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Dr. J.B. Hulst Chosen President Elect

by Brian Deheer

The procedure which was for some an intense drama is in its final leg now, and most of the tension is past. It seems likely that the next president of Dordt College will be Dr. John B. Hulst.

Last week Wednesday evening, January 20, the Presidential Search Committee met to thoroughly discuss the strengths, weaknesses, and potential contributions of both candidates, Hulst and Dr. Bernard Zylstra. The members of this committee, through secret ballot, voted to recommend Hulst to the Dordt College Board of Trustees.

One major reason Zylstra was not chosen was his close affiliation with the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship (A.A.C.S.), said Rev. David Smit, Secretary of the Search Committee. When asked whether Hulst was and

still is "an A.A.C.S. person" at heart, Smit said yes, noting that it was obvious last year when both were examined that many of their objectives and principles were the same.

Although these similarities were known, Smit said "A.A.C.S. was, to a degree, a scapegoat for what Dordt went through in the 70's. I didn't think the opposition would still be so strong." He did say, however, that these feelings of opposition are coming closer to being dissolved.

Once the Board of Trustees received the Committee's recommendation, it wasted no time getting to work. The Board met early Thursday morning and reached its decision by noon.

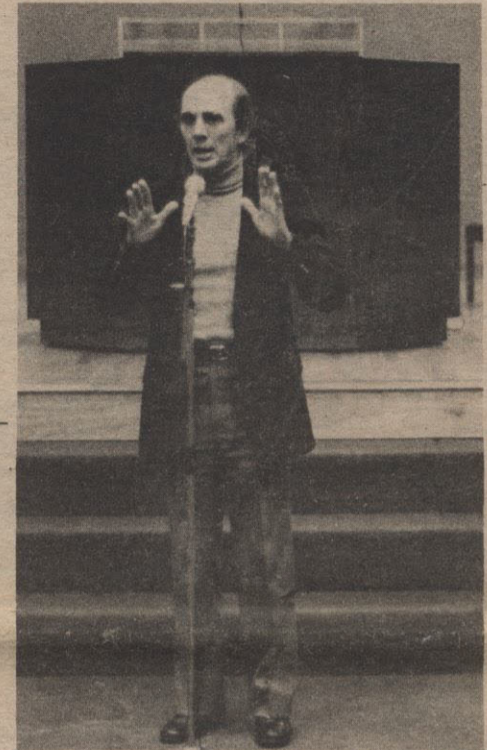
This decision is up for ratification by the Voting Members of Dordt College when they meet on March 15 and 16. The Voting Members

represent all those across the continent who support Dordt College, including the constituency, alumni, and parents. If the Voting Members ratify the Board's decision, Hulst will be officially offered the presidency.

Hulst's reaction to all this? He said he was pleased with the Committee's and the Board's decisions in the sense that they thereby show their confidence in his capabilities and his perspective.

He was also honored, and at the same time awed, by the decisions, noting that the presidency of Dordt College is no mean position.

Finally, he said he felt challenged but is eager to work with the administration, adding that he will accept the position if it is officially offered to him.



by Lyle Breems

President-elect Dr. J. B. Hulst emphasizes a point before an audience in the chapel.



by Luke Seerveld

Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls discusses a point with Prof. Arnold Koekkoek.

Lecturer Evaluates Polish Crisis

by Monty Cobb

On January 19, 1982, Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls brought her views on the Polish crisis to Dordt College.

Dr. Carls, who is French-born, has studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and done research in Poland. At present, she is Adjunct Professor of Humanities at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas.

Dr. Carls, in her frequent lectures and articles, seeks to provoke thought and action on the part of the American people.

Dr. Carls said in an interview with the Diamond that Western Europe is in a more difficult position than most Americans realize. "Public opinion is oriented

to pacify the Soviets. They (Western Europeans) don't dare irritate the Soviets," said Carls. Carls also said that there is a strong anti-American trend based on what Europeans label cultural oppression by the U.S. since World War II.

One of the most prominent organizations in Poland is the Solidarity Union. Carls said that mismanagement of factories and businesses, reckless endangerment of lives through haphazard dumping of potentially toxic chemicals, and general corruption set the stage for the organization of a union.

"Solidarity demanded freedom and bread. This made it strong but also continued on p. 2

Opinion

Editorial



Our local newspapers are telling us all about the crisis in Poland. Lech Walesa began the Solidarity movement in 1980 and for a short while, the Polish people experienced freedom. They were permitted to form unions and hold strikes. Then in December 1981, General Jaruzelski imposed martial law on Poland. The national army swarmed the country, enforcing blackout and breaking up strikes.

Newspapers covered the whole story, including statements about the Polish crises made by the United States government. The situation in Poland has and still is receiving a great deal of media attention. The extensive news coverage of Poland has forced many citizens to evaluate the different aspects of the situation and to determine for themselves how they can respond to the crisis.

The U.S. government has chosen to object strongly; the Canadian government has chosen to remain somewhat aloof to the situation. Individuals such as Dr. Carls lecture on the developments in Poland. Many students and community members discuss the crisis within the privacy of their homes.

Poland, however, is not the only country to be influenced by communism and martial law. Moving closer to home we see Russian interference in Cuba and Nicaragua. Fidel Castro is the strong communist leader in Cuba. Nicaragua has Russian "advisors" to the government. Neither of these countries received a great deal of media attention and after the original excitement, people began to forget that there even was a problem. Yet, the problem is still very much in existence. Will the same thing happen with the Polish crisis? Will we eventually lose contact with the internal struggles of Poland? Will you ever stop concerning yourself with a nation whose freedoms and rights have been taken away?

Letting



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Diamond encourages and appreciates letters to the editor. In consideration of space limitations and fairness we ask letter writers to confine their contributions to 300 words or less. Diamond reserves the right to edit or refuse publication of letters. Letters must be in the Saturday before publication, signed.

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vulnerable," said Carls. According to Carls, the demand for bread made Solidarity an economic power while the demand for freedom made it a political power. The conflict between these two goals of Solidarity allowed Poland's military regime to crack Solidarity's power.

When speaking of the Soviet role in Poland, Carls said, "What do we know of their (the Soviet's) aims? Of their economic situation?"

Dr. Carls sees fear, contempt, and expansionist dreams as the feelings and aspirations of the Soviets towards Poland.

Coupled with these feelings and aspirations, the Soviet mastery of propaganda, which Carls sees as reminiscent of Nazi propaganda of 1939, colors the news of Poland to an acceptable shade by Western standards, "At the beginning (of the Polish crisis) the news was very frustrating," said Carls.

There are two fears which Carls now has. First, Carls said, "I'm afraid that the military regime will continue maneuvers to divide the Poles," which will be reported by propagandists as "a successful attempt to reunite Poland." Second, Carls fears that the world will forget Poland as they forgot Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Summing up, Carls said, "We live on a barrel of dynamite."

The Diamond is published by the students at Dordt College. These students are part of a wider Christian community which looks to Jesus as the Truth. We are striving to develop journalism which proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Individual opinions may vary, but we hope that the communication of these ideas will stimulate growth in the Christian community.

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Maple Leaf Rag

Canadian Highlights '81

by Theo Polet

What was the most exciting event in 1981 for Canada? The developments of the Constitution talks? Canadian controllers support of American controllers? The air controllers solidarity with American striking controllers? Wayne Gretzky or Doug and Bob Mackenzie of the Great White North?

First of all, let's look at some accomplishments of our land. After more than 100 years, the nation finally has the opportunity to write its own constitution and receive technical independence from Great Britain.

The Brewery Worker's union decided to work for the summer and Postal workers kept up their record by striking for yet another year.

Nelson Skalbania, former owner of the Calgary Flames hockey club (NHL), moved from Calgary to Montreal and bought the Montreal Alouettes football club (CFL). Following him were some top-ranked NFL players and draft-choices who decided that money was more important than talent.

Canadian air controllers united with their American counterparts and refused to give clearance to all flights coming out of the U.S. into Canada.

Wayne Gretzky decided to make mockery of the records

held dear to the hearts of "Rocket" Richard and Mike Bossy by scoring 50 goals in 39 games. Besides destroying the old professional record, the Great Gretzky is only 20 years old and is making \$1,250,000 a year. That, however, shouldn't be depressing if one looks at the positive side; Gretzky has given the youth of Canada a new dream. No longer do Canadian hockey players only want to make it to the NHL; they want to be the first to put Gretzky out of La Fleurs misery.

Pierre Trudeau decided that Canada needs identity, so he spends his time searching out and discovering the Canadian Constitution. He found it somewhere in a defunct and inept place called British Parliament. "This is preposterous," he cried, "If it is Canada's Constitution, should it not be in Canada?" "Yes," replied the Canadian public, "how right you are," they rejoiced, and soon it will rest in the defunct ... inept ... Canadian Parliament. Let's hear it for progress!

So, lest we forget the patriotism of Canadian identity, we shall end with a tribute to the men who have done more for Canada; Gretzky, Skalbania or Warren Moon. To you, Doug and Bob MacKenzie, a "GOOD DAY" and a good year!

Soap Opera Fantasy Affects Mature Intellect

by Doug Van Gorp

"TV's Hottest Show," the soap opera, "General Hospital," made the cover of the September 29 issue of Newsweek.

Why would a soap opera receive such "honor?" My experience with soap operas is somewhat limited; when I was younger I saw parts of "Another World" while waiting for my "Floppy" cartoon. I wondered then how a soap opera could get so much attention.

How can this type of show, with its inferior acting, its faces eternally covered with questions and exclamation marks, its organ swells more sickening than the repetitive repertoire of baseball's "happy organists,"

and its characters all related to each other, draw a big enough crowd to make it the "hottest show" on TV?

While looking through the article, I found that the current format of this soap is not the same as it had been during my "Floppy" days. Instead of stories about people in and around the hospital, there are now tales of adventure and danger which take place in far-off places. In essence, these stories are one big fantasy.

It has always puzzled me how people can get involved in a show that is so obviously fake. And it isn't only housewives, bored with life and wanting excitement,

who watch them! All kinds of people, especially students, are cutting work and classes to see their favorite shows like "General Hospital." According to Newsweek, about 4 million people watch "General Hospital" every day. That's a large number compared to the other soaps.

Child psychologists tell us about the harm that TV may cause children. I don't know why they don't talk about the harm that soaps can cause. As much as we deny that our mature intellects can be affected by soaps, they are! How else can we explain the cries of "Rape me, Luke! Rape me!" which, according to Newsweek, were uttered by women in a Fort Worth shopping center? This is only one example; I'm sure there are many more. The soaps seem to present more affairs and playing around than all the stories of Greek mythology; it's no wonder that everyone in the show is related!

The soaps present bundles of problems and mixed-up emotions which, so far as I know, offer no Christian solutions. Why, then, do so many people—including, I'm sure, many Christians—subject themselves to this

inferior trash and get hooked on it? Dordt College students said that "people want to get away from reality for a while" and watch the excitement and problems present in the lives of others. One person said that "people who do watch to rid themselves of their problems often suffer because they identify the problems of the character with themselves and thus think that they (the viewers), too, suffer from these problems." Another said that watching soap operas was OK as long as the viewer does not become too wrapped up in the show and in that way become addicted to it ("Got to watch my show").

We as Christians must use more discretion in choosing shows to watch. What do we do with the soaps? Do we have to produce "Christian soap operas" (who's stealing the money from the collection plate)?

NO!

Rather, "...whatsoever things are true...just...pure...lovely...of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phillipians 4:8).

Do soap operas fit this mold?

Series Deals With Technology

by Deb Fischer

Technology is the topic for a series of lectures to be held February 2, 3, and 4 in C-160.

Heading the lecture series will be Robert Hudspith from Hamilton, Ontario, and Michael Van Wijk from Pierrefonds, Quebec.

Hudspith, a member of the Faculty of Engineering at McMaster University in Hamilton (from which he also received his master's degree), has worked for the Ministry of the Environment and taught on the elementary, high school and college levels. Hudspith has published an article in Christian Educator's Journal entitled "Four Approaches to Technology With Implications for Education."

Van Wijk is engaged in international consulting as Manager of Industrial Studies for Alcan International, Limited. He received his master's degree from the Technical University of Delft, The Netherlands.

The lecture series will include the following events:

Tuesday, Feb. 2

3:00 p.m. Film Program - The Other Way and Technology and Values; The Energy Connection

7:00 p.m. Hudspith - What is Technology?

Wednesday, Feb. 3

3:00 p.m. Van Wijk - Norms for Technology

7:00 p.m. Hudspith and Van Wijk - Technology and Society

Thursday, Feb. 4

3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion

Panelists: C. Adams, W. Alberda, J. Van Dyk

Moderator: D. Vander Kooi

7:00 p.m. Hudspith and Van Wijk - Evaluation of Technology

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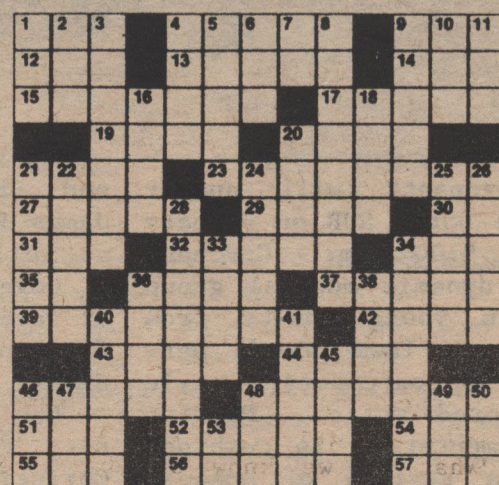
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You Name It

West Coast Welcomes Christian Perspective

by Brian Deheer

While most students were enjoying the last week of their Christmas break at home with their families, a group of eight Dordt faculty members was involved in "the west-coast excursion." From January 4-12, Drs. John B. Hulst, Noel Magee, Larry Reynolds, and John Van Dyk, and Profs. Joanne Alberda, Hugh Cook, Henry De Vries, and Gloria Stronks spoke at several meetings in southwestern B.C. and northwestern Washington.

The purpose of this trip was to promote Christian education. To accomplish this purpose, the group met with education committees, held workshops and seminars with teachers, and spoke to and with parents, teachers, and board members involved in Christian elementary and high schools.

Under scrutiny everywhere

was the concept of a Christian educational creed. Dr. Hulst said that in a few schools this creed consisted only of the confessional creeds of the Christian Reformed Church and some additional statements. The group was encouraged, however, to find some schools which had made much progress toward establishing a fuller Christian educational creed.

Everywhere it went the group was well-received, and there was always "a great desire evidenced and voiced for the development of a Christian educational creed," said Hulst. Stronks said that a frequent question asked was, "How do you work out your creed in practice, in the classroom?" Hulst said that the trip gave the group a better idea of the strengths and weaknesses of our Christian school system as a whole, as well as a

better sense of what Dordt College should be doing to help these schools more in developing a creed and putting it into practice.

Besides the activities of the group already mentioned, several members of the group were involved in other activities. Dr. Hulst spent two days in northern B.C. visiting schools in Smithers and Terrace. Cook read several of his stories. Stronks gave young children lessons and practice in

reading expressively. Several members of the group taught classes. Cook summed up the feelings of the group: "Teaching students was fun."

This trip was arranged by the Dordt College Studies Institute, formerly called the Dordt College Lectureship Center. Dr. Hulst, Director of the Institute and holder of its Perspectives chair, is excited about the program and anticipates more such trips in the future.

Dordt Experiments With VDTs

by Ken Van Abbema

Video Display Terminals (VDTs), commercial word processors that store information, are becoming more popular in the media. Dordt College has leased one of these systems for six months at \$200 a month. Dordt's system is called the IBM Display Writer. It has a keyboard and can correct words, move sentences, correct entire paragraphs, and change margins of any article stored in its programmed diskettes. These diskettes, magnetically-coated plastic platters that resemble 45-rpm records, each store up to 140 pages of information.

The IBM machine also highlights words that are unfamiliar to its 40,000-word vocabulary. By checking over these words, the writer can find his mistakes. There is one problem, though; the machine does not catch spelling errors of words printed out of context.

The system Dordt has

leased does not have a printer, so use of it by the Diamond would be impractical. Another reason the Diamond doesn't use it is that the VDT system was leased primarily for use by the word processing (Bued 323) class, which last year used the Olivette 221 typewriter, a simplified version of the new VDT. However, the VDT will also be used by Comm 242, a journalism class.

Dordt does not plan to stay with this IBM system. Instead, it plans to install a mini-computer network on campus. These mini-computers can do the same job as the VDT at a lower cost. Mini-computers can also be used for other courses (e.g. accounting), so they are more diversified than the VDT.

The VDT system is convenient, but because of its cost and specialization is not practical for Dordt's uses.

Local Talent To Perform



"Covenant" will appear at the Dordt SUB on January 31 at 9:00 p.m. Covenant is a dynamic musical group of ten young adults from Northwest Iowa which performs a contemporary style of sacred music. Popular instrumentation is combined with a variety of musical styles. Their music ranges from songs done by Sec-

ond Chapter of Acts, to James Ward and Dallas Holm, as well as original pieces.

Covenant recently sang at several coffee houses and frequently performs at the Sioux Falls Penitentiary.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear contemporary Christian music at its finest.

Help Us Name It

Diamond staff is asking you, its readers, to contribute your ideas for a possible page title. Page four needs a title similar to those used on pages two, six and eight.

Included on pages four and five are field trips, profiles, feature articles, student activities, Student Forum, Club news, and special events.

Diamond will consider all suggestions submitted. However, the staff reserves the right to use, edit, alter, or refuse any or all contributions.

Suggestions may be submitted to the Diamond by placing them in the box by the switchboard or by placing them in the Diamond mailbox in the Media Center.

Jansen Scholarship Recipient

by Mike Steggerda

The winner of the G. Talen Scholarship for the 1981-1982 school year is Chuck Jansen. Jansen is a junior accounting major from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. He was selected for the award by a Scholarship Committee composed of Dordt College personnel appointed by the President of Dordt College.

The \$300 scholarship is given to a junior or senior at the beginning of each academic year and is used to reduce tuition expenses. Each applicant for the award was required to submit a brief statement on his Christian perspective in his chosen field, and what he hopes his contributions to be. The applicant also had to submit a resume of his extra-curricular activities at Dordt.

Other criteria for the

award are the student's demonstrated leadership potential in his chosen area of study and his overall contribution to the Christian atmosphere of student life at Dordt. Applicants also had to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

Jansen has a special interest in music; he is a member of both Orchestra and Chorale at Dordt. He is also a member of the Future Business Executives and participates in intramurals.

According to Jansen, Clare Talen, a resident of Wisconsin, used to be a banker in Florida. About eight years ago, a musical quartet of Dordt students stayed at his home while on choir tour. Talen was impressed with these students and decided to make the scholarship contribution.



For the fourth consecutive weekend, vicious winter storms paralyzed Sioux Center. The inclement weather may have restricted some less daring souls to their humble abodes, but not this group of East Campus students who braved the storm to exercise their beach buckets.

by Peter Wu

Student Forum

by Brenda Reiter

The Student Forum held its first meeting of the semester Monday, Jan. 18. Several topics, most of which had been previously discussed, were brought before the group.

The Forum discussed ideas for a memorial in honor of Professor Jack Visscher. Several suggestions for the use of the money his parents sent were made, but the Forum is still gathering ideas. Some possibilities for a memorial are a tree and a piece of art.

The Forum discussed the stereo policy and decided the policy would remain as it is, unless further discussion is raised. Also discussed was the homecoming planned for spring.

Next on the agenda was reviewing progress made on the Student Forum bulletin board. The names of the Student Forum representatives will be posted, as well as the names of students on the faculty-student committees. A copy of the Today will continue to be posted each day, and the minutes of the Student Forum meetings will also be posted.

The final matter discussed by the Forum was the Emerging Leaders Workshop being sponsored by the Colleges of Mid-America. Names of students are to be submitted to the Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen, who will select 16 of these students to attend this workshop, which is to be held in Sioux Falls on Feb. 4.

Social Services Club Extends Invitation

by Lee Tiemeyer

What do you think of when you hear about the Social Services Club? Just another club on campus? Perhaps you don't think about it at all. Maybe for a change you should.

What is the Social Services Club? On the outside, it's 20-25 people with officers, two faculty sponsors, and monthly meetings. The club's constitution gives us a deeper look at the group. Its purposes are: to develop mutual interests

in the areas of Psychology, Sociology, Social Services, and related fields; to help students supplement classroom experience with practical applications of social problems through activities, speakers, films, and volunteer work; and to develop an awareness of social problems within our society that Christians need to enable them to fulfill their tasks faithfully.

The Social Services Club is guided by Matthew 25:40, which says: "The King will

reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.'" Christ did not apply this to just one group of people, but meant it for all of us. The Social Services Club has taken that verse and applied it to itself. The Club extends an invitation to each student to join.

In the club's future are plans for a day of tubing and tobogganing on January 30. All are invited to attend.

Second Semester Adds New Faces

by Ken Van Abbema

The second semester of every college year usually brings new faces with it and this year is no exception. There are 32 "new" students this semester. Nineteen of them have attended Dordt before and thirteen are here for the first time. Six of the newcomers are transferring from other colleges or universities.

Three of these students were interviewed recently. Each was asked why they chose Dordt. Their answers were surprisingly similar.

Thiem Baccam, a 20-year-old Computer Science major,

came to the U.S. from Laos five and a half years ago and now lives in Decorah, Iowa. He found out about Dordt from a friend of his missionary father. Baccam chose Dordt because it is a small Christian college.

Rich Roskam, a 20-year-old history major from Grand Rapids, Michigan, transferred here from Davenport College in Grand Rapids. Roskam came to Dordt because he wanted to go to a Christian college that was not too big and that had a lower tuition rate than other major Christian colleges.

Loren Mulder, a 24-year-old agriculture major from Orange City, is returning to Dordt after one and a half years at Le Tourneau College in Longview, Texas, where he majored in aviation. Mulder, who was a communications major the last time he was at Dordt, became interested in agriculture after working this past summer on his father's farm. Mulder transferred to Dordt because it had the Christian Agriculture program he wanted.

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Fine Arts

Recitals



Recital Features Pam De Haan

by Bert Sluys

Pamela De Haan, soprano, gave a recital in the Dordt College chapel on Jan. 18; Cindy Ripperdan accompanied her.

De Haan began the recital with four French songs. In "Les Filles de Cadix" by Leo Delibes, she showed her agility and brightness. Lynette Pennings played the flute for "Goodbye, My Fancy" by William Flanagan. De Haan then performed two songs by Thomas Pasatieri. In "Vocal Modesty" she sang about how beautiful her

voice was and overdramatized it, making the song delightful.

The last two songs De Haan performed came from operas. "How Engaging, How Exciting" is from the opera "Die Fledermaus." Ron Boot, tenor, played an unfaithful husband at a party, while De Haan acted as his disguised wife. A comical situation developed as Boot, not recognizing De Haan, flirted with her. Both sang and acted with vitality.



Pam De Haan played her saxophone at a Jan. 18 recital. by Roger Hedman

Calendar

January 29

- WBB vs. Briar Cliff (home)
- Travelogue, 8pm, CH
- Student Teacher Workshop

January 30

- MBB vs Southwest St, (home), 5:30 pm
- WBB vs Mt. Marty, (home), 7pm

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January 31

- Covenant Sing Group, 9pm, SUB

February 2

- MBB vs Yankton (away)
- WBB vs Northwestern (away)

February 4

- WBB vs Briar Cliff (away)

February 2,3,4

- Technology Lecture (Bob Hudspith)
- What is Technology
- The History of Technology
- The Function of Technology within our Society

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Dordt Concert Band Tours Southwest States

by Karen Niewenhuis

People looked twice when 70 students crowded restaurants all through the southwest states. But the Dordt College Concert Band was on its 1981-82 tour, and they needed to eat.

Dordt's band was able to tour for a second year in a row as a result of band members doing extra work to raise money and thus assuage the college's payment for such a trip, previously accomplished every other year. Although such trips are costly, they prove to be an excellent means of staying in contact with people who support Dordt.

From Dec. 31, 1981 until Jan. 12, 1982, the band travelled through several of the Southwest states, performing concerts in New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Colorado.

A bus, two vans, and a U-haul transported the band: people, suitcases, instruments and equipment. All had their designated places; nothing was overlooked.

A typical day on tour would include: an early rising, loading up the vehicles, traveling for the next destination, stopping for gas and meals, arriving at the place either to set up in a school for a Stage Band concert, or eat supper in a church basement, unloading and setting up for the evening concert, getting dressed and warmed up, performing a concert, meeting hosts, visiting with them, retiring for the night, and getting up the next morning to continue the tour.

The days were busy, fun, and exhausting. Traveling provided a chance to look at the beautiful and unique scenery, to talk to people, to play games (especially Rook), catch up on sleep, or read. It was a time to meet, get to know each other, and grow together.

A few breaks were taken for band members to relax. The band visited Disneyland, the Crystal Cathedral, and Denver's Cinderella City Mall.

Concerts were the focal point of the tour. The band enjoyed the opportunity to play their music for the audiences and for God.



Dordt concert band in full regalia on the chapel stage.

Audiences were all very receptive, and the music was blessed.

Meeting and lodging with different people was another rewarding experience for band members. Hosts often gave more of themselves and their time than was expected. The band is grateful to all who opened their homes.

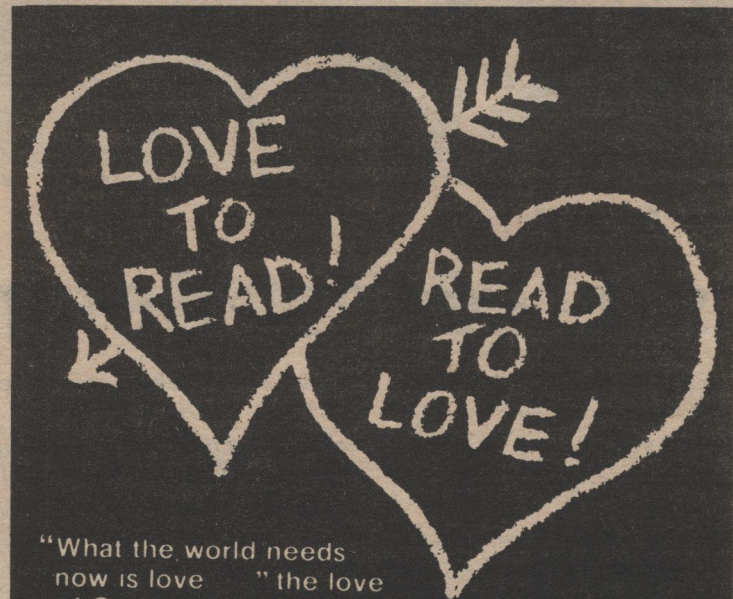
Although much time and preparation went into the planning of this tour, it must be said that it was an enriching experience for all band members and well worth the time and energy spent.

Back at school and into the second semester, the band is working on new music. Still fresh in their minds, however, are those 13 days on band tour.

Puzzle Answer

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Sports

Dordt Blades Triumph On Christmas Tour

The Dordt College Blades continued their amazing season with a highly successful Ontario tour during Christmas break, recording 8 wins against only 2 losses and 1 tie. The 11-game itinerary began Dec. 28 in Toronto and ended Jan. 12, the day before players had to return to classes. Coach John Rop was quick to identify the fatigue factor, which involved eating in various restaurants, sleeping in different beds, and travel-

ing for hours on end. To make the trip a little more trying, the team's jerseys disappeared before the first game, so all team members, skimped on their budgets and bought new ones. Even then, the Blades found enough energy to rout Bellville 11-5 in their first match. The team's first loss of the season came against Brampton, which scored in the last moments of the game on an empty-net

goal. The final game on the tour was a thriller against Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Dordt opened up a 3-1 lead but had to settle for a 3-3 tie, this was a substantial improvement over the last time the two teams met, however, when Calvin won 9-1.

Dordt was to host Thunder Bay last weekend, but the weather forced the cancellation of the two-game stand; Dordt's record is now an

impressive 13-2-2. Rop noted that the team really jelled during the tour and is now much more of a unit, although the players didn't actually do anything differently in terms of strategy. The Blades still face a host of tough competition this semester but hope to be able to pick up where they left off on the recent tour. For schedule adjustments consult next week's issue of the Diamond.

by Tim P. Vos



Wes Fopma guards an unidentified Northwestern player in the Defenders' recent overtime victory.

WBB Suffers Loss To Westmar

by Brenda Reiter

Dordt's women's basketball team started the semester with a record of 3 wins and 2 losses, but have since lowered their record to 3 and 3 by losing to Westmar on Jan. 19 by a score of 72-60. This was the team's first game since Dec. 12. Coach Len Rhoda said, "The long lay-off hurt us in our first game after break." He believes it will take a couple of weeks to get back in condition.

Although the team wasn't working as well as it could during the game against Westmar, three of Dordt's

women had double figure point totals. Linda Mabie was the leading scorer with 21 points, Lisa Poel and Leanne Ryswyk each had 10 points. Deb Top scored 8 points during the game.

The women were to play Northwestern on Jan. 26, but the game was postponed due to the snowstorm. The rescheduled date has not yet been set.

The Defenders presently have no wins and 2 losses in the tough IOKOTA conference. They were defeated by Morningside as well as Westmar.

Visser Leads Defenders Over Mt. Marty

Last night the Dordt Defenders overcame an early injury to senior forward Kent Marra and defeated Mt. Marty 80-74 at Dordt.

The win avenges an earlier shellacking this month in Yankton. The Defenders were led by Stanton Visser who pumped in 29 points and Rich Posthuma who netted 23.

The victory raises the Defenders' record to 9-7. Marra left the ballgame early with what is believed to be a badly sprained ankle. The extent of the injury will be determined today. Dordt's next action is Tuesday in Yankton versus the Yankton Lancers.

The Dordt Defenders started the Christmas break at the Northwest Iowa Classic, hosted by Northwestern of Orange City. Dordt was the

runner-up team to Graceland College with Wes Fopma making the all tournament team. Dordt beat Midland in the first round, 92-78, then lost a tough one to Graceland, 80-74. Fopma led Dordt the first game with 33 points. Stanton Visser paced Dordt in the championship game with 24.

On Jan. 6, the Defenders eased by Buena Vista, 73-70. Fopma again led his team with 22 points. Visser had 16, Jon Broek 13, and Brad Boer 12.

The eighth of January, Dordt made a long road trip to New Ulm, Minnesota to play Martin Luther College. The Defenders again came out on top, 88-61. There was an evenly balanced scoring attack with Kent Marra putting 15 points in, Visser

14, Fopma 11, and Rich Posthuma 11.

The Defenders took a sound beating at Yankton on the 12th from Mount Marty. The final score there was 88-59. Marra led Dordt scoring with 19 points followed by Visser who had 16.

Dordt's first home game of the semester turned out to be a classic with Northwestern. Down by 14 at the half, the Defenders fought back before a packed house to tie the game at the end of regulation time. Taking control in the overtime, Dordt went ahead to stay. Final score: Dordt 83, Northwestern 75. The balanced attack saw Fopma pump in 24, Marra 19, Posthuma 13, Visser 11, and Broek 10.

Last Wednesday, a tougher, taller Briar Cliff team came

into Sioux Center. The Defenders played 35 minutes of sound ball but came up short in the final minutes, getting beat 82-70. Visser and Marra paced Dordt with 16 points, Broek had 13, and Fopma 11.

Stanton Visser is still shooting well at the charity stripe, putting in 93 per cent of his free throws. This ranks him fourth in the NAIA in that category as of January 18. Overall, Dordt ranks 14th in the NAIA, putting in 76 percent of their free throws. Loren Van Zanten has been rated third in NAIA District 15 with an accuracy of 96 percent in scorekeeping.

The Westmar game that was postponed on Jan. 23 has been rescheduled for Feb. 22.