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October 1956

73 ENROLLED AT DORDT COLLEGE

Canned Fruit and Vegetables Drive

The Finance Board is very much concerned about the high cost of room and board college students are required to pay. The members of the Board feel that a substantial reduction in the cost of room and board would not only benefit the students, but also the college through an increased enrollment.

At present, a plan is being considered, which it is hoped, will be most successful. If every family in the general environment of Dordt College would donate one quart of home-canned fruit or vegetable, a substantial amount of food would thus be received. This would help to maintain the reduced cost of room and board, as now obtains at the dormitory.

In order to make this plan practicable, it was suggested that the Ladies' Aid of each church should assume the responsibility to supervise this project in their church. An announcement to this effect could be placed in the Church bulletin and the canned goods could be given to various members of the Ladies' Aid or brought to the basement of the local church.

Letters to this effect have been sent to the various Ladies' organizations of churches within a radius of fifty miles. This does not mean, however, that other churches more distant cannot participate in this drive. To the contrary, we will be happy to receive any amount of canned goods from any society, however distant it may be. Several weeks before our plan materialized, a Ladies' Aid of a church over sixty miles distant wrote, "Our guild has decided to bring some canned goods to the dormitory. We thought that we would bring it ourselves and thus have an opportunity to visit the college, as a society. We prefer some evening, so our husbands can accompany us."

We are suggesting to all societies to set the last week of October for this drive. This is Reformation Day week, a very special week for Dordt College and therefore appropriate for this arrangement. If any society faces a problem in bringing the canned goods to the dormitory, inform the undersigned and the necessary provision will be made. Even though we cannot provide part-time jobs for all, we can make Dordt College attractive by reducing the cost of room and board to a minimum. Iowa is the Bread-basket of the United States. Let's make the Canned Fruit and Vegetables Drive a grand success.

C.V.S

The 1956-1957 Dordt College enrollment doubles the enrollment of the first year. The enrollment breaks down as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Freshmen	24	29	53
Sophomores	11	9	20
Total	35	38	73

Interesting to note is the fact that the ratio of men students has increased considerably over our first year. It is also interesting to observe that our students come from the following areas:

California	-	-	-	-	4
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	17
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	1
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	4
Wisconsin	-	-	-	-	43

Following is a list of all the students and the home town of each:

Freshmen

- Bernard Alons, Orange City, Iowa
- Gracelda Baas, Pease, Minnesota
- Mardelle Bakker, Steamboat Rock, Iowa
- Ernest Benally, Crownpoint, New Mexico
- Gilbert Blankespoor, Boyden, Iowa
- Thelma Bootsma, Sanborn, Iowa
- Andrew Brummel, Rock Valley, Ia.
- Harold Bruxvoort, Orange City, Ia.
- John Buteyn, Sanborn, Iowa
- Estella Dahm, Peoria, Iowa
- Charles De Boer, Sibley, Iowa
- Jeanette De Jong, Ireton, Iowa
- Roger De Stigter, Sioux Center, Iowa
- Preston Droog, Pollock, S. Dak.
- Diane Duistermars, Sioux Center, Iowa
- Richard Dykstra, Hartley, Iowa
- Albert Ekhoff, Britt, Iowa
- Wanda Faber, Hull, Iowa
- Marilyn Geels, Ireton, Iowa
- Helen Gesink, Sioux Center, Iowa
- Evelyn Graves, Dike, Iowa
- Wilson Haarsma, Orange City, Ia.
- Alma Hannink, Modesto, Calif.
- Donna Hengeveld, Hills, Minn.
- Jean Hillinga, Wesley, Iowa
- Twyla Holtrop, Hawarden, Iowa
- Nellie Huisman, Pella, Iowa
- Marilyn Jansen, Sully, Iowa
- Theresa Jouwstra, Rock Valley, Ia.
- Hermine Kempema, Hull, Iowa
- Anjean Klein, Modesto, Calif.
- Conne Ledebor, Raymond, Minn.
- John Link, Renville, Minn.
- Warren Marra, Hull, Iowa
- Carlyle Pheifer, Platte, So. Dak.
- Christine Posthuma, Modesto, Cal.
- Cornelius Rylaarsdam, Chandler, Minnesota (Continued on page 4)

Editorial

Rev. H. Minnema, Pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Worthington, Minn., gave the convocation address at Dordt College this year. We asked him to give us a brief resume of his address, which might serve as an Editorial for this issue of *The Voice*. We thank Rev. Minnema very much for his kindness.

Dordt

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Faculty, Students, Friends:

As your chairman has said I have chosen to speak on the word "Dordt" and specifically the Calvinism which that synod upheld.

That Calvinism demands that higher education, too, must have a goal in view in the teaching of every subject. It is vehemently opposed to purposeless education, to education not permeated by Christian theology.

Mrs. Martha Beck was gaining too much weight. Fearing that she might become unattractive, on August 31, 1949, she undertook a vigorous schedule of calisthenics, calculated to reduce her balloon like figure to proper size and shape.

The queer thing about it, however, was that she did not live in a Park Avenue penthouse. Her home for the rest of her life, which was destined to be very short, was in Sing Sing prison death house where she resided for the murder of Mrs. Janet Fay. Even to the end, though doom was just ahead, she continued to primp; tomorrow she would die, but her whole concern was her fat, flabby, unattractive appearance.

This is a parable of American secular education. Busy with all sorts of exercises and investigations of the world about us and the relationships that these things bear to each other and to us, it completely fails to take account of the fact that it lives on death's row; and it is tragically unaware of the fact that all of its concern and labor are wasted unless it comes face to face with the ultimate fact of impending doom.

Let me change the figure. God's universe is a two story house. Everybody now lives on the first floor. Heaven is on the second floor. But the secularists will not even admit that it is there. According to them it may or it may not be, and they act as if the universe were a one storied structure God does not exist. For this reason the Bible is attacked or ignored. Furthermore, and this is the horrible thought to them: this house also has a basement! Finally every person moves up or down, for the first floor has only temporary significance. How strange to ignore the ultimate and permanent and

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spend all one's time investigating, arranging, and applying the temporary residence of the race. Shades of Martha Beck!

Calvinism with its basic commitment that man was created to glorify a Sovereign God asserts that Christian theology is the very essence of existence. Education worthy of the name must be permeated by Christian theology in the Calvinistic sense.

Right here is a great danger, however. We may not substitute devotion to the Lord for education itself. Peity is no substitute for learning. Of course the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. But that does not mean that if students were only God-fearing it does not matter how many blunders they make or how many words they misspell. The truth of the matter is that Calvinism calls the whole man to be consecrated to the one only true God. The more you fear God the more diligent you will be in your studies.

But now to pick up the main thread of thought once more—education must be permeated by Christian theology. What sets Calvinistic education apart from all others? Is it because school is opened with prayer, hymns are sung, Bible courses are taught, and the professors do not swear at the students? If this is all, it is not worth a continental. Some may even say that Dordt is like any other college. Look at the catalogue. The subjects taught are the same as any other college. Bible is added, the students sing and pray and don't swear. They are more alike than different.

What sets a Calvinistic education apart from all others.

Why are you here? What is your purpose? The Calvinist replies, "To glorify God," while the secularist replies, "To glorify humanity or myself." In the one case the conscrip-tor is humanity. In the other case it is God. A Calvinistic College is directly opposite to any state operated college. Its foundation is determined by the Biblical doctrine of the Infallible Bible, the Absolute Sovereignty of God, the Creation of Man in God's Image. Its goal is to train the student so he will glorify God the better. For God is the conscrip-tor.

At Dordt a conscious attempt is made to increase the student's knowledge. By increasing his knowledge of creation and redemption the

Christian student sees God's greatness more clearly and so glorifies Him more. The glory of God increases directly with the development of the mind. What actually is the glory of anything?

The glory of a person or thing consists in the possession of those qualities which call out the good opinion of the observer.

Students, you must have a good opinion of God. He remains the same, and His revelation remains the same. But there is a variable; that is your knowledge of Him. The greater the knowledge, the better the opinion and thus the greater the glory rendered to Him.

I like to conceive of Dordt College as a wheel, the hub of which is God; the spokes are the various subjects, and the rim is the corridor along which you walk going down the spokes, learning new things about Him who reveals Himself in Nature and the Scriptures. In this way as your knowledge increases, you will get a better opinion of the Triune God and thus glorify Him the more.

May Dordt mean this to you. If it does not, then there is just one other possibility. You studies will be a means to glorify yourself, and this will happen.

You and a person you once knew will go up to the church to pray. You having become educated and prosperous while remaining outwardly religious will say: "Lord, I thank Thee that I am not like this other poor fellow. My education enabled me to make money. My money built this church. From the tenth of my income I pay for the missions. Lord, I thank Thee."

The other fellow hearing this over-righteous and over-wise prayer, not daring to look up will cast His eyes down, smite his breast and say,

"Lord, have mercy on me, for I was this man's teacher."

Junior College Work-Shop Meeting

Representatives from twenty-three member colleges of the Iowa Junior College Association met at Iowa City for a work-shop conference June 11-15. The theme of the work-shop was "The Expanding Role of the Junior College in Iowa Education." Dordt College was invited to send a representative to this conference.

During the work-shop, one day was set aside for representatives of both Junior and Senior colleges. The subject of this meeting concerned teacher education and certification. This meeting was planned by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Iowa. Emphasis was placed on higher standards for beginning teachers.

It was my privilege to attend
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Denominational Offerings

Classis Alberta:	
Telkus	\$ 23.29
Classis Cadillac:	
Ellsworth	50.00
Classis California:	
Modesto	39.32
Artesia Trinity	70.58
Escalon	16.30
Ripon Imanuel	95.72
Classis Chatham:	
Ingersall, Ont.	18.78
Classis Chicago North:	
Englewood II.	115.02
Morrison	21.66
Warren Park	81.10
Classis Chicago South:	
De Motte	201.03
Momence	14.14
Highland I.	77.35
Roseland III.	105.18
Evergreen Park I.	95.50
Lansing I.	105.76
Classis Eastern Ontario:	
Holland Marsh	28.27
Classis Grand Rapids East:	
Boston Square	158.89
Calvin	134.01
Calvin	146.83
Fuller Avenue	153.07
Eastern Avenue	112.85
Grand Rapids I.	158.86
Imlay City	40.27
Neland Avenue	84.79
Seymour	140.76
Classis Grand Rapids South:	
Alger Park	\$ 66.89
Beverly	28.53
Burton Heights	383.63
Franklin Street	74.64
Hope	144.00
Immanuel	75.00
Kelloggsville	125.90
La Grave Avenue	212.55
Lee Street	327.49
Wyoming Park	104.76
Classis Grand Rapids West:	
Broadway Avenue	67.76
Grant	98.41
Highland Hills	75.91
Plainfield	25.48
Classis Holland:	
East Saugatuck	82.80
Harderwyk	52.37
Maple Avenue	52.90
Norrdaloos	31.03
Park Avenue	29.30
South Olive	39.72
Classis Hudson:	
Goshen, N. Y.	36.98
Whitensville, Mass.	87.73
Classis Kalamazoo:	
Goshen, Ind.	23.34
Kalamazoo III.	26.25
Westward	44.80
Classis Muskegon:	
Ferrysburg	29.27

3rd Annual Reformation Day Mass Meeting

Wednesday, October 31

SIOUX CENTER PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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Dordt College was established by a society of Christian Reformed people for the purpose of promoting higher Christian Education in the midwest.

The College offers three courses: Pre-Seminary, Teacher Training, and General College. The catalogues can be obtained upon request. Address all correspondence to: Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.

Classis Ostfriesland:

Kanawha	57.47
Kanawha	27.23
Lincoln Center	87.00
Wellsburg II.	72.28

Classis Pacific

Conrad	23.60
Grangeville	34.19
Lynden III.	138.10
Sunnyside	101.50

Classis Pella:

Denver II.	132.88
Leighton	45.49
Newton	75.61
Oskaloosa I.	59.76
Oskaloosa Bethel	27.48
Otley	46.72
Pella I.	227.51
Pella II.	206.64
Pella Calvary	26.63
Peoria	68.15
Sully	127.58

Classis Rock Mountain:

Luctor, Kansas	38.72
Rehoboth	50.00
Tucson	15.32

Classis Wisconsin:

Baldwin	79.31
Oostburg	79.79
Randolph I.	98.75
Sheboygan	109.84
Waupun	100.60

Classis Zeeland:

Drenthe	81.05
Overisel	75.00
Zeeland Bethel	55.91
Zeeland North Street	86.21
Rusk, Mich.	55.07

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Synod

The Synod of the Christian Reformed Church, held during the month of June, again decided to recommend Dordt College for one or more offerings to all the churches of our denomination.

The Third Annual Reformation Day Mass Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 31, in the large auditorium of the Sioux Center High School. In view of the large crowds attending these Mass Meetings in the past, it was deemed prudent to obtain the slightly larger auditorium at Sioux Center for this occasion.

We were very fortunate to obtain the services of Rev. R. B. Kuiper of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a man with an enviable reputation as orator and lecturer. Rev. Kuiper served several of our large churches of Grand Rapids. He received and accepted an appointment to the Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. And he also was president of Calvin College and Calvin Seminary.

The program will be featured with the audience singing several dutch psalms and reformation day hymns. The Dordt College Choir will also be on the program. A special offering will be received for Dordt College. Watch your bulletins for special announcements relative to this program later on.

Let us plan to be there! The occasion is very important and therefore urgent. In these days of liberalism, rationalism, and inter-denominationalism, it is of utmost importance for us who adhere to orthodox Christianity to hold high the banners of the antithesis, so gloriously unfurled by the leaders of the Reformation. Let us determine to fill this auditorium at Sioux Center to capacity!

C.V.S.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Class meetings were held recently to elect class officers and student council members. Officers elected were:

Freshmen

President—Warren Marra
Vice-Pres.—Roger De Stigter
Secretary—Diane Duistermars
Treasurer—Darlene Schaaf
Gen. Adjunct—Allen Vis

Sophomores

President—Albertus We Vries
Vice-Pres.—Harold Mulder
Sec.-Treas.—Elizabeth Van Tol
Gen. Adjunct—Herman Nibbelink
Student council members are Roger De Stigter, Gertrude Swier, Ernest Benally, and John Link from the Freshman class and Harold Mulder, Connie Gesink and Barbara Wassenaar from the Sophomore class.

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Sioux Falls Group Visits Dordt

A group of men and women of the Christian School Guild of Sioux Falls traveled to Sioux Center on Friday evening, September 21, to make a tour of the college building and of the dormitory.

Dordt College appreciates very much the interest shown by these people, and hopes that more groups will follow their example.

As an expression of thoughtfulness and good will, the Guild brought along a considerable amount of home-canned goods for use at the dormitory.

We would like to take this means of saying "Thank you" to this energetic society for their generosity and for their sincere interest in the college. We pray that the school may continue to have their support and be worthy of it.

SOCIETY DONATIONS

128. Choral Society, Bunde Minnesota \$35.00

UNSOLICITED GIFTS

Anonymous, Lincoln Center Church \$ 5.00
 Mrs. George De Ruyter 5.00
 Ray Hoksbergen 50.00
 Syd Youngsma 15.00
 J. C. Lobbes 21.00
 Anonymous, Grand Rapids 5.00
 Rev. Marlink, Ackley 5.00
 Mrs. Lewie Leweslia, Pipestone 5.00
 Mrs. Sam Hansbergen, Orange City 4.50
 Cornelius Runia, Melvin 250.00
 L. Zuiderhof, Sheldon 500.00
 Anonymous, Parkersburg 10.27
 Vander Ploeg Furniture, Sioux Center 290.00

CAMPUS NEWS

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The campus has been further adorned by the addition of several attractive benches manufactured by Kusters Mfg. Company. These benches have been placed under the trees at the north end of the building.

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A hi-fidelity record player, an opaque projector, and a tape recorder have been purchased for the audio-visual department.

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A school annual is to be published by the Sophomore class this year, and to start things rolling, Herman Nibbelink and Gerald De Stigter were elected as editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively.

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During the first few weeks of school we have enjoyed hearing several of our local and neighboring ministers as chapel speakers.

Herman Nibbelink

Financial Report

August 18—September 15

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:
 Societies \$ 35.00
 Individual Donations 514.50
 Denominational Offerings 170.39
 Member 4.00
 Tuition 5343.90

Total receipts \$6067.79
 Balance on hand 2,881.34
\$8949.13

Disbursements:
 Teacher's Salary & Employ. \$2086.36
 Utilities 32.34
 Telephone 8.83
 Office Supplies 193.08
 Instructional Supplies 12.02
 Janitor Supplies 190.38
 Freight and Postage 44.11
 Adv. & Printing 76.00
 Mileage 25.00
 Library Fund 500.00
 Voice wrapping 8.00
 Student-Music Dept. 35.00
 Study Com. on Higher Educ. 3.70
 Correspondence Courses 120.00

Total disbursements \$3334.82
 Balance on hand 5614.31
\$8949.13

BUILDING FUND

Receipts:
 Classis
 Sioux Center \$3017.25
 Orange City 7.00

Total receipts \$3024.25
 Balance on hand \$5312.59
\$8336.84

Disbursements:
 None
 Balance on hand \$8336.84
\$8336.84

DORM FUND

Receipts:
 Loans \$1000.00
 Foundation Day Drive 871.50
 Board and Room 721.00

Total receipts \$2592.50
 Balance on hand 3670.50
\$6263.00

Disbursements:
 House Furnishing \$ 357.96
 Utilities 18.47
 Maintenance 1022.70
 Insurance 56.85
 Check Imprinted 4.50

Total disbursements \$1460.48
 Balance on hand 4802.52
\$6263.00

DORDT COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

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Harvey Sankey, Chandler, Minn.
 Darlene Schaaf, Oostburg, Wisc.
 Arlene Schaap, Aplington, Iowa
 Earnest Swier, Colton, So. Dak.
 Gertrude Swier, Ripon, Calif.
 LeRoy Talsma, Chandler, Minn.
 Darlene Ulferts, Blomkest, Minn.
 Eldon Vander Berg, Sioux Center
 Abel Van Der Woude, Edgerton, Minn.
 Christina Vande Voort, Hayward, Minn.
 Cynthia Van Drunen, Worthington, Minn.
 Gene Van Stdeum, Vesper, Wisc.
 Allen Vis, Chandler, Minn.
 Gladyce Vos, Newton, Iowa
 Fred Walhof, Edgerton, Minn.
 Sylvia Weg, Reading, Minn.

Sophomores

Arnold Davelaar, Sioux Center,
 Gerald De Stigter, Sioux Center,
 Albertus De Vries, Edgerton, Minn.
 Bernice Geurkink, Baldwin, Wisc.
 Constance Gesink, Sheldon, Iowa
 Gertrude Haan, Sioux Center,
 Gary Hofland, Sanborn, Iowa
 Sebert Kooima, Rock Valley, Iowa
 Arlin Meyer, Volga, So. Dak.
 Harold Mulder, Sioux Center,
 Herman Nibbelink, Orange City,
 Donna Rietema, Kanawha, Iowa
 Herman Van Donge, Sioux Center,
 Dolores Van Otterloo, Rock Valley, Iowa
 Elizabeth Van Tol, Doon, Iowa
 Milton Vander Berg, Sioux Center,
 Helen Vander Lugt, Hawarden, Ia.
 Arlene Verbrugge, Sanborn, Iowa
 John Wissink, Boyden, Iowa
 Barbara Wassenaar, Sioux Center
 D. Ribbens

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JUNIOR COLLEGE WORK-SHOP MEETING

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these meetings and to fellowship with representatives from other Iowa Colleges. We were cordially welcomed and invited to take part in the discussions. Great interest was manifested in the program of studies offered by Dordt College. All were favorably impressed and intimated that the Dordt College program was excellent for a beginning college. They were also favorably impressed with the professional caliber of the Dordt College Faculty and with the new college building. They extended to the "Newest" College of Iowa their sincerest wishes for a successful future among the Junior Colleges of Iowa.

George Pals

District 7

A new Dordt College District was organized in the Otsfriesland Area this summer. Rev. Paul Holtrop and Albert Cooper will represent this district on the Executive Board.