Fine Arts Program Soon

Program To Be Presented
February 26

A Fine Arts Program has been planned for Friday evening, February 26, 1960, to be held in the Dordt College Auditorium.

The following program has been planned:

- A Brass Choir consisting of Irma Dykstra, Marian De Jong, Margaret Kalsbeek, Marguerite Vogel, Helena Wiersma, Owen Bouwma, Pete Jouwstra, and Cliff Soodsma.
- A Piano Duet, performed by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis and Annetta Vugteveen, who will play "Sheep May Safely Graze."
- A Baritone Solo by Peter Jouwstra.
- The Dordt College A Capella Choir will present four numbers: "Stodola Pumpa," "Vive La Compagnie," "Born To Be Free," and "There Were Ninety and Nine."
- Harvey Blankespoor will present a vocal solo entitled, "Kitty of Coleraine."
- "Liebestraum" will be performed as a piano solo by Marion De Jong.
- A Girl's Sextet including Phyllis Jensen, Roxine Baker, Marilyn Vande Werfhorst, Marian De Jong, Sandra Wiebe-dink, and Trudy Modderman, will present "Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be."
- A Mixed Quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Grotenhuis and Mr. and Mrs. De Boer, will sing "Vrenelle."
- Eunice and Galen Meyer will perform a comedy sketch.


The program will begin at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are on sale at 50c for students and 75c for adults. They may be obtained from members of the Dordt College Choir, at Sam's Variety, or at the door. All proceeds will be used for the Spring Tour of the Dordt College Choir.

HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

Eight sophomores and only six freshmen have been announced as members of the Dordt honor roll for the first semester of the 1959-1960 school term. Only two students were able to maintain an "A" average. They were Ed Blakespoor, a freshman, and John Addink, a sophomore. This marked the third straight semester in which John Addink received such an average.

No other students managed to come even close to an "A" average. If a student had an "A" record with the exception of one "B", he would be about 2.8 on the numerical system, but the next closest student was John Vander Lugt with a 2.6 average. Following with 2.5 averages were Arthur Haverhals, Alvin Hoekstra, and Ruth Vande Voort. Those with 2.4 averages were Clarence Fransman, Eunice Meyer, and Hermina Van Dyken. Five students attained a 2.3 average. They were as follows: Phyllis Cannegieter, Stanley Vanden Berg, Harold Vander Ziel, James Verbrugge, and Grace Woltersoff. An average of at least 2.3 is required to become a member of the honor roll.

Fines are figured on the following basis: A-3, B-2, C-1, D-0, and F as a minus 1. A "C" average, 1.0, is required for graduation.

Harvey Blankespoor, shown above, has scored 619 points in his two years at Dordt. This year he scored 300 points for an average of 23 points per game. While doing so, he committed only 55 fouls in two years. Last year he was named to the All-State Junior College basketball team, and set Dordt basketball history by doing so.
This motto, Soli Deo Gloria, has been indelibly engraved on the cornerstone in the entrance of Dordt College. Thus, each student is continually reminded that all things must be done to the glory of God alone.

However, doesn't this seem somewhat idealistic? Many times ministers have exhorted us to direct all to God's glory. How is it possible to say that all which we are doing every minute of our lives attains this goal? Or once again, can we say that each deed we perform, each word we speak, and each thought we think has behind it the basic objective of enhancing God's glory? Indeed, even the most saintly Christian cannot attain this goal.

Although it may seem to be idealistic, it becomes beautifully realistic and "down to earth" when upon striving to direct all things to the glory of God, we partially attain our goal. It is especially appropriate for us Calvinists whose theology is fundamentally based on the sovereignty of God. Perhaps it is most beautiful since Soli Deo Gloria can be so universal, covering every facet of our college life. Yes, if we are doing all to the glory of God, our college work takes on new emphasis seeing that we are fulfilling a definite purpose.

Soli Deo Gloria also implies a negative connotation that we should not profane the glory of God. Instead of seeking the glory of God, some would contribute to the dishonor of God. Even we as Dordt students are guilty of being a disgrace to God. Witnesses expecting us to be model students from a Christian college often see in us that which causes a smear on God's name. We also directly dishonor God's will through some of our actions. Therefore, it is good for all of us to strive to do all things Soli Deo Gloria.

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The Temper of the Times

As President Eisenhower begins his Latin American tour, we all wonder how he is going to be accepted. We all remember the angry mob that greeted Nixon in 1958 and we also know that resentment has been aroused against the United States by Cuba's Fidel Castro. I'm sure many people in the United States feel Mr. Eisenhower isn't moving in there a moment too soon, since it seems that Communism is making steady headway—creeping in some places, marching in others, but everywhere gaining ground.

Looking at the Cuban countries, we find that since 1952, eight of them have overthrown dictatorships. Yet, many of the people are unhappy for they are judging their poverty by United States standards. The Communists have been quick to note these dissatisfactions and are building cultural centers and are sending economic emissaries.

According to reports, Latin America is the world's fastest growing area and it is predicted to finish the century with double North America's population. Thus, what the Latin American countries are to the United States can be compared to what Red China is to Russia: a friend for the present, but a challenge if the tide should turn.

In Cuba, Castro presents the leadership of a nationalist, bourgeois-democratic revolution which precedes a Communist rise to power. Castro is almost like a tyrant. He is exercising more control over the people than Batista did, yet the people are behind him. Those who don't favor him are put in jail.

In Panama, we find that the Panamanians, inspired by Nasser's seizure of the Suez and encouraged by Castro defiance, have demanded bigger cuts of Panama Canal revenue. Here too, a few Communists have been happily stirring up the strife.

Many of these Latin American countries are poor and dissatisfied. For example, Bolivia is very poor and has a depressed tin industry. The Bolivians are angry at the United States' tariff policy which serves to protect the American tin industry. Chile has a democratic government, yet she too is angry over United States tariffs and of late there has been occasional talk of revolution. Peru is considered pro-United States, yet the Communists have made some inroads and of late there has been occasional talk of revolution.

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**Of Books and Men**

In the preface to *The Chaos of Cults*, J. K. Van Baalen states that both membership and interest in cults is on the increase. He suggests that the propaganda of the cultists which is directed toward the masses, whereas scholars approach only scores of people, may be the reason for the two-fold increase. The main objective of his book is to “... help a little in the direction of understanding that cultism is distinct from religious error.”

In *The Chaos of Cults* there are thirteen chapters on the various “isms” and in addition to these there are also chapters which define the issue and tell how to approach the cultists. To give an idea of a typical cult, we will review the chapter on Baha’ism, whose very name arouses one curiosity. Van Baalen divides this chapter into five sections: History, Teaching, The Willmete Temple, Appraisal, and Baha’ism and Scripture. Because the purpose of this column is at this time to whet your interest in cults and especially in the book, *The Chaos of Cults*, I will give a brief history of Baha’ism and a summary of its basic tenets.

Baha’ism, which is of Persian Mohammedan origin, is centered around the belief that the last successor of Mohammed never died but is still living in a mysterious hidden city with his followers and will issue forth at the end of time. From time to time, the will of the mysterious successor of Mohammed was made known to people who are called Bab or gates. The last Bab foretold the arrival of a divine prophet, and his successor soon declared himself to be this divine prophet, and called himself Baha’u’llah. His followers called themselves Bab or Baha’is. After a life of imprisonment and exile, Baha’u’llah died in 1892. Baha’u’llah was succeeded by his son who called himself ‘Abdul-Baha. ‘Abdul-Baha became the interpreter of his father’s teachings and was responsible for its introduction into the United States, where the cult has grown faster than in any country except Persia. Today the leadership is in the hands of ‘Abdul-Baha’s grandson.

Their basic doctrinal tenets are characterized by the words, unity and love, and by a pantheistic conception of God in relationship to the universe. Baha’ism accepts all religions of the world and all nine prophets on the ground that all religions are fundamentally the same. They do not give Baha’u’llah a greater divinity, but claim that he has given the latest revelation from the Divine Source. “Baha’ism,” says Van Baalen, “claims that unity and brotherhood are the only important things and not doctrine. ‘Love’ is the ever-recurring word in its literature.” Typical of their pantheism is this statement taken from “The Star of the West,” the official organ of Baha’ism in America: “Further than this (Baha’u’llah) man has no other point of concentration. He is God.”

Baha’ism has a great appeal today because it stresses unity and love and has resulted in over a million supporters in almost every nation of the world. It is one of the numerous cults which have a great appeal in a troubled world.

**Did You Know...**

that a good memory is one that is so poor you can't remember what you worried about yesterday . . . —Samuel Smiles

that an optimist is a man who thinks his wife can drive a six-foot car through an eight-foot garage door way . . . —D.O. Flynn

that the future tense of courting is caught . . . that the past particle of sip is drunk . . . —Mary C. Dorsey

that TV isn't replacing radio half as fast as it is homework . . . —Pathfinder

that anger is righteous if it has in it grief on account of what is happening to others, and not a grudge on account of what is happening to oneself . . . —B. Stanley Jones

that "I always find that statistics are hard to swallow and impossible to digest . . . The only one I can ever remember is that if all the people who go to sleep in church were laid end to end they would be a lot more comfortable." —Mrs. Robert A. Taft

that a college education seldom hurts a man if he's willing to learn a little something after he graduates . . . —Anonymous

that a man is never too busy to talk about how busy he is . . . —Cincinnati Enquirer

that an automobile is a guided missile . . . that fashion is something that goes out of style as soon as most people have one . . . —Sylvia Bremner

that: "Here's a definite feminine trait Clearly worth the knowing: When a woman says "It's time to go," it doesn't mean she's going." —Philip Lazarus

that wisdom is knowing what to do next . . . —Anonymous

that the poorest judge of distance is the family man who thinks that he'll be able to make both ends meet . . . . —Earl Wilson

that tact is the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to . . . —Arch Ward

that whether a black cat means bad luck for you depends upon whether you are a man or a mouse . . . —Jack Herbert
The Sports Scene

Dordt, 70; Waldorf, 89

On February 8th, the Defenders played a return match with Waldorf at Forrest City. The Defenders were ahead 47-40 at halftime and although they enjoyed a commanding lead several times during the game, they nevertheless wound up on the short side of the final score. Blankspeor led all scoring with 35 points on Dordt scoring 27 to lead the Waldorf scoring.

FG FT PF TP
Altena 2 0 4 4
Vanden Einde 3 0 2 6
Verbrugge 5 0 5 10
Blankspeor 12 0 11 2 35
Den Ouden 5 4 5 14
Charles 1 0 1 0
Hoekman 2 3 0 7
Zylstra 0 0 1 0
Total 30 18 20 18

Dordt, 68; Westmar B, 74

Wednesday, February 10th, marked the final game of the '59-60 season as the Defenders met the Westmar B team in Le Mars. This was the last game played for Dordt by sophomores Altena, Blankspeor, and Verbrugge. The halftime score was 30-40 in favor of the Westmar team who controlled the ball game all the way. Earlier in the season Westmar had fallen an easy way, but they turned the tables on them this time. Mueller for Westmar was high point man with 31 and Blankspeor followed with 22 for Dordt.

FG FT PF TP
Altena 2 0 4 4
Vanden Einde 3 0 2 6
Verbrugge 3 3 4 13
Blankspeor 6 6 3 22
Den Ouden 3 3 4 9
Charles 3 0 1 0
Hoekman 2 4 4
Zylstra 0 0 1 0
Total 25 18 19 68

Dordt's record for the '59-60 season stands at 2-11. Some of the defeats were very close games, but none of them went into overtime. The Defenders seem to be following a pattern, so far in their collegiate competition, by presenting extreme contrasts from one season to the next. If you recall, the '57-58 season was 1-15 and the '58-59 season wound up with an 11-7 record and won the Defenders a berth in the state tournament play-offs.

Chapel Speakers

February 22 ----- Mr. M. De Young
February 23 ----- Rev. A. Hanninck
February 24 ----- Bernie Aschenmeier
February 25 ----- Grace Wolterstorf
February 29 ----- Dr. P. Van Beek
March 1 ------- Rev. H. Roelofs
March 3 ------- John Vander Lugt
March 4 ------- Gertrude Vande Kemp

Poetry

A FINISHED CANVAS

Time has wrought a miracle.
Many were the hands
Who helped to fashion this dear place.
And now a college stands
Where once was cornstalk,
Black furrows deep;
But now a rolling campus green:
Broad walks, aspens, and pines
—complete.

A picture sketched against the sun

The tool? A crayola not made
By machinists, nor any man,
But molded once to then be laid
Against a surface—the horizon.
She stands a symbol and a mark...

'Twas not alone the work of hands;
Historic faith has played its part.

Her story reads "of books and men";

Rows of incandescent volumes

Waiting for an invitation
Into hands and hearts, where, soon
Light will conquer seeds of doubt.
Inspired day by day,
They breached the gulf of knowledge.

That 'twixt them and wisdom lay.
—Priscilla J. Kreun

YOU AND I

In Spring ....
We strolled in the meadow together,
Then deep into forests dark.
We stopped and listened to the lilting song of the lark.

In Summer ....
We sat by the little brook
Bubbling its merry way past.
We sat and dreamed of a future
In which our love would last.

In Autumn ....
We watched the bright leaves fall,
Saw the earth prepare to rest;
But knew by our unchanging God
We'd forever more be blessed.

In Winter ....
We sat by the fireside
And knew that outside it was cold.
But the flame of our love was warm and bright.

A thing to have and to hold.
—Elaine

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