the air December 13, congratulating him on the success of the program and saying: "I am also aware of the two boys who gave up their pony to help our men in Vietnam. I know how much a pony means to a boy." The first 100,000 packets are being prepared by volunteers from schools and groups all over the country. A second group is being started. On December 14, $40,000 in cash was deposited in the Project Vietnam 'Thank You' fund in the bank. Thousands of pledges are still outstanding and more are coming in every day. A very special 'Thank You' is going to be said, maybe again and again, to all of our men and boys in Vietnam. In this way, Christ's love is being shown in Vietnam.

GRETTA (Continued from page 5)

7:00. Her mother looked up, surprised. "Gretta, where are you going so early?"

"Oh, Mom, I forgot to tell you. The Mission Club is going to Lansing City today to distribute tracts to the Christmas shoppers. Judy Stern is picking me up at 7:30."

"I wish I had known, Gretta, " Mrs. Franklin said. "I wanted you to help me with some last-minute shopping today."

-The next evening at dinner, Mrs. Franklin said, "Tonight is the night we bake Christmas cookies for our neighbors and for old Mrs. Porter at the nursing home."

"I get to frost them," said Jeanie, a fourth grader.

Little Todd piped up, "I get to put the beads on."

Mrs. Franklin laughed. "Of course, you can all help. Gretta will mix the dough."

Christmas day was cloudless and beautiful and the sun shone brightly. The Franklins attended Christmas church services and came home for a leisurely dinner together. After dinner Gretta's father turned to her and said, "would you get the big Bible, Gretta, and read Luke 2?" He smiled at her. "You're almost a guest, so I'll give you the honor."

Gretta looked embarrassed. "I'd love to," she said, "but I have to run. The club is conducting a Christmas service at the mission this afternoon and I have to give a brief message. I'm expected in half an hour."

Her father stood up to get the Bible, "I guess you'd better be excused then, Gretta," he said, "What are you talking on?"

"My topic is 'The Joy of Christmas— Giving Yourself.'"

Less than two weeks later classes had resumed. Gretta was very busy finishing up papers and preparing for final exams. She sat at her desk with about fifty file cards spread around her, choosing one here, discarding one there. She was organizing her American History term paper. Suddenly the sound of the intercom jolted the stillness of her room. "Miss Franklin's telephone."

Gretta walked to the phone station eagerly, hoping it would be Dave. Her voice sparkled, "Hello!"

Her father's voice cut across her happy anticipation, chilling her with its tone. "Gretta, I'm sorry to have..."
Mr. Editor,

"Isn't it a shame that the poor fellow had to die?"

"That was a great film! I don't agree with it, but I don't know why." Your reaction to Hoodlum Priest? Let's hope not.

The movie did point out that the attitude of Society to the criminal is wrong, but its total approach to crime had a pernicious effect on Christian thinking. The modern humanistic attitude toward crime, which is contrary to the Biblical requirement of justice, was advocated. For example, the criminal was presented only as a victim of the inhumanity of society, and his responsibility for sin was disregarded. Also, the picture of capital punishment presented was unscriptural. In emotion-packed scenes the impression was given that the state was morally wrong in taking a man's life as punishment for crime. Romans 13:4 states, "The state does not bear the sword in vain; it is the servant of God to execute his wrath on the wrongdoer." (underlining ours)

The priest's compassionate approach to criminals was non-Christian since it was grounded on humanism, and not centered in Christ. His testimony was also unChristian, for to the very end he told Billy to remember Dismus, the thief on the cross, rather than point him to salvation in Christ.

Some say that since the priest was a Jesuit we cannot expect that he would present truly Biblical ideas. But in the eyes of the world this man represented all Christianity and also our views on such moral issues as capital punishment. For this reason, we must object to this use of Christianity to support humanistic views.

The subtlety by which this film presented its views through high-pitched emotion would make it easy for the uncritical member of the audience to unconsciously accept them. Only through serious critical evaluation could the pernicious influence of this film be combated. Without this, the showing of this film on campus could possibly have been a stumbling block to some, and thus certainly warrant a Christian critique.

Don Sinema
Harry Fernhout

The Dordt standard bearer again lies battered after a toppling midnight attack.

POST

We found this in his Bible:

I AM A FAILURE AND A FRAUD
WHO MIRRORED THE WORLD WITHOUT
MY TWISTED HEART WITHIN—
THE FEATURES OF MY GOD
BEAR THE IRON CONDEMNATION
OF MY DOUBLE SIN.

We liked him, he had honest eyes,
We smiled at his smile because
He seemed to know us well.
I remember sometimes in church
His prayers were flung against the skies
Less in reverence, it seemed, than agony,
But he was spiritual.
Who could have dreamed the molten hell,
The years he must have screamed alone,
Dying in the liquid fire
That burned within his human shell
—Who could have known—
Till the smoke was gone,
Till this pillar of ashes named "DESIRE"?

Charles William Van Gorkom
Defenders Struggle
In Tough Season

BRIARCLIFF

On November 29, the Dordt basketball Defenders dropped their season opener in a 97-86 battle with Briar Cliff.

Although the first section of the game was close, Dordt held the lead at all times and built up a five point margin. At half time, the score was 51-42. The squad showed a fine amount of team work and the ability to score. 13 points was as large as the lead could grow, however. Midway in the second half, scoring leader Gene Hospers got into foul trouble and was taken out of the game. This signaled the turning point. The Defenders lost the ball several times and eventually the lead through mechanical mistakes and slack defense.

Hospers led all scoring with 31 points. Freshmen Vander Pol and Kruen, both in their first college game, had fine nights and each scored 18 points. Bovenkamp had 11 points while Van Wieren added 6.

The JFK offense centered around big 6'7" Rasmussen who pulled in 26 points and netted 26 points. Gene Hospers played what was undoubtedly his finest game of the year as he put in 36 points in a losing cause. Also hitting double figures were Kreur and Hanssen each had 18 and 17, Vander Pol with 12, and Bovenkamp with 10.

The Defenders' defense was effective in limiting Dordt to 44 points. Midwestern was first to strike in the game and grabbed a 10-2 lead. The Defenders then staged a comeback and drew within two points for several minutes. By half-time the gap was again at eleven points where it stayed until late in the game. Several times Dordt put on small scoring spurts but the tired starting lineup was unable to continue an accelerated pace for an extended length of time. Through mechanical mistakes and slow defense they lost whatever gains they had made.

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DORDT LOSES TO DENISON

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KENNEDY DEFEATS DORDT

On December 9, John F. Kennedy College handed Dordt its fourth consecutive loss. The final score showed 96-85.

In the game, played in the Slocum Center High School gym, the Defenders were always kept within striking distance but never succeeded in overpowering their opponents. The half-time score was 50-44.

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LOSE TO WESTMAR

Dordt's varsity basketball squad dropped their second game in as many starts in a game with Westmar College December 2. The score was 101-66.

The Defenders were able to stick with their opponents through the first 8 minutes. The score at that time was tied 17-17. Soon, however, the strong
spectively. VanWieren came up with 15 points.

After five defeats without a win, students at Dordt have a tendency to be down on the team and give up all hope for a win or even satisfactory basketball. Possibly they should be reminded that eleven of the members of the team are Freshmen and Sophomores, still much in need of practice. The team has only one Senior.

Most losses so far can be attributed to mistakes that can be done away with. Once the winning combination is found we could well see a change of pace. Competition has been keen and this is a year for building. Maybe students should think twice before applying too much pressure to win.

J.V.'s Undefeated in College Action

Dordt's Junior Varsity basketball squad led off their 67-68 season with a demolishing 102-75 win over Sioux Empire College.

Led by the 30 points and fine play making of John Roelofs, the J.V. Defenders were never headed. The 14 paint lead after 10 minutes of play was added on or maintained throughout the entire stay of the first string J.V. players. Louters, Dopperiburg, and VanVoorst furnished plenty of rebounding power for the team plus putting in 22, 22, and 14 points respectively. For Sioux Empire Don Barkhod had a good night with 30 points.

When coach DeWit was asked for his comments on the November 29 performance he told a Diamond reporter that he was well pleased with the fiery offense of his team but that their defense could stand some building up. When asked a question about future opponents and his hopes for the season he stated "It is going to be a tough load to haul. We play some pretty good basketball colleges. The strength of our team is really going to be tested.

DEFENDERS DEFEAT WESTMAR

In a December 2nd contest at Le Mars the Dordt J.V. squad came through with a strong second half to squeeze past Westmar, 70-69.

Throughout the first half, Dordt's offense failed to use its full striking power. The game's lead changed hands in the air for two points, Defenders score in another scorching battle. throughout the first period of play. Dordt held a slim three point lead at the half. Soon in the second half, the Defender offense came into its own and gained a lead until they held the best side of a nine point margin with two minutes of play remaining. At this point the Westmar shooters began scorching the nets. This, combined with untimely Dordt mistakes, turned the game into chaos. Fortunately for the Defenders, time ran out while they held the edge.

Louters led Dordt scoring with 23 points and a fine floor game. Van Voorst had 16 and Dopperiburg followed with 15. Roelofs also hit double figures with 10.

Coach DeWit was encouraged by his team's improved defense. He is hopeful, however, that his team doesn't make a habit of starting as slowly as they did in this game. Functioning as they did for a while in the second half, the J.V. could well outdo a good share of their tough opponents.

DORDT J.V. vs. WESTMAR J.V.

Even scoring once again gave the Dordt Junior Varsity the push they needed to put down the Westmar J.V. by a score of 79-73. The win brings their record to 3-1.

The game started out to be all Dordt-centered. The half-time score showed 46-34. The second half was another picture. Several times Westmar put on scoring threats but each was put down before tragedy struck.

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The entire first five hit double figures. John Roelofs led with 19. Louters had 17. Van Voorst was next with 16. Doppenburg put in 15, while Heemstra chipped in with 10.

JUNIOR VARSITY-NETTLETON
On December 12 Dordt's Junior Varsity picked up their fourth win of the year as they dumped Nettleton College 76-49. The Defenders set the pace from the beginning. Despite playing the reserves for a good share of the game, the J.V. cagers held a 38-26 halftime edge.

The second half turned out to be a repeat of the first. The Defender starters and substitutes continue to control the game and added to their lead.

Roelofs again led the offensive attack for the winners with 19 points. Louters added 14 while Doppenburg and Heemstra had 12 and 10 respectively. DeHaan led the Nettleton scoring with 18.

"Youth is a wonderful thing; what a crime to waste it on children." — Shaw
Intramurals

by Brad Breems

The Women's Intramural Volleyball season's most exciting event, the championship play-offs, was held on November 21. The top two teams from each league exercised all the year's accumulated skills in their contests. The final results of the championship contests revealed the Sophomore Upsetters as the champs, as they defeated the Junior Mugwumps, third and fourth positions went, respectively, to the Seniors' Twinkies and the Smirterlines, another Junior team.

The final league standings are listed below with the final column indicating the number of games from first place to each team:

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SPORTS FLASH

According to reports from the Intramural Office, Rag Sinkey, quick-pivoting play maker for the Swishers has been sidelined due to an ankle injury.

Apparantly no specific details are available. A Sports Department spokesman sadly remarked, however, that the Swishers have now possibly lost their last chance of losing the remainder of this season's games.

Did you know . . . ?

by John Hul

Did you know that there are some strange things being done in our gym? One just has to visit it at any "odd" hour, and one will see the wonderful world of intramural basketball open up before his eyes. You may see anything from a hapless Frosh (or other) trying to stop a Milt Schonewill hook shot or a Marlo DeYoung dunk shot on the side basket.

The 1967-68 season is now here, and 18 teams in three leagues are trying to win top honors. The Seniors have put together six teams, three of which should be very tough. The other classes each have four teams.

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The Biology Department recently received a collection of one-hundred fifty shells from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Watson, a couple living in hazardous, Iowa. The couple spends every winter in Florida and collect shells as a hobby. The collection will be displayed in the new science building when it is completed. Northwestern received a similar collection.

J.V. Team Hosts Independents

The Do-dt J.V. Defenders suffer their first loss of the year on December 5, against the Sioux Center Independent, 87-77. The Independent furnished Do-dt with their best contest of the season. Lead by former Westmar star, Sutherland, with 29 points and former Northwestern star, Mellina, with 25, the Independents' superior power always managed to put them down. Several times the Defenders threatened, but the Independents' superior power always managed to put them down.

The Defenders had three men hitting the 20 point mark: Doperup with 24, VanVoorst with 21, and Roelof with 20.