CONCERT SERIES TO BEGIN

Meet Mr. Grotenhuis

Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, our music instructor, is a native of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, a small town near Sheboygan. He received his schooling there until his college years began at Calvin. While attending Calvin, he wrote a Calvin Alma Mater song which won the prize in a student contest. During his years there he also began composing music for the medium of concert band. He wrote "The Calvinite March" which includes the Alma Mater song. He graduated in 1953 with a music major.

Following his graduation from Calvin, Mr. Grotenhuis joined the armed services. He was stationed in Fort Meade, Maryland, where he was the Chief Music Arranger for the Second Army Band. He also played the percussion instruments. Six months before his discharge, he married Eleanor Veldman from Grand Rapids. He and his wife then lived in Washington until his discharge. They now have two sons who are four and two years old.

The following two years were spent in Lynden, Washington, where he taught in the Christian High. During his second year there, he took the choir to Grand Rapids to attend the Midwest Choir Festival. The two years previous to his coming to Dordt were spent at Unity Christian High in Hudsonville, Michigan.

The past few years Mr. Grotenhuis has done extensive arranging of choral music. He has also composed approximately eight choral numbers among which is "God So Loved the World", which our choir sang last year. At present he is composing a new Dordt Alma Mater song.

128 Students Enroll

One hundred twenty-eight students have registered at Dordt for the first semester of the 1959-60 school term. Below is a breakdown of enrollment statistics:

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By States: Iowa 62, Minnesota 35, South Dakota 19, California 2, Colorado 2, New Jersey 1, New Mexico 1, North Dakota 1, Washington 1, Wisconsin 3, Alberta, Canada 1.

Boarding students 85, Home students 43.

The ratio of freshmen men and women shows noteworthy change from the previous school year, when the freshman class was composed of 30 men and 59 women. The total enrollment represents a decrease of 11 from last year's total of 139.

This year's choir at Dordt consists of fifty-five members. With the enthusiasm which prevails among the members and the capable direction of Mr. Grotenhuis, the choir is sure to have a successful year.

Mr. Grotenhuis has organized a male chorus which consists of twenty-six men of neighboring towns. This chorus is planning two concert seasons a year. The first one is tentatively set for January. Their first rehearsals proved it to be a promising organization.

Tickets Now On Sale In The Office

Membership tickets for the annual concert series starting November 9 are now on sale. It is believed that this year's program will offer one of the best selections of talent anywhere in the Tri-State Area, and it is undoubtedly the finest series ever offered in Sioux County.

Pianist Margaret Barthel opens the concert series on November 9. The attractive young pianist has won enthusiastic approval from all Midwestern audiences on three previous tours.

Margaret Barthel, pianist

At the age of five she began to study piano and gave her first solo recital at the age of eight. At thirteen she played with the Detroit Symphony. But unlike many young prodigies, Margaret Barthel followed these early successes by winning the coveted Haumburg Award and several other similar awards. Her appearances with major orchestras (Continued on page 4)
A rather interesting thing happened at Dordt last week. Many of its students spent a good deal of time searching for Hezekiah 16:9, and all of them were amazed and embarrassed to discover that Hezekiah is not one of the books of the Bible.

This incident, although very funny at the time, brings up a very serious question: “What’s wrong with our educational system?” More specifically, “What’s wrong with our Christian educational system?”

Most of Dordt’s students have gone to Christian grade schools and Christian high schools. Supposedly, the purpose of these “Christian” schools is to give a “Christian” education. Certainly the fact that college students who have been in “Christian” schools for 12 or 13 years don’t know the books of the Bible, is a good indication that Christian education has, at least partially, failed.

Now we come to the difficult part: why our schools have partially failed. There are several reasons. First of all, education is primarily the responsibility of the parents. This is especially true in the area of religion. The parents promise, in the baptism of their children, to instruct them in the doctrines of the church. But parents often find this task too complex. When this happens, the parents hire teachers to do the work for them.

One of the types of teachers which the parents hire is the minister. It is the minister who is in charge of the catechetical training of the children. Either the minister himself, or one of the elders of the church, is in charge of teaching the doctrines of the church to the boys and girls and the young people.

The parents also hire school teachers. These must teach the children how to read and write, how to add and subtract, and a multitude of other things. And these “hired” teachers must also teach the children about the Bible and about how we, as Calvinists, interpret the Bible.

Now that we have blamed the partial failure of Christian education on the parents, the church, and the schools, perhaps we should also blame the student himself. It is a frightening possibility that our students don’t want to learn of their Calvinistic heritage.

But enough of whose fault the partial failure is. Let’s see what we can do about the failures of our educational system. The

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New Librarian Assistants

One of Dordt's new librarian assistants for this school term is Mrs. Don Plum, more commonly known as "Snooks." She and her husband, who plan to teach at a bank next school in Sioux City beginning in October, make their residence here in Sioux Center. They are the parents of two children, David and Verla, who are two and one years of age, respectively. "Snooks" was born and raised in Orange City and also attended grade school there. She went to Western Christian High and also attended three summers at Calvin College. She taught school for one year at Bigelow, Minnesota, and two years at Sheldon.

Mrs. Plum works in our library only in the morning from 8-12 each day. We certainly hope that she will enjoy her work in our spacious new library.

The other assistant in our library is Mrs. Cooper. Her husband is the sixth grade teacher at Sioux Center Christian School. They are the parents of four children, Ruth, George, David, and Thomas. The Cooper's ages are eight, seven, five, and two years. The Cooper's are members of the First Christian Reformed Church.

Mrs. Cooper was born and raised in New Jersey. She attended both grade school and high school in her home state and also attended college for two years in New York. Mrs. Cooper did some secretarial work before their marriage.

Mrs. Cooper is in the library only in the afternoon each day from one to five. We hope that she will enjoy her work in our new library.

Temper of the Times, cont.

posal will put the United States on the spot before world opinion in order to force us to go further than some of our experts think is safe? Besides all this way is it that right after he leaves the U.S. he is going to Red China? Can he be sincere both places?

Aside from this, we all know that Khrushchev will visit the great Mid-west, namely the state of Iowa. We hope that he is thoroughly impressed with it along with its people.

What one thinks of Khrushchev is up to him, but perhaps people's general opinion is pretty well summed up in the words of an inmate at the South Carolina Penitentiary who said, "It is okay for him to come and talk peace, but please don't have an eye on him;"

What the outcome of Khrushchev's visit will be we do not know, but it is up to each of us to show to him that the United States is a Christian nation. And we all know this is much more impressive than explosions of atomic bombs, r.b.
Games in Chicago this summer. All run, the national champions, Louis-non's seventeen yard touch-down basketball will be in the limelight.

Both professional football and baseball are up, they will turn for its fifth consecutive sold-out American tour. Under the direction of Thomas Christian David, this chorus of twelve male and female voices embraces the great choral literature of the world. Favorite music of the great Viennese composers and a rousing collection of Tyrolean folk music, each presented in appropriate costume, highlights this “Wonderful Evening of Song.”

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On January 28, David Davis, violinist, brings to his audience his work, a wealth of tonal effects, played with taste and inner understanding.

On the professional sports scene, all good baseball fans at-e purchasing their tickets to the World Series. As a result, you probably won't (I'll pick the White Sox), and soon the great improvement was shown in the sports events in which the Russians outshone us last time. Could this be a ray of hope for the 1960 Olympics? Let's hope so.

On the professional sports scene, all good baseball fans are purchasing their tickets to the World Series (I'll pick the White Sox), and soon the top ten orchestras of the nation, the orchestra is under the leadership of Izler Solomon, who has been called “the greatest conducting talent of his age” by the Christian Science Monitor.

The orchestra was founded by Ferdinand Schaefer in 1930 and was conducted by Fabier Sevitzky from 1937 to 1955. Young American conductor Izler Solomon was signed as permanent conductor in 1956.

Buy your tickets for the 1959-60 Concert Series now. The tickets are on sale at the office for $3, student admission.

Editorial, continued . . . main if not the only solution is that our schools must be “tougher.” Things easily learned are easily forgotten. Repetition is essential to a good education. The grade school teacher who informs the students that they should know the things which we believe to be the truth. Perhaps we need something like this in our educational methods. We must not “baby” our students so much. It is perhaps only by being “tough” on our children that we can be sure that they will believe the things which we believe to be the truth.