NEW BIOLOGY LAB MEETS NEEDS

Many former Dordt students and graduates attended the recent Tri-State Teachers Institute. Their expressions conveniently overheard and noted by a Dordt Diamond reporter, give our Dordt College a perspective for promotion.

"Isn't it big now?"
"Everything's so attractive."
"There are so many changes and additions in the lab."
"The campus is so beautiful... all those flowers!"
"Has this library ever been improved?"
"I wish I could be back."
"This is like old times." (Overheard over the traditional cup of coffee and brownie).
"I feel like I've come back home."
"I'm waiting for Dordt to become a four-year college so I can come back to graduate."

The new biology lab meets the need for a separate laboratory equipped especially for the study of biology. New equipment, valued at $7000, enables each student to recognize and identify various specimens and to master the use of the microscope. Previously, much of this work had to be done by observation.

Included in the equipment which was purchased are a human skeleton, a torso model, and six microscopes. Additional purchases are the lab tables, cases, and specimens.

The lab is arranged to accommodate 24 students. Six sessions are held throughout the week. Mr. Boertje is requiring each student to compile a leaf and an insect collection.

In the future, Dordt College hopes to widen the function of this laboratory into the fields of botany and zoology.

Siouxland Choruses Present Concert

Special Thanksgiving Day Treat

The Siouxland Women's Chorus and the Siouxland Male Chorus will present their first concert of the season on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 24. The concert will be held in the Western Christian High Auditorium and will begin at 8:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door only. The general ticket price is 50c; there is no charge for children of pre-school age.

The Siouxland chorus performances are sponsored by the Dordt Booster Club. The primary goal is the cultural enrichment of the people in this area. Such a goal provides enjoyment, educational benefits, and an outlet for musical talents.

Each chorus consists of thirty members, who were selected by audition. The members are generally from this Sioux County area. They rehearse weekly, the women on Monday evening and the men on Thursday evening.

Dale Grotenhuis, director of these groups and instructor of music at Dordt College, states: "We are working with an excellent group of voices and are looking forward to a very fine presentation."

The Thanksgiving concert includes the following numbers of thanksgiving and praise:

- Siouxland Male Chorus
  - Praise the Lord—Pritchard
  - O Thou Whose Bounty Fills My Cup—Gardiner
  - Sun of My Soul—Old Latin Melody

- Siouxland Women's Chorus
  - For the Beauty of the Earth—Kocher
  - God Is a Spirit—Bennett

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**EDITORIAL**

Although it is the season for Thanksgiving, many Protestants do not believe that the results of the recent election are a reason for rejoicing. In fact, many are alarmed! They fear that the Roman Catholic Church will use the influential position of President-elect John F. Kennedy as a means by which to increase her prestige and power.

It is true that Pope John XVI himself stated, “Catholics must unite their strength toward the common aim.” History has revealed this aim to be the domination of the religion and civic affairs of all people. Then indeed, this is cause for deep concern, as it would obliterate our right to worship God in the way in which he has commanded us.

But, let us remember who is Ruler of not only this nation, but of the entire world. Let us not forget God, who has given us the promise that His kingdom is approaching and that all things are done for the promotion of His Church.

Everything is according to His divine will. God, and God alone, has enabled John F. Kennedy to be elected to our nation’s highest office. Everything that President-elect Kennedy does will be done only because it is in God’s providence.

I believe then that our attitude as Christians should be one of stalwart faith and vigilance. Realizing God to be supreme ruler over all, we must support President-elect Kennedy as the one whom God has decreed to be our next president. It is essential that we pray that he will look to God for wisdom and guidance and that we are ever alert and conscientiously seek to determine whether his actions are in accord with the statutes of our Lord.

Let us always acknowledge God as the King of nations, King of kings, and King of our own lives!

P.K.
During the last few weeks the course of study in History 101 has centered about the civilization of the ancient Greeks. Just how ancient this culture is, I don’t know, since dates are easily forgotten, especially those that are never learned. However, I can positively state that Ancient Greek, and later, Roman culture existed sometime between the Flood and the First Fine Arts Program.

At any rate, I have become rather enthusiastic about the everyday life of the Greeks and Romans, and I feel that Spartan individuals with a Roman background would fit well into the Dordtian frame. Follow then a typical Spartan-Roman Dordt student as he goes about his day’s business.

Our friend Claudius lives with two buddies, Galus and Maximus Aeschylus. He lives downtown on 4th Via S.E., just I furlong from Dordtus Collegium, where they are in attendance. Claudius arises at dawn, shakes out the blanket in which he has been sleeping, and then dresses it gracefully around him. He is now ready for school. He then walks out to the ourb where his chariot is parked. Claudius is a very fortunate young man since most of his friends walk to school while he rides. In fact his chariot is an object of great envy because it is a sharp ‘57 hardtop with ‘chrome wheels and a Greek mill. He sits at the feet of Maxbmus ‘De Boer—true Spartan. His first class is ‘Aeschylus. Their pad is down on the campus where the ‘are spending the morning. He then walks out to the ourb where his chariot is parked. Claudius is a very fortunate young man since most of his friends walk to school while he rides. In fact his chariot is an object of great envy because it is a sharp ‘57 hardtop with ‘chrome wheels and a Greek mill. He sits at the feet of Maxbmus ‘De Boer—true Spartan. His first class is ‘Aeschylus. Their pad is down on the campus where the Christian School Guide’.

Is your organization sponsored by the Christian Reformed Church?

Civile: derigo fortibus in ero
Nobile: deus trux
Vadis in inde
Causem dux.

J.R.
Next Monday, November 21, the Dordt Defenders will open the 1960-1961 basketball season by playing the Westmar College B team. Coach Harv Blankespoor has not yet selected the starting five, but says he will probably choose them from the following seven players: Fred Groen, Tom Den Ouden, Jerry Vermmer, Russ de Jong, Howie Faber, Dave Schelhaas, and Claude Zylstra. The team has been practicing regularly and has played practice scrimmage games against Western Christian High School and a team from Sioux Center. Coach Blankespoor says that the team will try to use a fast break and basic plays for offense, and use a man-to-man or possible a 1-3-1 zone defense to try stop Westmar.

This game, which will be the first of the season for both teams, finds both teams fairly evenly matched for height. Our slight advantage in experience is offset by the ‘flu bug’, which has been plaguing several of our boys. Blankespoor has starting 5 averaging 6’1”. Their tallest player is Bob Oliphant, who stands 6’6”, but who has had very little experience playing basketball. Don Pederson, a 6’4” forward, will probably be their main threat. He is a junior and would be playing on Westmar’s first team but is ineligible because he is a transfer student. He is the only player on the Westmar five who has played college basketball before.

With two evenly matched teams both playing their first game, it promises to be an exciting evening. Let’s start the season right by all coming out and giving the team lots of support!

Pep Club Pushes School Spirit

Dordt’s Pep Club, under the leadership of Charlotte Tabak, Beverly Visscher, and Shirley Tolsma has engaged in a number of projects. By the time this news item appears in print, the sweat shirts should have arrived. Two types were ordered, the crew neck and the zipper collar. On both will appear the Dordt seal and the letters DORDT. These shirts can be ordered in white with black lettering, and navy-blue with white lettering. So far about 125 shirts have been ordered.

Another project is the sale of Dordt pennants. The background is black with the seal in white on the right hand side and the letters DEFENDERS in Old English lettering stretched across the pennant. About 250 of these pennants have been ordered and are selling “fast”, the committee reports.

Still another project is the sale of writing and typing paper. The smaller, writing paper has a dime size seal in the left hand corner as well as the letters DORDT COLLEGE. The typing paper is a regular 8 x 11 size sheet with the words DORDT, then the college seal, and then COLLEGE serving as a letterhead.

Committees have been formed, with Phyllis Jansen as the general chairman, to have ‘Koffee Kletzes’ after each home game at the college Commons. Taverns, wiener (all the way), hot chocolate and marshmallows, and potato chips will be featured. Sundae and malts may also be served.

The Pep Club has appointed John Rozeboom to serve as the announcer for all the home games this season. John is well known for his column “The Madmen” which appears regularly in the Diamond.

Jerry Vander Plug has been appointed to head a committee planning half-time entertainment at all the home games. John Vander Lugt heads another committee planning skills and other entertainment at the Pep Assemblies.

The Pep Club will also be responsible for paying for part of the cost of the cheerleader outfits. The Club is indebted to the Booster Club for allotting the sum of $60.00 which should cover most of the cost. A freshman, Marline Bleeker, is doing the sewing on the cheerleader skirts. Sweaters have been ordered.

A contest was held to solicit words for a Fight Song. Myrna Bandstra, a freshman from Chandler, Minn., submitted the winning entry. Mr. Grotenhuis has written music and has arranged it for pep band accompaniment. The words are as follows:

Dordt Defenders, we must agree,
Our team’s aim is victory.
Go! Defenders, guard that court
for Dordt! Dordt! Dordt!

Go team, Go team—Black and White,
Play this game with all your might,
Go team, Go team, fight, fight,
fight!
We’re going to win this game tonight!

(Then repeat the first verse).

Charlotte Tabak, the Pep Club president, has announced that if any of the alumni would like to purchase any of the items that the Club has for sale, they should send their orders to the Secretary-Treasurer Shirley Tolsma. The prices are as follows:

Sweat shirts: crews—$3.00 (please state size: small, medium, large), and zipper—$3.50. State color preference.

Paper: writing—50 sheets for 50 cents; typing—50 sheets for 50 cents.
Pennants: 40 cents each.