SCIENCE, PEP, AND CHESS CLUBS SPONSOR ACTIVITIES

Dr. Kintner, an organic chemist from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently gave a two hour lecture on cosmic rays to the members of Delta Sigma Kappa.

At their last meeting the club saw a film dealing with the U. S. space program. They also planned their trips to those local high schools where they plan to present science demonstrations.

The Dordt Pep Club recently sponsored an all school party. Entertainment consisted of a program, games, and refreshments. The club is now discussing the possibility of a twirp week sometime after spring vacation.

At the recent chess tournament sponsored by the Dordt Chess Club, Dr. Scorza, professor of Greek and logic at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, won first place winnings. Dean J. L. De Vries, also of Northwestern, took the second place winnings. Phil Heideman of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, and Joe Moolbroek of Hawarden, Iowa, tied for third place.

Six Dordt students participated in the tournament. Harold De Young was among the finalists. Remarkably, about 80% of the students are enrolled in an organic chemistry course. Dr. Kintner’s lecture at Delta Sigma Kappa was the first time many of these students had heard about cosmic rays. They were particularly interested in the potential applications of this science to everyday life.

Six assembly programs have been scheduled for the following schools: Pella Christian High, Trinity College, Oostburg High School, Cedar Grove High School, Central Wisconsin Christian High and Southwestern Minnesota Christian High. The Male Chorus, Girls’ Sextet, and Shirley Kumlien will perform. Shirley will be singing folk songs with autoharp accompaniment.

The concert program consists of the following selections:
Sanctus from “Requiem Mass” — Mozart
Sanctus from “Requiem” — Faure
Sanctus and Benedictus from “Mass in G” — Schubert
featuring Kathy Buteyn, soprano; Dennis Rynders, tenor; and Art Van Wyhe, baritone
Hallelujah from the “Mount of Olives” (organ acc.) — Beethoven
The Imnipotence (organ acc.) — Schubert, featuring Kathy Buteyn, soprano
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place — Brahms
Veni Jesu (Male Chorus) — Cherubini
Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place — Lekberg
None Other Lamb — Marshall
Hosanna (organ acc.) — Grotenhuis
I Hear A Voice A-Praying — Bright
Let Us Break Bread Together — trad.
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TO QUOTE MR. COOPER

Among the persons about school who are offered no medium to officially "speak their mind," we find our good librarian. His position is the most frustrating of all. Notice that, unlike the rest of the faculty, Mr. Cooper has not yet enjoyed his fifteen minutes in chapel to explain or complain away his views; neither has he any classes in which to impress upon students personal points of view. What he does have is his library bulletin board; however that does not easily lend itself to acting out one's podium-pounding urges either.

By this time it's easily guessed that the subject of this editorial will find itself somewhere in the area of the library. Last week Wednesday this writer had an interview with Mr. Cooper, and I must say that he seemed very grateful for the chance to make some comments. I will simply summarize these comments, and you can draw your own conclusions. For the most part Mr. Cooper's report was very good. He remarked that "the majority of students co-operate nicely." He added that "fines, for the most part, are paid promptly." He also said that we were to be commended for the good treatment of books and magazines. In connection with his recent "Silence Campaign" (if you don't know to what I am referring, just make a little noise in there sometime), again he said that the majority of students co-operated, and that the campaign seems to have been successful.

Some of his remarks were of a different nature. There is the case of the missing reference books. Both, as he said, were "key" books, on reserve, and one especially, important for work in a certain course. Both are relatively new books, one purchased two months ago, the other late last year. Item one: Masterplots, (vol. 3), edited by Magill. Item two: Training the Speaking Voice, by Anderson. These books are now officially listed as "lost." It could be added, "lost to thieves." Another problem, although less disturbing but still a problem, is that of books misplaced in the stacks. To quote, "Books misplaced in the collection are as good as lost." Cooper would advise students that after using books, they, instead of misplacing them, should leave them on the library tables. He would prefer to return them to the stacks personally.

Another criticism he made concerned the periodical riots held just outside the library. But it seems that this can be dismissed, since a necessary part of the daily ritual around here demands throwing one freshman girl per day into any available snowbank. Another stipulation is that it be done in the immediate vicinity of the library with a full complement of barbaric yelling. No police investigation of these asinine proceedings has as yet been precipitated, but one seems imminent.

J. R.
The recent refusal by the U. S. government to export surplus grain to Red China prompted a man we know to do extensive research on both the American and Chinese farm problems. His search for the facts and a solution to the problems they present led him to the little known department of a local newspaper known as the "nursery." (The "nursery,"—as opposed to the "morgue of a newspaper where back issues are stored,—is the room where future issues are kept.)

In an issue, dated sometime in March, 1968, the inquirer found the text of a speech by the governor of Iowa. Our friend made several copies of the speech, and we pre-print it here by permission.

Mr. Chairman, most honorable guests, and people of Iowa:

I deem it a great honor to be here this afternoon to welcome to this state the premier of Red China, Mr. Mao Tse Tung, and his delegation of experts on the elimination of farm surplus.

As you know, Mr. Tse Tung, we have had a problem in this country for the last twenty years with overproduction of farm products. This overabundance has resulted in countless overweight Americans, a multitude of heart attacks, and unbearably high taxes. It finally got so bad that in 1965 the President of the U. S. outlawed the occupation of farming and placed all farmers on Federal Welfare programs. However, because the President didn't want to alienate any future voters, he neglected to ban 4-H Clubs. The result was such that when the produce of the two million 4-H Club members hit the American market in the fall of 1966, we still had a surplus which ran to $20 billion.

Shortly thereafter, as you remember, the President went berserk, and after smashing Lincoln's bed and declaring war on Great Britain, he shot the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court reading the oath, and the Secretary of State twisting the vice-president's arm.

In conclusion then, Mr. Tse Tung & Co., we hope you will be comfortable in our land and we hope to learn much about non-production from you. Please feel free to call on us if you find yourself in need of anything.

### Spring Choir Tour, cont.

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**Good News** — spiritual arr. Kjelson Children of The Heavenly Father — arr. Grotenhuis

Praise The Savior (organ and trumpet ac.) — Korabok, 1967

The choir organ accompanist is Archie Nibbelink; the piano accompanist is Linda Vander Veen. Janice Van Sant and Jerry Ruyter assist organists, and Winerva De Ruyter the assistant pianist. The trumpeter is John Hillebrand. The Brass Quartet and Male Quartet will perform between the first and second group of choral numbers.

Pre-tour concerts were presented in Hull, Ocheyedan, Orange City, Sioux City, Sioux Center, and Sheldon, Iowa. The choir will make its final appearance at the Annual Music Festival on May 4. A Male Chorus-Band Concert will be presented on April 26 and 27, Thursday and Friday, at 8:00 P.M. in Dordt's gymnasium.

**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD.**

Harper Lee. (Lippincott, $3.95)

A Newsweek reviewer in 1961 said that Harper Lee's first novel, To Kill a Mockingbird, a phenomenal best-seller, is one book "people needn't feel ashamed to confess that they read."

But more than that can be said for Miss Lee's autobiographical Alabama story. A native of Monroeville (population 2,830), Alabama, the author, though for many years a New York Airlines clerk, returned to her deeply sensitive Southland to write. In To Kill A Mockingbird Miss Lee has attempted a difficult thing; some episodes in the narrative do seem contrived. But she has handled character portrayal well; she has also given impressive insight into Southern mores and human nature.

In the setting of her own home town, Lee has allowed Jean Louise (commonly called Scout) Finch to narrate of a time when she was seven or eight years old. Scout and her brother Jem have been brought up by their widower father, Atticus Finch, a lawyer and legislator, and Calpurnia, their Negro servant.

Atticus Finch is a man of principle. He has taught his children, "It's a sin to kill a Mockingbird. Mockingbirds harm no one and they create beautiful music." Scout and Jem respect their father. They respect and trust his opinion on the Mockingbird and they believe in it. Atticus Finch could teach his children many things about life; he could teach them metaphors on life; but Scout and Jem had to learn through the reality of human nature and deeds how these metaphors applied to life, how they were related to life.

Through Scout's eyes we see not only a childhood experience but also a story dealing with a perennial Southern problem. And not only a perennial Southern problem but also a universal misconception brought to life and light.

When Atticus is assigned to defend a Negro charged with raping a white woman and when he actually (and truthfully) tries to defend him, we watch the burning resentment of the community through Scout's eyes. The ensuing trial and ordeal and the confusion it raises in the community is a big bite of life for Scout and Jem. And when Atticus is inevitably defeated (public faction out-
Our age is one of frustration. It is seriously confused. People are constantly scurrying about trying to ascertain the meaning of life. If one is to determine the character this age by its outward expressions, then we must conclude that we are in a state of bewilderment.

Perhaps we should not be surprised at this. One only needs a glimpse of twentieth century culture to discover frustration. One overwhelming fact has been the failure of the hopes that derived from the nineteenth century, hopes for a warless, happy and secure world. We can look at the United Nations and wonder if our national defense is adequate and if our space program is the best. These and many other problems have left the twentieth century American groping in frustration.

This attitude has decreased vigorous participation in all areas of life; it has made the modern man withdraw to a sphere of mediocrity. This trend is prevalent among politicians. The expressions of those on the extreme Right and on the extreme Left have been characteristic of a lack of intelligence, principle, and morality. They comment about present problems without suggesting sane solutions. David Susskind has characterized many elder statesmen, consecrated to outworn political creeds, that are politically biased publishers who substitute those values of our times, we must restore the virtues of truth, wisdom, and courage.

We have lost our values and have substituted those values of our time. This is expressed in the mediocrity of our times. We do not have the drive to concur with reports that we students simply do not protest and impertinent remarks are the best we have to offer. Nothing was intellectually stated in disapproval of Dordt's expansion program. We seem for a while almost too big a company once in every three to four years to send competent men out to profit. The innocently accused Negro never does get to appeal to higher court as was promised. Society shoots him, a martyr of his race.

The small mind of mediocrity also runs rampant at Dordt. Many students, I am informed, would appreciate a hodgepodge of gossip columns, comix, and other inane features in the Diamond. Frustration seems to arise when attempts to promote intellectualism are made. My contention can be verified by the fact that Dordt students simply do not protest concerning controversial matters. Snide and impertinent remarks are the best we have to offer. Nothing was intelligently stated in disapproval of Dordt's expansion program. We seem to concur with reports that we students simply do not protest concerning controversial matters. Snide and impertinent remarks are the best we have to offer. Nothing was intelligently stated in disapproval of Dordt's expansion program.

The solution to this frustration problem is difficult to find. It is not to be found in man's conditioning environment, in a cultural lag, or in morality inertia; it can be found in the inner life of man. The issues of social reformers are basically religious. We have lost our values and have substituted those values of our affluent society. It seems as if only that which is profitable is to be accepted.

To combat this frustration which is expressed in the mediocrity of our times, we must restore the forgotten virtues of truth, wisdom, and courage.

**Huisken Kens Sports**

Several phases of the co-ed intramural athletic program have reached completion; many others are in progress. Basketball, ping pong, and badminton have produced champions—indoor softball and bowling were begun last week. Basketball found thirteen teams—six men's teams and seven women's teams—competing for honors. Obviously all were not successful. Both divisions, however, produced undefeated teams. In the men's division, Team 1, captained by Virgil Vis, was never defeated; in the women's division, Team 1, led by Ruth Veldboom, also dominated. Ping pong consisted of both doubles and singles competition, men's and women's divisions. Sylvia Rohgair was declared women's singles champion and De Ruyter and Van De Weert won by forfeit over Veldboom and Timmer in the women's doubles. Altena defeated Vis in singles finals in the men's division to capture the championship honors. Levering and Phisier narrowly defeated De Waard and Beekman to award themselves the doubles championship.

Badminton has also produced its champions. Judy Schaap defeated Charlene De Waard in the women's singles finals and De Waard and Van De Weert took two straight from Sinnema and Vander By to win the women's doubles. Howard Faber singlehandedly defeated Levering to win the men's singles. Vander Maten and Modderman defeated a determined Brummel and Vander Beek in doubles competition.

Bowling and indoor softball are now in progress; track will soon follow. More champions will be declared. It seems to have been a good year for Wheaties.

Court members: Jack Kramer

**Spectrum, cont.**

It weighs proven truth, the medicine seems for a while almost too big a dose.

"Atticus," said Jem bleakly.

He turned in the doorway. "What son?"

"How could they do it, how could they?"

"I don't know, but they've done it before and they'll do it again."

"And when they do it—seems that only children weep. Good night."

And the community does it again.

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... Atticus was sitting by Jem's bed, reading...

"Whatcha readin?" I asked.

"Something of Jem's. The Gray Ghost."

"Read it out loud please, Atticus."

"It's real scary."

"No, he says, 'You've had enough scared for a while.'"

"Atticus, I wasn't scared. Leastways not till I started telling Mr. Tate about it."

Atticus opened his mouth to say something, but shut it again.

... "'Hrm' he said, 'The Gray Ghost, by Seckatan Hawkins, Chapter one.'"

... He guided me to bed and put me under the cover...

... "Atticus, he was real nice."

"Most people are, Scout, when you finally see them.'"

A mockingbird had been killed. To kill a Mockingbird was a sin. To kill a Mockingbird was a sin. Scout knew this. But Scout had learned more. A Mockingbird is a universal bird. A Mockingbird has dignity not always allowed her.

Dean Ribbens announces that spring vacation will begin Friday, April 13; 7:45 p.m. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:45 a.m.

**Signet Staff Prepares For August Publication**

The SIGNET staff has been working on Saturday mornings for the last two months in order to meet the four deadlines of January 12, April 9, April 29, and May 28. The staff is working with the American Yearbook Company of Hannibal, Missouri. Mr. Vic Eaton, company representative, has been conferring with and advising the staff once in every three to four weeks.

Trudy Gesink, editor of the staff, reports that the cover of the annual has been approved. "The Gray Ghost" and "A Passionate Pilgrim" and "William dramatically. The SIGNET will include a colored picture of Dordt and several full page pictures.

**Touchstone, cont.**

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