Teachers Institute Now In Session

Dordt Drama Club Formed

The Drama Club recently held its first meeting for the purpose of electing officers. The results:

James Heynen, President
Elinor Vander Veen, Vice-Pres.
Vernon Pollema, Business Manager
Janice Van Schepen, Secretary

Under the direction of Professor Van Till, the Drama Club has already made preparations for the presentation of a three-act play "The Miser". It is a play requiring much skillful preparation in memorization and characterization. The plot centers around an elderly miser. In a series of comical and closely knit events, "The Miser" proves to be both interesting and entertaining.

The presentation of "The Miser" will no doubt be one of the major events in the College entertainment world this year.

Yesterday the cast was selected as follows:

Valere—Mr. Pranger
Elsie—Miss Van Schepen
Cleante—Mr. Pollema
Harpagone—Mr. Addink
Le Fleche—Mr. Van Zanten
Master Simon—Mr. Alons
Frosive—Miss Versteeg
1st Servant—Miss Graves
2nd Servant—Miss De Vries
Marianne—Miss Wiersma
Justice—Mr. Feenstra
Clerk to Justice—Mr. Vander Ziel
Signeur Anselm—Mr. Heynen

The Tri-State Christian Teacher's Institute began yesterday and continues today at Western Christian High School. The main speaker at the institute is Dr. John Daling, professor of psychology at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

During registration and coffee the 250 teachers became acquainted with the activities of the day. The opening session began with an inspirational address given by Rev. Ellsworth Dykstra of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Thursday afternoon the teachers attended sectional meetings of interest to them. Dr. John Zinkand spoke at one of these sectional meetings on the topic of "High School Language."

The Hull ladies served a soup supper to the teachers.

The mass meeting began with a spirited song service under the direction of Professor Peter De Boer. Mr. Ivan Zylstra, chairman of the evening, introduced the speaker, Dr. John Daling. He spoke on the topic "How Grown Up Are You?" Special music consisted of a solo by Miss Jean Folker, music teacher in (Pella Christian) High School and an instrumental number by Mr. Hazen Brummel and Mr. Francis Bulthuis.

This morning Professor Marvin De Jong is chairman of the meeting. Dr. Daling is speaking on the topic "Young Adolescence." Special music and sectional meetings this afternoon will bring the institute to a close.
The Temper of the Times
by Myrtle Sinkey

Here it is, October 3, 1958, and here we are again, divulging and digesting the nation's affairs.

Last week another event occurred which will go down in the pages of history. Mr. Sherman Adams, the presidential assistant to President Eisenhower, resigned.

Many speculations followed his resignation. Why he resigned seemed to be the biggest speculation of all. But most political thinkers agree that Mr. Adams resigned because of the following reasons:

He resigned because of the scandal created a few months ago when one of the senate investigating committees unearthed some of Mr. Adam's questionable dealings with millionaire, Bernard Goldfine, and his unwi- nine acceptance of gifts from his friend, Mr. Goldfine.

Perhaps the main reason for Mr. Adam's resignation was because of pressure from his fellow Republicans due to the fact of the sharp defeats suffered by several Republican candidates in state primaries and in the election in Maine. Although President Eisenhower was not convinced that the Republican defeats were due to Mr. Adam's questionable deal-

ings, many prominent Republicans felt that he was at fault and therefore Mr. Adams was forced, not by Democrats, but by his fellow Republicans, to resign from his office.

Due to the Adam's scandal, and other factors such as the recession, the Democrats are assured of sizeable gains and one of the biggest victories in voting history.

But the Democrats should not let their power go to their heads. They will most likely again control both house and senate, and will probably win in 1960 with the right candidate. They should, however, beware of certain dangers such as that stated by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. in the September 15, 1958 issue of the New Republic, that unless the top party intellectuals such as Paul Butler, and his associates realize that state as well as national elections are important and that some of the "know nothings" elected to the state legislatures in New York be erased from the party, the victory of the Democrats will seem shallow indeed.

But senate Democratic leaders such as Hubert Humphrey, John Kennedy, Joseph Clark, Paul Douglas, and Lyndon Johnson have not let this danger. Let's hope that the Democratic party remains the intellectual party it now is, and that men of wisdom and intelligence such as the above mentioned will remain as leaders of this great par-

Library Grows

The Dordt College library is "bursting at its seams!" The amount of periodicals has been doubled since last year. $1800 is being spent each semester on increasing the number of books.

Some of the magazines appearing on the shelves this year are: Scholastic Teacher, Natural History, Aviation Week, Coronet, Parents, United Nations Reports, Christian Century, Vital Speeches, Science Digest, and The Writer. These are just a few of the 100 periodicals that now populate the magazine shelves and the reading room.

As indicated before, the number of books is increasing rapidly. Progress last year was made especially in the fields of English, biographical material, and psychology. This year emphasis is being put into the field of science. Six new book shelves have been added this year alone, and each shelf holds approximately 120 books.

One of the most important parts of any library is, of course, the card catalog. The librarian, Mr. Ribbens, and the assistant librarian, Mrs. Jack Vanden Berg, are currently changing and completing the Dordt card catalog. Also a new one is to be purchased next year.

Thus greater strides are being taken in an attempt to make Dordt College a finer institution.

P.A.
In reviewing *The Old Man and the Sea*, I would like to acquaint you with the author Ernest Hemingway. Born in Chicago in 1899, Hemingway is noted in literary circles for his "pithy" writing and for his preoccupation with blood, guts, and immoral love scenes.

Hemingway, or "Papa" as he is also known, fought on the Italian Front during World War I. He was severely wounded and returned to civilian life. He married Anne Hadley in 1919, divorced her and went to Paris.

While at Paris he fell under the influence of Gertrude Stein and Ezra Pound. Here he began to write. His first book was *The Sun Also Rises*, a satire on the amorality of the colony of expatriates living in France. He was accepted as a major spokesman of the "lost generation," a group of young men who were thoroughly disillusioned by "high sounding rhetoric and idealistic concepts." Having fought in "the war to save democracy," they were dismayed to see Communism and Fascism make great advances in Europe. In later years Hemingway wrote several books that were somewhat sympathetic to Communism. One of the outstanding works of this era was *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

Hemingway's style as a writer is very good. He is a master of a "severely articulated midwestern prose." His style emphasizes simplicity and keeps description at an appropriate minimum. His dialogue is very spare, "clean and unexcessive."

"Papa's" latest book is *The Old Man and the Sea*. The story is simple. Most of the action takes place in a small boat in the open sea. The old man, a Cuban fisherman, has gone 84 days without a fish. On the 85th day he goes beyond his usual limit and catches a tremendous fish. Hour after hour for two days he pits his strength, skill, endurance and intelligence against the strength of the great marlin. At the dawn of the second day the fish sounds for the first time and reveals himself to be greater than the small boat. Slowly and tirelessly it pulls the boat out to sea. On the 3rd day it leaps up again, suffers itself to be pulled to the boat and is killed. The old man has won.

But it is an empty victory. Shortly after he ties the huge fish to the boat the sharks begin to attack. The old man fights the sharks with harpoon, knife and rudder, but the return voyage is a sleepless nightmare and when he arrives at the shore the fish is stripped to a skeleton. The old man is grieved but not defeated. The next morning the villagers gaze in awe at the huge skeleton while he lies sleeping in his cabin, dreaming the old dreams of his youth.

Using an extended metaphor of man's struggle against the natural world Hemingway creates an allegory: he shows his hero, a simple unheroic figure, struggling against old age, against his own instincts and against defeat, and emerging from the conflict with no more than high human dignity and unexhausted courage.

In closing I would say that this book is Hemingway's masterpiece.
The Sports Scene
by Donna Schutt

"Ooh! I'm stiff!" "I'm sore in places I never knew I had muscles!"
These were some of the comments heard as Physical Education (or "Physical Pain" as some call it) began at Dordt last week.

Actually, though, it isn't so bad. I think most students can say with a clear conscience that they enjoy at least part of Phys. Ed.

Did you ever wonder just what is so important about Phys. Ed.? Of course, we all know that a healthy body adds immeasurably to an optimistic outlook on life. And doesn't it give you a feeling of satisfaction when you can touch your toes better than your fellow 'sufferers' or Mr. Sjoerdema? Besides, if the exercise doesn't do anything else, it certainly takes your mind away from your studies. And your mind needs recreation just as well as your body.

Physical Education is required of you for a good reason. By keeping physically and mentally fit, you are prepared to do a better job in your chosen vocation.

It is interesting to note that though the United States citizens usually outrank their European counterparts, they are inferior in physical culture and abilities. Isn't it about time we started to remedy the situation?

P. S. — Not only will Phys. Ed. help to make you a well-rounded individual, it will even round you out in the right places?

Attention All Students

In just a few weeks a program sponsored by the Student Activity Committee of the Faculty will be presented in our gymnasmium.

This program is to be one of a very dignified, serious nature, and therefore should include musical and forensic talent expressing itself in such a manner. More specifically, those students who can do solo work on the piano, or with voice and instrument, or those who can participate in a small group, either vocal or instrumental, or those who have had forensic experience on the high school level and who have done well in competition, can present a poem or reading, or short speech, are invited to audition with Mr. De Boer.

The best talent will be chosen to perform. The public is to be invited. If there is a feeling of real dissatisfaction with the outcome of this trial attempt, Mr. De Boer announces that other programs of the same type will be scheduled, either for Sioux Center or other towns where there is a concentration of Dordt supporters.

Alumni Chapter to Meet at Dordt

Attention all sophomores who are considering the possibility of attending Calvin College: Mr. De Boer, president of the Northwest Iowa Calvin Alumni Chapter, announced this week that you are invited to its regular fall meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 13, in the Dordt Commons beginning at 6:30 p.m. The group will enjoy their evening dinner together after which an evening of entertainment has been planned.

Feature attraction of the evening will be Mr. Sydney T. Youngsma, Development Secretary of Calvin College, who will speak and show a film on life at Calvin. Through this means those who are interested may better know what it is like to attend Calvin. You will also have an opportunity to ask Mr. Youngsma any questions which you may have.

Unfortunately, since the N.I.C.A.C. is not a wealthy organization, those who come and do not have regular Dordt meal tickets will be required to pay for their meal at a nominal charge.

Rep. Den Herder to Speak

Attention all Dordt College students and friends! Reserve the evening of October 7 for the opportunity to increase your political knowledge.

Representative Elmer Den Herder has graciously consented to come to Dordt and relate some of the experience of his recent trip to Russia. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. right here at the college. There will be no admission charge.

This is another project sponsored through the efforts of the Student Activity Committee.