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\$98,000 Grant For New Science Building

The business office has released the information that the Higher Education Facilities Committee of the State of Iowa has approved Dordt's application for a government grant under Public Law 88-204. This grant, a \$98,989 gift on the part of the federal government, will cover one-third of the cost of the science building facilities, but does not include the cost of interest from additional loans during the period of construction.

The business office was also very delighted to learn that Dordt received an additional \$125,000 loan from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This is a thirty year loan at the low interest rate of three per-cent. The remaining cost of the science building will be the responsibility of Dordt College.

The administration is now in the process of completing the final architectural drawings in the hopes of having a letting in the near future. It was also predicted by the higher authorities that the science building will be available for occupation by September, 1967. —D.N.

GRANTS TOTAL \$70,000

Dr. Maatman has announced an additional grant for chemical research, from the National Science Foundation. The grant, \$4,200, calls for summer and academic year research to be done by well qualified undergraduates in chemistry. Dr. Maatman will direct one research program and Dr. Geels another. Dr. Maatman added that the students who will do the research have not yet been chosen.

Including the latest grants, the Dordt College Chemistry Department has received a total of about \$70,000 in research grants since the

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES TAKES OFFICE

At the general meeting held on Monday, February 21, 1966, the voting members of the Central Board elected the Board of Trustees for the 1966 to 1967 term. The 16 representatives of the eight districts of the Dordt constituency are as follows:

District 1—Rev. John De Jong, Tony Vanden Hoek

District 2—Richard Haan, Egbert Meyer

District 3—John Bonnema, Rev. Peter Vis

District 4—Rev. Burton Van Antwerpen, Ike Woudstra

District 5—Ted De Jong, Rev. Richard De Ridder

District 6—Henry Blankespoor, Everett Fikse

District 7—Albert Cooper, Rev. Robert Holwerda

District 8—Rev. John Piersma, Reink Zylstra

At the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, these Trustees will elect from themselves executive officers.

For having guided Dordt through another year of expansion, the student body owes its gratitude to the 1965-1966 Board of Trustees and its executive officers. The present year will again be one of increasing responsibility for the Trustees, as more plans are formulated for future growth and expansion. —B.P.

beginning of 1963-64 academic year. Four organizations, the National Science Foundation, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Petroleum Research Fund and the Research Corporation, have contributed funds.

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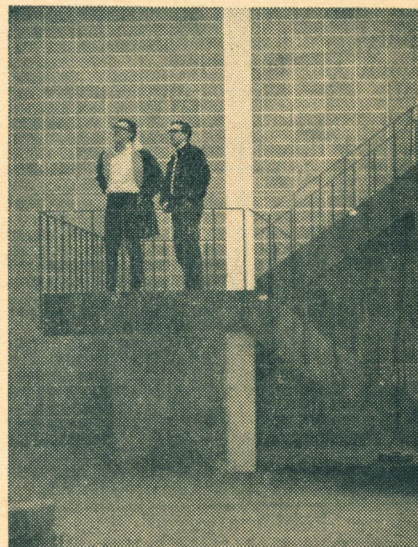
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 3—De Deutche Klub Meeting
- Mar. 14—Faculty Meeting
- Mar. 16—Play—Pygmalion
- Mar. 17—Der Deutche Klub Meeting
- Mar. 18—Play—Pygmalion
- Mar. 21—Play—Pygmalion
- Mar. 22-24—Lecture Series
- Mar. 25—Travelogue
- Mar. 30—Choir Concert
- Mar. 31—Der Deutche Klub Meeting
- April 1—Vacation Starts

John C. De Groot Accepts Dordt Appointment

Next year a new administrator-professor will become familiar on Dordt's campus. John L. De Groot has accepted the position of administrative assistant to the Dean. He is leaving his position as principal of the Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton where he has headed the faculty for the past fourteen years. He earned his AB in sociology from Calvin College and his M.A. from the University of South Dakota.

His duties here at Dordt will include visiting high schools for admissions counseling, taking charge of administrating college programs of loans and grants, and assisting the Dean by performing general administrative functions. In addition to these duties, he will teach one course in sociology each semester next year. Mr. De Groot is the father of Helen De Groot, a freshman here at Dordt. —D.N.



John and Dave in the new library

SPORTS

VARSITY VICTORIOUS AT TWIN CITIES

The highlight of the away games this season came when the basketball team made their trip to Minnesota. They left on Feb. 9 at 8:00 o'clock and arrived at Owattana about 1:30. The team took their usual walk when they arrived at the campus. Coach Calsbeek led the way and they saw the Pillsbury Campus with all its old buildings and dorms. The game was played at 3:30 and started out very slowly. The team seemed to play in spurts of scoring during the first half. The score at half-time was 49-33. There were three high scorers in this game. Gene Hospers came out with 20 points, Don Ver Meer with 33, and Gary Kamps with 32. The final score was 97-75.

After the game the team had supper, then headed for the Twin Cities. They were held up for a while when Gary Kamp's car had generator trouble. Part of the team finally left Gary and his riders with their troubles and went on to Minneapolis. They arrived at the Y.M.C.A. around 9:30 p.m. On Thursday morning the team went swimming in the Y.M.C.A.'s pool. In the afternoon some of the team toured Billy Graham's headquarters. Thursday night the team played St. Paul Bible in another Y.M.C.A. just a few blocks from the University of Minnesota. Once again the game got off to a slow start, with the half-time score tied up at 34 all. In the third quarter a number of fast breaks by Gene Hospers put Dordt well into the lead. All the players saw action in the game and the starters sat the bench the last part of the second half. Ver Meer came out on top with 21 points. Coach Calsbeek remarked that the team should have done much better. The final score for that game was 76-68.

Thursday night the team again slept at the Y.M.C.A. Friday morning they dragged themselves out of bed, had an early breakfast, and headed for home. Highlights of the trip were side excursions led by Coach Calsbeek and his station wagon. Somehow that station wagon seemed to want to get off the right road and head for some extra scenery. The navigators in coach's car did not help matters along any. Of course Don and Gary followed along faithfully and took in the added

scenery also. However, the team arrived safely back at Dordt about 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Everyone was pleased with the trip and new relationships also added worth to it. If any one is interested in more highlights, ask the players about their shoeshines, pizza at Giovonn's, and expensive chess sets. —JDO

VARSITY BOWS TO NORTHWESTERN, ROUTS PILLSBURY BAPTIST

On February 18 the Varsity played a game with Northwestern's J.V.s. Some hot shooting by Don Ver Meer and Gene Hospers put the team ahead at halftime by 10 points. However, the second half the team wasn't clicking and only scored half as many points. The game remained very exciting by the close score which gave the many Dordt fans an exciting game. Don Ver Meer and Gene Hospers were the only players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Don chalked up 25 points and Gene hit for 21. The team was especially fired up to win the game against Northwestern, but they weren't able to retain their half-time lead. The final score was 72-69.

A home game was played on February 22 between the Dordt Varsity and Pillsbury Baptist College. The team got off to an early lead and by half-time they were well ahead with a score of 46-31. The entire team saw action in the second half.

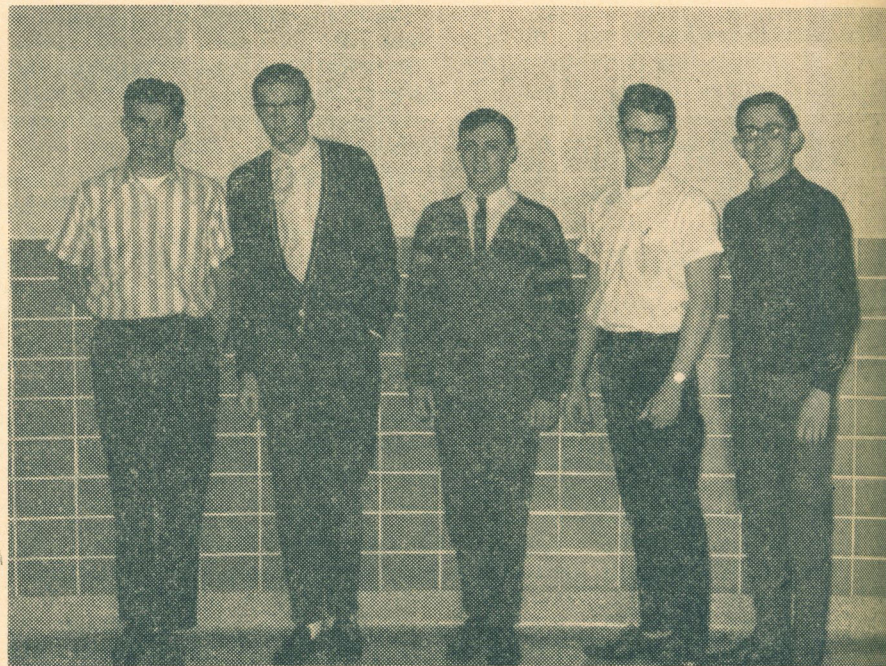
Gene Hospers was the leading scorer with 23 points. From the field he shot over sixty percent. Dordt's first five all hit double figures, and the team trounced Pillsbury with a final score of 94-67. There was an excellent turn-out of fans for this last home game of the season. —J.D.O.

FIVE HARDIES DRIBBLE TO ORANGE CITY

On Friday, February 18, five brave souls full of enthusiasm and good spirits (?) faced the East and bounced off toward Orange City. Whether they did it to arouse the devotion of the spectators or the zeal of the team was not determined, but, at any rate, their efforts were not enough to win the game for Dordt.

At about 4:15 p.m. John Byker, Willy Ver Hoef, Gay Vander Lugt, Bernie Sturing, and Steve Arends set out with a basketball and dribbled it to Orange City in time for the opening tip. Switching off about every fifth of a mile, they made very good time. One two-mile stretch by Gay really got them rolling, and they arrived just in time to greet the car caravan from Dordt.

Good job, fellas! We need more of your spirit around Dordt. If a few more students would show your interest in the activities around here, we wouldn't have to beg the rest to show a little more "school spirit." Maybe it wasn't enough to win the game for Dordt, but it showed the rest of the student body their own apathy.



John, Willy, Steve, Bernie, Gaylin

I-M Gems

A week of dismay—"ole Byk" slipped on tournament predictions, missed a pass which was good in the long-run, and watched Dordt dismally slide to a Northwestern defeat.

The Intramural tournaments proceeded "nearly" as forecasted by this writer. On the first night, the BOUNCERS pounded the RING-A-DINGS, 49-45. The RAD's, hurt by second semester loss of rebounding ace Johnny Kamps, struggled through four quarters of foul-plagued basketball. In the next contest, however, the SPARTANS, as predicted, slammed the THEOLOGIANs and their tournament designs to a 52-30 overtime lashing. The Greekish warriors overcame a 34-19 third quarter deficit and forged to triumph in the overtime affair. Big Denny De Kok chucked in 30 points (22 in the last quarter) in the winning drive.

This set the stage for the final night rivarly. In the consolation contest, the RING-A-DINGS drummed the THEOLOGIANs to a 46-32 beating. The ill-fortuned sophomores, after losing their last three contests, sang a different tune as Jansen's 16 counters rebounded the hoppy-go-lucky squad to third-place honors. Dyk canned eleven tallies to console the fateful THEOLOGIANs. In the championship game, the BOUNCERS dualed the SPARTANS for trophy taking. The barbaric marathon was dominated by the BOUNCER breaks. Leading by a 30-26 half-time count, the junior bombers, early in the third quarter, sidelined senior star, Denny De Kok, with four fouls. However, even with this break they barely retained a third quarter edge, 42-41. The fourth quarter quickly passed with a barrage of fouls (three technicals and a few personal "revenge-getters.") However, the BOUNCERS protected their slight edge and escaped with a 58-53 first-place token. Eckhoff meshed 10 buckets for the winners while De Kok and De Boer headed the loser's scoring column with 18 apiece.

As for the heroes—well, the tournament fans saw a variety of them. They ranged everywhere from C. Clay's ostentation to Jimmy Brown's brute force. The writer, therefore, has ventured to nominate two teams as representative of the all-tar potential. The following were elected:

First Team:

De Kok (Spartans), Forward

Dyk (Theologians), Forward
 Statema (Bouncers), Center
 Jansen (Ring-A-Dings), Guard
 Haan (Bouncers), Guard

Second Team:

D. Eckhoff (Rig-A-Dings), Forward
 Slings (Bouncers), Forward
 Wolterstorff (Spartans), Center
 H. Eckhoff (Bouncers), Guard
 De Boer (Spartans), Guard

Volleyball is the next sport on the sport on the I-M agenda. The seniors want some intramural points, the juniors "expect" another first place laurel, the sophomores are hoping, and the freshmen, well . . .

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"Tis with our judgements as our watches, none
 Go just alike, yet each believes his own." —Pope
 "Well, the SPARTANS should have" —JAB

J.V.s END SEASON DEFEATING HULL INDEPENDENTS

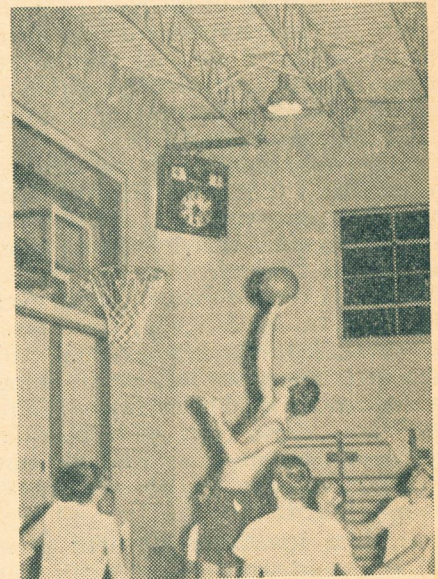
The Dordt Junior-Varsity played their last game of the season with a home game against Hull Independents on Feb. 22. The J.V.'s played a fine game and came out on top with the score 63-59. Although the Independents were bigger and more experienced, the J.V.'s outplayed them with their hustle. Larry Van Wieren played a fine game with 21 points. Milt Schonewall also came through with 16 points and 13 rebounds. The score at half-time was 40-32, and was always close enough to demand of the team full hustle and fire.

Coach Timmer remarked after the game that he was pleased with the team's improvement, and the improvement of each player throughout the season. Mr. Timmer also said that he was generally pleased with the attitude of the team towards basketball and also with the fine relationship established between the players. The J.V.'s closed the season with a record of five wins and three losses. This should be commended since two of the games lost were close games. Dordt Junior-Varsity was established last fall mainly because of the need for experience for the freshmen players. Both coaches felt that the Junior-Varsity was a good way to start out frshmen for college basketball. The results of the games and the improvement of the players justify the institution of the J.V. team. —J.D.O.

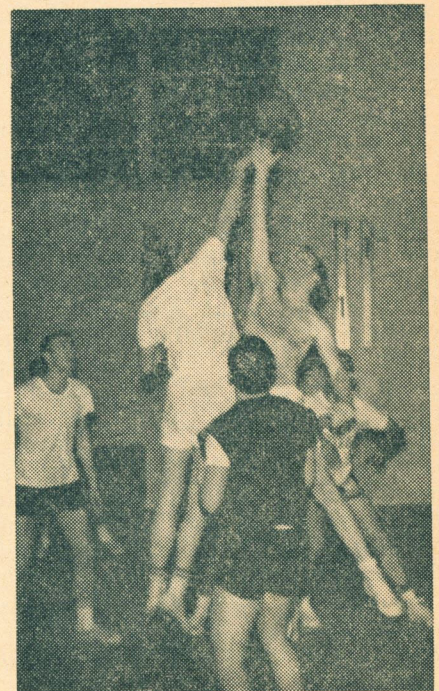
STATISTICAL STUDY

Dr. Alberda announced that the Northwestern Bell Central Offices have granted \$750 over a two month period to the Dordt Math. Department. The students doing research under this grant will make a preliminary study for time-motion studies. They will analyze data from contact memos to obtain a statistical distribution on the calling times, types of calls, and other pertinent information. This study may be the starting point for other research with the use of statistics at Dordt.

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Jim nets two!



Dan and Doug jump it up



—Jim Vanden Bosch

To our dear readers:

"Halt!" cried the contestants. "We've parried long enough. To go on would be to draw the blood of personal vengeance."

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Time upon a once, Benji Jeptha, a dairy farmer, was in the process of developing a beautiful herd of dairy cows. Although there were no purebreds—indeed there were even a few crossbreeds—the herd was capable of being praised, if by no one else, at least by Benji himself.

Since available stock was limited when Benji started his herd, he had to lower his selecting criteria. He did this hoping that by careful feeding and management he could squeeze out more than the cows ever intended to give. And, of course, he reminded himself, he could cull the utter failures. But Benji, being an extremely kind-hearted man, shipped only those cows with horrible dispositions, and those who did not break even when the net return was computerized.

After a few years his herd grew by kicks and switches and Benji had to expand his barns and install more stanchions. Another of Benji's goals was to have a Grade A setup. But being a conservative man, he did not rush into things. Presently, his farm is under consideration.

Now it seemed that Benjie's barns and heart expanded at the same rate. The culling process was not considerably stepped up. To make matters worse, the method of testing the cows was relaxed. Formerly, the herd had been on DHIA (Dairy Herd Improvement Association, for you non-farmer readers). Under this system each cow was periodically given a thorough test involving butterfat and protein content, as well as quantity, of her milk. Benji, however, consulted with his herdsman, and they decided that each herdsman should test his section of cows as he saw fit. In many cases this caused a halting of the thorough type test, for after all, these tests were very hard on the herdsman—hard to administer and very hard to analyze.

But some of the cows, concerned

about the reputation of the farm and about improving their own production, suggested a return to the former method of testing. The result was dramatic. Jaws chewed the fat in bull sessions rather than cuds in peace. The lazy cows rose up in defense of the present "honorable" system and added they would rather fight than "switch." Other cows failed to understand the full scope of the matter, and segmented opinions were kicked about. Many held the seemingly logical argument that: Cow sense says that the more contended the cow, the more and better milk. Thorough testing makes us highly frustrated and nervous. Ergo, boot the butterfat and protein quality jazz.

Will the milk of human kindness in the hearts of Benji and his herdsman allow the watery cows to stand side by side with the creamy ones by retaining the atomized testing system?



by John Strikwerda

THE COMFORTABLE PEW— Pierre Berton

The Comfortable Pew is a very uncomfortable book. At least it should be to today's smug, comfortable Christian who is not worried in the least how the image of the church and its founder appears to the secular world. In his book, Pierre Berton takes a well-deserved stab at the established church in the New Age.

In the summer of 1963 Berton, a confessed atheist, was approached by members of the clergy of the Anglican Church of Canada to write a critique of today's church. Although he limits himself to that particular church, Berton's book can be safely applied to many of the existing Christian churches, even to the Christian Reformed Church.

Starting his study with reasons why he left the Anglican Church, Berton delves with apparent glee into his criticisms. Questions pertaining to liturgy, doctrine, church business, morality, and other problems of the twentieth century continually

appear throughout the book. He states that his main thesis is "that the Christian philosophy and ethic has been shackled by its institutional chains; that 'religion' as we know it today in all its organizational manifestations is something different from the Christianity of Galilee." In other words his main argument is the Christianity of Christ versus the Christianity of today.

In Berton's opinion the two Christianities are very different. He says that until today's church goes back to the teachings of its founder, it will remain a squeak in the roar of the New Age. He calls for a reformation "as earth-shaking as the Luran reformation."

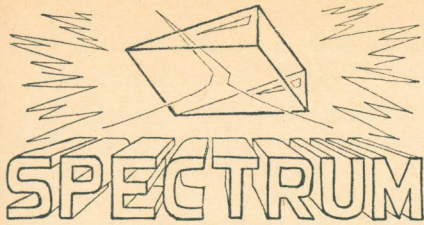
According to Berton, another major fault with today's church is that of communication. In his opinion the church is not as dynamic as it could or should be. The reasons for this are varied: dull and old-fashioned phraseology, cliché-ridden sermons, which are irrelevant to the times, old and well-worn hymns, little use of modern media, and a lack of variety in musical instruments in church. As a partial solution he calls for modernizing the church language and even goes so far as to suggest closed-circuit television to reach a larger audience.

This uncomfortable book makes a conscientious Christian reader feel equally uncomfortable. Many of the things Berton wrote are relevant to our own Christian Reformed Church. In his final chapter Berton emphasizes the need for a revolution. Is this revolution necessary? If so—will it come? After reading the book I think every Christian should answer these questions for himself and then act accordingly.

What is a Laser?

Six interested chemistry and physics students, accompanied by Drs. Maatman, Geels and De Young, attended the February meeting of the Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. The meeting was held February 19 at Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, South Dakota.

Dr. David Pearson, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at Murray Hill, New Jersey, was the speaker. He gave an illustrated lecture on the principles and applications of the laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation). —dj



—Norman Bomer

“. . . if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

—Romans 10:9

The month of February which has traditionally brought us the hearts and cupid of Valentine's Day, now brings with it a week of ridiculous earth scratching which continues to deceive Christians and even weaken the stand of faith of reformed individuals who have been brainwashed into mediocrity by the new religion expounded in Brotherhood Week. There can be found individuals with reformed backgrounds who look upon true Christianity as “our way,” and do not dare to criticize “other ways” for fear of showing disrespect for another who has as much right to his point of view. This “brotherly” spinelessness is by no means a manifestation of Christian love.

We are not saved by our denominational church; we are saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus. There is no other way to be saved than through Christ, and every time we refuse to take a stand for Him, we sell him out just like Judas did. Judas was after 30 pieces of silver. Today we can think of all kinds of reasons and excuses such as “brotherhood” to sell Jesus out.

Everytime we sell Christ out we sin against Him. The Lord Jesus gave himself a sacrifice for sin. He took the whole burden of guilt upon himself for everyone who willingly surrenders all of life to him. Our Savior suffered the mocking and scourging and the crown of thorns, and was nailed to a cross, and finally was utterly forsaken by God the Father. All this He did for you and me, and yet we are ashamed of Him. We are so ashamed to be a little different for His sake that we stand idly by while our neighbors pull farther and farther away from our Saviour and closer and closer to eternal torment and separation from God. The wages of sin is death. What a price to pay for “peaceful coexistence.”

It seems to be easy for us to sell out Jesus—just like Judas did. Easy

because we don't realize, or else we have forgotten, how we shall inevitably suffer for our sins. We forget or fail to realize how we hurt our Savior when we turn our backs on Him.

One of Satan's most effective weapons is the desire not to be different. World Brotherhood is the most popular philosophy which confronts us today. More and more of our schools are spreading the idea that it is wrong to be different. Some leaders in our government are suggesting that anyone who disagrees or criticizes should be put away in a mental institution. The concept of right and wrong is considered a basic psychological distortion producing social perversions. Satan is making it harder and harder to be different. People who stand on Eternal principles run the risk of being mocked just as Christ was mocked. Those who won't take a stand deserve to take a fall. Those who will take a stand for Christ have been promised God's protection. In Psalm 91 we read:

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation.

In II Chronicles 7:14 God tells us:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

We won't find the answers to any of our problems if we turn our backs on God, and yet we as a nation diligently work to please our enemies who openly despise and reject Him. We as individuals are afraid to speak up for Christ under all circumstances—only when comfortable and convenient. Why don't we have the gumption to tell people about Christ and warn them of His justice? Every one of us realizes the futility of putting ourselves before Christ, but somehow we just don't seem to care.

Somehow we seem to think we will find answers to our problems through human intelligence and brotherhood.

There is only one way to solve the problems in this world, and that is through the Light of the World—Jesus Christ. He has paid the price of sin, and He offers freedom from its bondage and forgiveness as a gift. What will we do?

POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPANDS

Monumental strides have been taken in recent Political Science Club meetings toward the establishment of a political science reference area. The selections vary from the controversial extremes of *The Daily Worker* (Communist Party) to *The American Opinion* (John Birch Society). The range of 30 others includes *The Western Socialist*, *The Christian Statesman* and *The National Review*. The chairman of the magazine committee, Larry D. Kooi, emphasized that the purpose of the project is to provide current political material to the student. Hopefully, this project will stimulate student awareness of current political affairs, as pertaining to world, national, and local politics.

The Student Council, according to Roger Van Dyken, financed part of the project. The Political Science Club President also mentioned that the Dordt College Library of Political Science will have a special area in the new library. The club foresees the project as adding depth to the political section of the library and hopes that the student body will put it to good use. —JAB & dj

PRE-SEM CLUB REPORT

The Rev. Cornelius Van Schouwen spoke to the Pre-Sem Club on February 11 on the subject “Socialism: What it is, How it operates in the United States.” A knowledge of economics is important, especially since many ministers equate the social gospel with the real Gospel. All forms of socialism, whether communism or the more mild welfare state, seek the same end—a strong, centralized government to effect the redistribution of the wealth. Fabian socialism and Keynesian economics have dominated the American economic scene since the time of F. D. Roosevelt. Socialists have made important gains in infiltrating American churches and especially the ecumenical movement. —J.M.

Editorial

The Christian Reformed Church's stand on worldly amusements is one of the great stumbling blocks for Christian young people in our rapidly moving world. It is a touchy subject even to most adults because they simply don't know where they stand. A little discussion on the matter may once again be in order. I don't want to defy the church's position, but I think it's time for a redefining of terms.

Card playing is probably the most popular of the forbidden entertainments. These "Devil Cards" are banned because they can easily become an obsession which wastes our time and tempts us to gamble. But what is "card playing?" Are Rook and Old Maid and Flinch included in card playing? And what about games like Canasta and Bridge? Are these too banned from our circles? I have never heard a detailed account of what constitutes "card playing," but I have never been led to believe that all games played with cards are wrong. I wish someone would enlighten me on this subject.

But then there is theatre attendance. Are movies themselves wrong, or is it the association with theatre-going people? Many movies are definitely wrong for a Christian eye to see, but many are very artistic and

beneficial. But when we pick out the good ones and show them on Campus, we are leading ourselves into temptation if the movies themselves can be considered the basis for their prohibition. But if it be the associations with worldly people, we can justify showing nearly any movie in Dordt's gym. Once again I stand in need of further explanation.

We are also forbidden to "dance." Presumably this is to prevent suggestive body contact and seductive body motions. Yet we know that Biblical characters danced to the glory of God and praised Him through the dance. This is the classical argument but I have never heard it adequately refuted. Undoubtedly we are guilty of equivocation, but that is exactly what our church's stand leads to.

But these prohibitions of worldly amusements are also inadequate. What about proper dress for Christians, and drinking, and smoking, and television? This list could be extended ad infinitum. I think it's time for the Christian Reformed Church to redefine "worldly amusements" and help Christians out of their dilemma. Christian liberty gives us leg-room, but does it include Wednesday Night at the Movies, or Canasta, or roller skating? —tj

THALIANS HOST ONE-ACT PLAYS

Although nearly all the Thalians are currently involved with the play—whether it be in the capacity of actor or crew member—they are already looking beyond it to the weeks of opportunity after March 21st. With April 15th in view as the scheduled date for the Thalian Activity Night, Thalians are already writing, selecting, cutting, and revising works to be performed.

Spring Fine Arts provides another opportunity for the Thalians. Thursday evening, May 5th, the Thalians will conduct an evening of one-act plays, featuring plays from area high schools and one from the Thalian Department itself. The following morning an acting seminar will be held at which plays of the preceding evening will be critiqued and discussed.

And so although Pygmalion is uppermost on our minds, there is more to come. We hope to be seeing you at these productions. —J.B.

MD AT WORK

Although the Dordt music department has not performed since the Concert Choir's Christmas concert, they are by no means idle. Plans and preparations are being made for the annual Spring Tours. Three of the music department's organizations are preparing to enlighten the public's musical interest by presenting a series of concerts throughout the Midwest. At present, final itineraries have not been established. However, present plans include: CONCERT BAND; Dispatch, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; Lugter, Kansas; New Holland, South Dakota; CHORALE CHOIR; Southern Iowa, Minnesota, and parts of South Dakota; CONCERT CHOIR; Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois. Full details will be published as they are made available. —DB

Belgian eye doctors have raised prices.

Zurich:

Switzerland will add a national holiday.

Was Denken Sie?

—Herr John Schuurman

A little over two weeks ago the Student Council presented a film to the student body. **The Cardinal** was a great success on campus. Every student questioned liked the film to some degree, although the reasons given were widely different. Twenty-five students were asked for their views and twenty-five students said they liked the film. Some said, "Boy, oh boy! I really liked that!" Others, "Yeah, I kinda liked it," some even said, "From an intellectual point of view, it was swell."

The quotations given below express the general opinions that were found:

I enjoyed the film but upon reflecting a bit found it artistically weak in several spots. Tom Tyron as the priest lacked conviction, he was too passive. Due to lack of characterization, he communicates little in the way of real spiritual motivation. Personally I'd like to see the school get hold of some good foreign films which are generally known to be artistically stronger. Too many directors in the states cater to the public and I think Preminger (director of **The Cardinal**) does too, although in a much more refined way. Foreign films such as those directed by Bergman are the kind I'd like to have shown on campus. I think we've got to get away from the films that provide more entertainment, if we view the cinema as an artistic medium.

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I think it was terrific and I really enjoyed it. It is undoubtedly the best film we've had to this time. Hurrah, Student Council! Let's have more of the same!

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I liked it but I thought the guy who played the priest did a poor job of acting. He lacked conviction, the only reason we were so fired-up about the movie at the end, was because of the spectacular things that happened to him. The movie was designed to please the public and it did its job admirably. But as a masterpiece of the cinema art it was lacking.

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Even though the film was about Catholics, I liked it. The star had to make many decisions that would be tough for us to make. I don't know what I would have done in his situation. I think that the scenes in the dance hall and so forth were in poor taste.