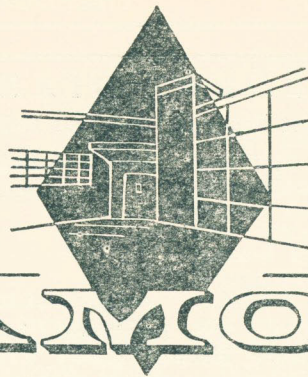


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The following fifteen Dordt College sophomores plan to enroll at Calvin College this fall: Lyle Ahrenholz, Betty Blankespoor, Joel Brower, LeRoy De Vries, Jerald De Waard, Howard Faber, Gordon Hofman, Jon Huisken, Gerald Kramer, John Rozeboom, David Schelhaas, Linda Tebben, Charles Uken, Arlene Vandenberg, and Virgil Vis.

Other students intending to continue their education are the following: Larry Asche (University of Minn.), Merlyn Beekman (University of Minn.), Fred Groen (Stanislaus State College, Calif.), Jerry Vermeer (Central College, Pella), Gertrude De Jong, and Geradine Haarsma. The following plan to continue college work at Dordt: Sandy Dieken, Dennis Rynders, Leonard Van Noord, Arthur Van Wyhe, and Jerry Vander Pol.

The following sophomores have teaching positions:

- Darlene Ahrenholz, De Motte, Ind., grades 3 and 4
- Myrna Bandstra, Holland, Minn., 5 6, 7 and 8
- Betty Beekhuizen, Edgerton, Minn., 2
- Morris Blankespoor, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 6, 7 and 8 (departmentalized)
- Gloria De Boer, Lebanon, Ia., 3, 4 and 5
- Winerva De Ruyter, Sanborn, Ia., 3 and 4
- Judith De Vries, Sanborn, Ia., 5 and 6
- Willy Dekkers, Sully, Ia., 1
- Donna Eden, Chicago (Roseland), Ill., 4
- Katie Haan, Edgerton, Minn., 3
- Phyllis Haupt, Ontario, Calif., 2 and 3
- Joanne Kaemingh, Dundas, Ont., Can., 3, 4 and 5
- Delores Kamstra, Chicago (Roseland), Ill., 3
- Pat Kobes, Sioux Center, 6
- Kathleen Kramer, Fulton, Ill., 3 and 4
- Shirley Kumlien, Ireton, Ia., K and 1
- Gloria Meyer, De Motte, Ind., 1
- Lois Oostra, Lebanon, Ia., 1 and 2
- Genevieve Pals, Sully, Ia., 3 and 4
- Marilyn Redeker, Orange City, Ia., 2
- Marilyn Reynolds, Ireton, Ia., 2 and 3
- Norma Jean Rietema, Grant, Mich., 1 and 2
- Maxine Scholten, Edgerton, Minn., 2
- Trina Stouwie, Sully, Ia., 2
- Shirley Tolsma, Lynden, Wash., 3
- Joanne Treurniet, Winnipeg, Man., 3
- Helma Van Voorst, Sioux Center, 3
- Albertha Van Zanten, Sioux Center, 4
- Helen Van De Weert, Racine, Wis., 3 and 4

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Commencement Set May 26

The annual Dordt College commencement exercises will be held on Saturday, May 26, at 1:00 p.m., in the College Auditorium.

This year marks the first time that the exercises will be held on a Saturday, the first time they are held in the College Auditorium, and the first time that so large a Sophomore Class will be graduating.

The program will open with an academic procession led by the College administration and faculty. Rev. Raymond Haan, of the Bunde, Minnesota, Christian Reformed Church will be the speaker.

The special music will be supplied by a freshman quartet composed of Robert Van Beek and John Vander Beek, tenors, and John Hilbelink and Gary Roelofs, basses. They will sing "A Mighty Fortress." Another freshman, Kathy Buteyn, from Sanborn, Iowa, will sing "The Lord Is My Light."

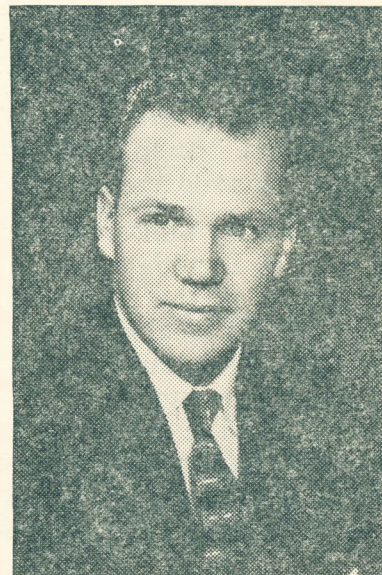
Dean Douglas Ribbens, presently doing graduate studies at Colorado State College, will be present to announce awards and honors as well as scholarships.

Dordt Participates In Speech Festival

Thursday, April 26, marked Dordt College's first participation in intercollegiate speech and drama activity. Host for the event, the Iowa J. C. Speech Festival, was Emmetsburg Junior College. Dordt's participation was limited with entries only in drama, oratory, discussion, and interpretive reading. Other divisions were radio, after dinner, and extemporaneous speaking. Since the event was of a festival nature rather than competitive, the participants were not ranked. Outstanding participants in each division were recognized; however, Dordt's entrants failed to place.

De Boer Accepts Appointment to Calvin

Peter P. De Boer, instructor in English at Dordt College, has accepted an appointment to be Assistant Professor of history at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. De Boer will begin his new duties as of September 1st. This year will conclude his fifth year as an instructor at Dordt College. He first joined the staff in the fall of 1957.



Professor Peter P. De Boer

Mr. De Boer was born in Paterson, New Jersey. He is a graduate of the North 4th Street Christian School and Eastern Academy, located in Paterson. He received his A.B. degree from Calvin College in 1951. He holds two masters degrees, one from Montclair State College, New Jersey, and one from the State University of Iowa.

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While the Fever Mounts

There is a fever astir and rising to an even higher degree than our campus spring fever. The patients are exchanging symptoms only to discover that the diagnosis is the same for all: a highly contagious case of fever caused by the imminence of exams. In many cases drugs will help; in some there is an allergy to drugs; and for a few cases medical science has yet found no cure. And very soon the fever will break to reveal for some a new brave and healthy world and for others an altogether sickly one.

While the fever mounts we can take a dose of consolation from Harvard history professor, Oscar Handlin. In the May *Atlantic* he has written an article entitled "Are the Colleges Killing Education?" The item is an appealing one which due to its potential as a circulating student petition might hold high bid at many a college campus auction. And why such an item of appeal?

Our able spokesman contends that colleges are dealing education a death blow. Their striking ax is "the grade that an incomprehensible marking system will grind out." The fatal blow is being inflicted upon even the best institutions and students. And our campus is not immune; here too we find "the anxiety of involvement in a mass competition."

But you say the competitive spirit is a spur to excellence. And so it is. Yet Handlin would warn against becoming "harnessed to the treadmill of the examination." Grade scores and credits find no place in his ideal educational institution; they were necessary only in the disciplinary institutions of the past. Perhaps we do need a checkup—our competitive spirit does seem harnessed to the treadmill. And in the feverish last weeks of studies and activities we are apt to forget the other than competitive values to our education at Dordt.

We are given more than "an admirable training in the techniques of the correct answer." If Dordt's atmosphere has become and will remain one of stifling, harnessed competition, then the blame lies with us students. Both classes and extra-curricular activities are directed toward giving us free reign to seek answers which are not known but must be discovered. Our minds have been exposed to the thinking of others, have been prompted to probe beyond the limits of what is handed to us. And in all our seeking and probing we have access to that infallible Criterion of all thought.

Editorial, continued - - -

Why end the term with these thoughts? It's not too late to discover that Dordt was and is more than a racetrack for grades. It is high time that we, especially we who plan to graduate, realize that Dordt's educational values aren't limited to or defined by report cards and credit sheets. Leaving Dordt without a sense of other educational values and without the ability to use the Word for answering a lifetime of questions is inexcusable. For Dordt offers her every student this sense and ability for the assimilating.

B.B.

BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Stanley Boertje, instructor in Biology, received notification this past week that he was chosen to receive a Macbride Scholarship for study at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory at Lake Okoboji. The scholarship is applicable for graduate work to be done during the first term of the summer session, extending from June 11 through July 13.

The State University of Iowa makes such grants available for one term at a time; therefore, according to Boertje, the possibility that the scholarship may be renewed for the second term is a real one.

Science and Math Instructors Attend Academy of Science

Marvin De Young, Ted Sjoerdsma, and Stanley Boertje, instructors in the science department of Dordt College, recently attended the South Dakota Academy of Science meetings held at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

On Friday, May 4, the instructors listened to reports given by students concerning research done during the past year in South Dakota high schools and colleges. Mr. De Young served on a planning committee for the collegiate section of the Academy.

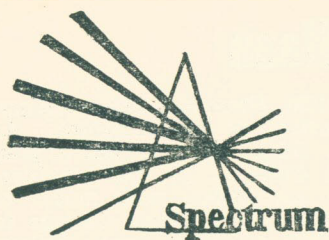
In the evening all three teachers attended the annual banquet.

Mr. De Young returned to the academy on Saturday morning and stayed until its adjournment Saturday noon.

In the afternoon Mr. De Young attended the luncheon meeting of the Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemists Society. At this meeting Dr. Alberty from the University of Wisconsin gave a lecture on the temperature jump method for measuring very fast reactions of proteins.

At the business meeting following the lecture, Mr. De Young was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the section.

Mr. De Young would like to encourage Dordt students to consider the possibility of presenting papers at the collegiate section of the Academy of Science.



by Jack Kramer

In an attempt to promote racial equality, there is being sought in Congress a bill which would require a sixth grade education as the criterion for the right to vote. This bill would help the Negro who is often denied the voting privilege. This course of action immediately suggests a number of problems. There arises a concern for the respective rights of the states and those of the federal government. We are reminded of the original Constitution (Article I, Section 2) which left voting requirements up to the states. The problem is spurred onward when those in the Democratic administration wish to pass a law which is seemingly unconstitutional.

Underlying this problem there seems to be the old maxim that "the end justifies the means." This idea originates from the Florentine statesman, Niccolo Machiavelli, who believed that any means, however unscrupulous, might be employed to attain any desired end. Applied to the case above, it would mean that the value of the attained end, equality of voting, was such as to warrant the price paid in the means by which it was attained, the disregard of the principle of States' Rights. This theory, then, justifies the use of any means as long as it fulfills a worthy end.

This theory is prevalent elsewhere in politics, too. It is evident in elections, in political appointments and in other legislative acts. It seems as though there is a progressive decline in governmental morality. It is losing its true distinctiveness and its responsibility to the common individual. This is lamentable.

Demosthenes, the Greek, also warned his fellow citizens of the decay of distinctiveness and the growth of venality. The present deterioration, however, is not confined only to our government. It reverberates throughout "our own" Christian society as well. It seems as if we care little as to what kind of means we use to reach our lofty goals.

We have seen fit to establish a unique Christian educational system. A praise-worthy goal. But I wonder if the means in which it is maintained is always so scrupulous. Are our teachers adequately prepared for their task? Or, do we hope that the Dynamic Core in which all things evolve will hold things in their proper course?

Our discussion has religious overtones. It would seem as though true Christian distinctiveness would characterize our institutions. But, it is missing. We delight in wallowing in the morass of conformity and mediocrity. Much of public interest concerns Richard Burton and Liz Taylor which has infiltrated the news ad nauseam. Bartender jargon must accompany our plans for a party. This, however, is characteristic of our age.

The age in which we are living may turn out to be one of the "great challenges" which Arnold J. Toynbee, the historian, says determine the greatness of a people. If we meet the challenge, we will continue to

climb. In doing so, we must keep in mind a deep sense of responsibility, so that we may justifiably maintain a well-ordered society.

SPRING DRIVE PROGRESSES

Neal Boersma, head of the 1962 Dordt Spring Drive, recently released drive results as of April 25. Boersma stated that forty-two area churches had reported and that their contributions amounted to \$43,505.73. Further statistics show that of a total 3,343 families, included in the 42 churches, 2,611 families have donated, a percentage of 78.1. Mr. Boersma commented, "This definitely shows that our people are supporting their college."

Added impetus was given the drive by Sioux Center businessmen who contributed a remarkable \$17,348, bringing the total drive receipts to \$60,753.73. Boersma added that 39 churches have yet to report. Expected income from the drive is now set at \$90,000.

De Boer . . .

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He began his teaching career by serving the Sanborn Christian Grade School, Sanborn, Iowa, in the fall of 1952. He joined the staff of Western Christian High School, Hull, Iowa, in the spring of 1953, and served there until his appointment to Dordt.

He is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, as well as the Iowa Colleges Conference on English and the Iowa Library Association. In community affairs, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sioux Center Public Library.

He is married to the former Joyce Ann Kusters of Sioux Center. They are the parents of three children. He and his family are members of the First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center.

The De Boer's plan to remain in Sioux Center through the month of August.

Dordt Sponsors Music Festival

The Dordt College Music Festival was held Friday, May 4, with activities centering in the Public High School Auditorium of Sioux Center. The day's activities began with a massed band rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. Registration from 1:30-2:00 p.m. was followed by another band rehearsal and by a massed choir and band rehearsal.

Six individual choirs performed at the Festival:

- Dakota Christian High — Barbara Wymore, Director
- Western Christian High — Marvin Ritsema, Director
- Southwest Minnesota Christian High — Francis Bulthuis, Director
- Central Minnesota Christian High — Charles Bouwsma, Director
- Pella Christian High — Paul Achterhof, Director
- Dordt College — Dale Grotenhuis, Director

The Western Christian High School Band, directed by Joseph Van Beek, and the massed bands and choirs, directed by Dale Grotenhuis, presented several numbers. The band which was used for the accompanied choir numbers was composed of select members of the Western Christian, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Pella Christian, and Dordt College Bands.

Spring Banquet Held Friday Evening

The annual spring banquet was held Friday evening, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium.

In charge of banquet preparations was Howard Menninga. Assisting him as committee chairmen were Sylvia Verbrugge and Art Van Tol. The banquet theme was "Rhapsody in Space." Master of ceremonies was Elroy Post. Toasts were given by Fred Groen and Rod Vander Ley, and instructors Boertje and De Boer.

Sophomores . . .

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- Ruth Veldboom, Racine, Wis., 5 and 6
- Joanne Veldman, Edgerton, Minn., 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Mary Wobbema, Escondido, Calif., 3 4 and 5
- Thelma Zuidema, Sioux Center, 2

A number of other students also plan to teach: John Keuning, Thelma Statema, Carole Talsma, Karen Vander Weerd, Mary Veltkamp, Pat Sinnema, Jacob Ypma, and Bonnie Cooper.

Lavina Boersma, Trudy Gesink, and Judy Johnson have marriage plans. Marvin Goodyk and Marvin Meyer plan to join the Armed Forces. Several students plan to work: Gary Le Febre, Gary Lengkeek, Stanley Nederhoff, and Fred Ypma; several have not made definite plans: Donald De Waard, Benjamin Hoekman, Carol Krediet, Ed Mellema, Bernard Steensma, and John Buteyn.

Portrait of a President: B[uilding] J. Haan

Bernard J. Haan was born in Sully, Iowa in 1917, a member of a family of fifteen. At the age of three, his parents moved to Orange City, Iowa, where Haan received one year of elementary education before his family moved again—to Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was here that Haan received the remainder of his education, including Calvin College and Seminary. In 1942, Haan was ordained into the ministry.

In 1945, the now Rev. Haan accepted the First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa, as his charge. It was while laboring here that in 1951 he first became interested in what now is Dordt College. He has been associated with Dordt College both in thought and actuality for some eleven years.

In 1951 Rev. Haan, known to Dordt

students as President Haan, was appointed to an enlarged steering committee organized for the purpose of establishing a midwestern Christian junior college. The action of this committee led to the formation of a society of which Haan was elected vice-president.

When the school, known as the Midwest Christian Junior College, opened in the fall of 1955, Haan was the vice-president of the board and a member of the Education Committee. As a member of this committee, he was influential in the formation of a building program and a curriculum.

Two years later, in 1957, Haan was appointed as Acting President for a two-year term. Haan held this position along with his pastorate at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center.

Since 1959, Haan has been occupying the office of the president. As President, Haan naturally has a plan for Dordt College. He has an idea, which he has shared with many, of what he would like Dordt College to become. He envisions Dordt College as becoming "a strong four-year liberal arts college drawing students primarily from west of the Mississippi River, but also from the entire denomination." These students, continues Haan, should be drawn to Dordt College because of "the type of college life—campus life—which we have here, by the special social, cultural, religious benefits that are offered here."

Part of Haan's projected plan is being realized. A Music-Administration building is now being erected. But this is only a beginning. In the fall of this year, a dormitory providing housing for one hundred sixty students will be built. A dining hall capable of seating 340 students is also planned for this fall. As the enrollment continues to grow over the years, a science building, a library building, more dormitories, a student union, and a physical education plant will be erected. All this, says Haan, to provide the college student with those "special social, cultural, religious benefits."

The faculty will also be enlarged. Two men will be added next year. No less than six men will be added in 1963.

This is the projected future of Dordt College. The Music-Administration building is only a beginning. It marks the push forward. It is another step forward in satisfying the "real need" for Christian higher education in the midwest.

Dordt College certainly has a future. To say the least, an interesting one.

Jon Huisken



Frosh-Sophomore Spring Banquet Committee

From left to right: Milly Bierma, Jane Buteyn, George Vande Voort, Mavis Assink, Marge Feenstra, Howard Menning, Art Van Tol, Sylvia Verbrugge.

