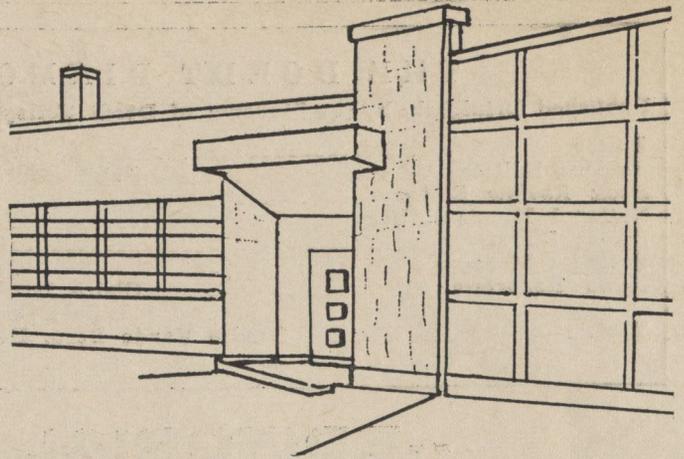


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Drama Productions Readied

Plans For Choir Tour Completed

Tour To Include Seven Concerts In Four States

The Spring tour for the choir will begin Thursday afternoon, April 9, when 59 persons will leave Dordt on two Greyhound busses. They hope to arrive in New Holland on the evening of the same day and will present the first concert of the tour in the Christian Reformed Church there at 8:00 p.m.

The following evening, April 10, they hope to be singing in the Dispatch Christian Reformed Church. This concert is also scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Leaving Kansas the next morning they will arrive in Denver. After attending services, they will present a concert on Sunday evening. This presentation will be given in the Second Christian Reformed Church

at 8:45 p.m. Monday will be the pleasure day as the choir, its director and chaperon go about Denver observing the various points of interest. Before this, however, the choir will sing a few select numbers in the Denver Christian High chapel services at 8:30 in the morning.

Tuesday, the choir will leave Denver and arrive in Luctor, Kansas the same evening where they will sing in the Luctor Christian Reformed Church.

The final appearance they make on the tour will be on the evening of April 15, when they will present a concert in the Sioux City Christian Reformed Church. They plan to return to Dordt after the concert in Sioux City.

In addition to the director, Professor De Boer, the choir will be accompanied by President Haan.

Two One-Act Plays To Be Given April 2

The Drama Club is making final preparations for the presentation of their two one-act spring presentations.

Stranger in the Night

The first play to be given, "Stranger in the Night," by Rachel Reynolds and Phoebe Smith, has a cast consisting of:

Anita Ten Napel
Peter Andringa
Merl Alons
John Addink
Owen Bouma
Don Pranger

The Income Tax

The other play is entitled "The Income Tax", by Peg Lynch, and has the following cast:

Delaine Bliet
James Heynen
Rosa Bouma
Harold Vander Ziel
Anthony Van Zanten

The two one-act plays will be presented in the Sioux Center Auditorium, Thursday, April 2, at 8:00 p.m.

The plays are under the direction of Professor Van Til.

Tickets are now on sale at the College office. All seats reserved—75c.

Dordt Professors Active During Summer

Some Professors Have Already Made Particular Plans

Even though the Dordt College campus sees little educational activity from June through August, the summer months certainly will not be a rest period for many of the professors this year.

Professor Van Til will teach a course in American Constitutional Government during the first summer session at Westmar College in LeMars, Reformation History during the second session, and a course in European History during both ses-

sions. Professor Ribbens has been invited to teach courses in Principles of Elementary School Teaching and Teaching of Reading at Calvin College.

Professor Sjoerdsma has received another scholarship grant from the National Science Foundation and will pursue his studies in mathematics at Michigan State University. Professor De Boer plans to continue his studies in American literature at the University of Iowa. Professor De Young will be taking advanced chemistry courses at the University

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The Alumni Mail Bag

San Diego, Calif.
March 10, 1959

Dear Friends,

Hello to everyone and thanks to all who make it possible for me to receive the **Dordt Diamond**. I enjoy it very much and look forward to receiving it. I especially enjoy the "Alumni Mail Bag", because through it I get to know what all the former students are doing now.

I am at North Island, San Diego. I returned from a cruise overseas in December of 1958 and soon after received orders to a squadron on North Island until the ship returns to the Far East again. Then I shall be with it again. This life is quite different. I live in the modern part of the world for six months and then among some of the poorer people for the next six months. In between I spend a month at sea which is a revealing sight of God's power as he rules the seas.

I am attending the Christian Reformed Church here in San Diego. I enjoy being able to worship with someone of the same faith and am thankful that these people here make it seem like a home away from home.

I sincerely hope that God's blessing may remain with your school and the professors who are teaching in your school today and as long as your school may last.

I hope that I may pay you all a visit yet this year also, before I return overseas. It would be enjoyable to see those halls of learning again.

Included, before I close, is the new address, which I am now using.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Dykstra ADR 3

Fasron Four P/P
NAS North Island
San Diego, California

February 26, 1959

Dear Mr. Ribbens,

I want to thank Dordt for sending the **Diamond**. It gives me much pleasure in reading, keeps me in touch with a school which I think a lot of and things taking place there. It also gives one moral support as any news from home does. It is great to hear what the students are participating in.

I also wish to take this means in extending my congratulations to the Dordt Defenders. I haven't heard as to their outcome in the state tournament but I'm sure they did their best. I would really have enjoyed to see them play this year

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--EDITORIAL--

Music is the loveliest expression of the human soul. Of all the fine arts, nothing relates us more closely to the Master of all harmony. Of all the sounds that man creates, this pleasing discourse is the most eloquent. May these thoughts provide a fitting atmosphere for the following ideas.

Maestro De Boer and his 57 choraliars are soon to leave on Dordt's second annual choir tour. With the ultimate destination being Denver, plans include seven concerts in four states. Considering the time, energy, and money spent in such a venture has often led dubious onlookers to question its relative worth; oftentimes, doubts have been raised concerning the merit and usefulness of this springtime excursion.

Basically, Dordt College sends its choir over thousands of miles as a means to laud and herald that name of the Saviour and inspirer of the human soul. The entire performance is given under the setting of the opening masterpiece: "Hosana to the Son of David." Those who have something to sing about should never be told to keep silent.

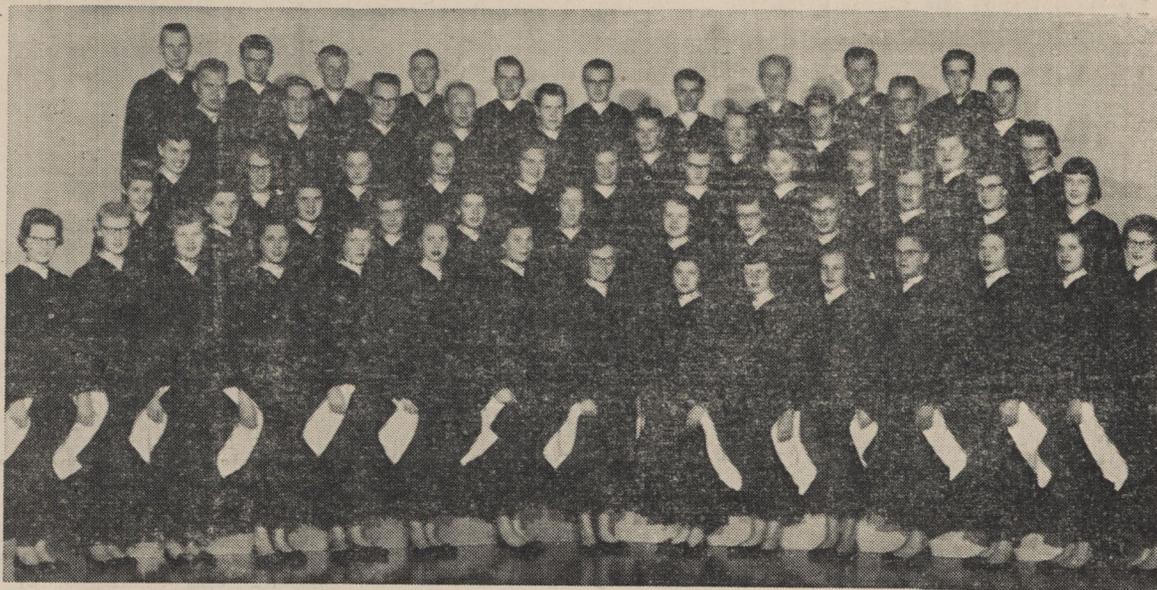
Dordt is a young and growing school and its influence is yet relatively small. Significant progress has been made, however, as its impact upon the world intensifies. Surely one excellent way to acquaint the interested constituency with Dordt's witness is by means of the choir, its musical mouthpiece. Music is one of God's finest gifts to man, and its sacred presentation is an effective media of communication among Christians everywhere.

There are also many students that Dordt would love having grace her halls. Something must be done to attract a fair amount of this material. In four years of existence, Dordt has received no scholars from either Kansas or Colorado. Note that these are mentioned since they are two states included in the tour itinerary. Persuading some young men and women to join the favored flock would be of great reward and profit.

An abundance of spiritual benefit awaits as final preparations for the 1959 tour are made. With God's blessing and the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit, success will be ours; and God will be glorified.

c.c.

The Dordt Singers Who Will Spend Their Spring Vacation on Tour



The Temper of the Times

by Myrtle Sinkey

Perhaps one of the spots most carefully watched by the United States, and other countries is Germany. The Russians have issued an ultimatum and if we do not adhere to it, Khrushchev is almost certain to give the East German Communists control of the land and air communications into West Berlin on or around May 27.

What is going to be our move? If the Communists put the "squeeze" on West Berlin will we initiate an air lift? This will merely be an avoidance of the question on the ground. Will we recognize the East German Communists by showing our papers, etc.? Then we will be playing right into the hands of Khrushchev and he will have achieved his goal. Yet on the other hand, who wants to begin World War III over whose signature is on the papers — The East German's or Russia's? If the East German prohibit passage, will we offer resistance and perhaps ignite the spark that will touch off World War III?

Will we recognize the East German Communists and give Khrushchev the very thing he hopes to achieve. Will the East Germans permit West Berlin and United States traffic or will they prohibit both military and civilian traffic to West Berlin and put on the so called "squeeze"?

All of these questions are heatedly debated on Capitol Hill. The pros and cons of each suggested sol-

ution are weighed in the balance. Mr. Khrushchev has made his move, now we must make ours. Mr. Khrushchev has made his decision, now we must quit these moments of indecision, and make some positive move. And for any President, even Eisenhower, this is a very serious decision.

Let us look at this situation a bit more closely. Mr. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota has termed this current administration as a "do nothing" administration and one news commentator noted that the Republicans seem more interested in balancing the budget than they are in a possible war over Berlin.

Why is it that Khrushchev is always one jump ahead of us? Why is it that Khrushchev is always first and we second? Why did this happen repeatedly in the last few years? The Suez; Lebanon, and Berlin are a few instances. Or is there no longer such a thing as positive action? Is not then our president capable of planning his own strategy rather than have the Russians always be just one jump ahead of us? And what about Mr. Dulles. Is he now capable of running the affairs of State? Former Prime Minister Clement Atley of England said that an ailing man should never lead the nation. Isn't this true?

But what is done is done, and it is no use crying over spilled milk. Whether we like it or not, May 27 will come, and the question still remains as to whether Mr. Khrushchev will or will not back up his threats. In such a time as this we should turn not to power, might, or men; but to God, who alone can aid us and strengthen us in time of trouble.

Of Books and Men

by Jack Vanden Berg

THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF FLEMISH LOW COUNTRIES ON 16th AND 17th CENTURY ENGLAND

by John J. Murray of Coe College
Historical Review of 1957

Historians have often traced the cultural effects of the Celt, German, Scandinavian, French, Spanish and Italian on English civilization, but they have often ignored the significance of the Flemings. This is curious, for the cultural currents from the Flemish speaking Low Countries seriously, though quietly, has helped shaped British life to what it is today. England received much from the Low Countries that was later accepted as indigenous. Our Dutch ancestry has had a part in shaping English culture, language and speech.

When the Low Countries writhed under the heel of The Duke of Alva, English and Scottish contingents fought side by side with the Flemish and took many of their customs home with them. Moreover, many Flemish fled to England and lived there seeking to escape from the fury of the war. Naturally, they took many of their customs with them, they changed their names, but continued to buy Dutch paintings and sent their children to schools in Leiden, Utrecht, or Amsterdam. When they built their houses, they continued to copy nostalgically, their former homes. Thus Charles Dickens has Scrooge eating gruel

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The Sports Scene

by Donna Schutt

Almost all of the basketball tournaments around the nation have been played now. Some titles most recently acquired are of special interest to us. The Iowa high school "A" title was captured by the Sioux Center boys — congratulations to them. The girls' state was secured by Gladstone.

Here at Dordt, the physical education program is again in full swing with volley ball tournaments being the order of the day. These are being contested both in men's and women's divisions. As usually happens, one of the teams manages to roll up an unbeaten record, while others seem to fall victim to every opponent.

Thoughts are now turning to shuffleboard, ping-pong, and badminton. New schedules have been posted by Director Sjoerdsma in all those divisions.

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The San Francisco Giants have decided on a name for their new baseball park—"Candlestick Park."

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Bob Kiphuth, the Yale swimming coach, has retired at the age of 68 after 41 successful years there. Thus ends a 182 game winning streak under his direction. Kiphuth also coached the American Olympic swimming team from 1928-1948 and acquired dozens of medals. Strangely enough, Kiphuth never went to college, and hasn't been in the water since 1948. He does know how to swim, however.

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Mickey Mantle finally decided to sign with the Yankees again, as spring training and exhibition games are now well under way. Ted Williams does not like to disappoint his fans, but he has not played in very many games yet this year. He has not had enough practice to get into condition.

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Comiskey control over the White Sox came to an end with the sale of the club to new owners. These will try to improve the lagging attendance.

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Bob Pettit has been called the greatest basketball player of his time, even by people who think Mikan is tops.

Dordt Professors - - -

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of South Dakota at Vermillion.

With this additional training and experience, the Dordt College faculty will be more capable and qualified during the 1959-60 school term.

Dordt's First Tangible Basketball Award



Pictured here is the trophy Dordt recently captured in a South Dakota Basketball tournament. The Dordt quintet was victorious as it won the championship game over Freeman Junior College after defeating Brookings Agricultural College in the afternoon.

Alumni Mailbag - - -

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but due to circumstances this was impossible.

I am at present stationed in Western Germany. I came here immediately after finishing Medical Specialist school at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. My job here is as Personnel Clerk for the 12th Medical Company. I will be here for 15 months and then home for discharge.

Another reason for writing is to inform you of the change of address; so that I will not receive the *Diamond* a month late as the last couple issues have been.

In closing I again extend my gratitude to Dordt in every way for trying to keep in contact with its alumni.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin J. Hoekman

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Students Advised To Submit SSCQT Applications Now

Applications for the April 30, 1959 administration of the College Qualification test are now available at Selective Service System local boards throughout the country.

Eligible students who intend to take this test should apply at once to the nearest Selective Service local board for an application and a bulletin of information.

Following instructions in the bulletin, the student should fill out his application and mail it immediately in the envelope provided to SELECTIVE SERVICE EXAMINING SECTION, Educational Testing Service, P. O. Box 586, Princeton, New Jersey. Applications for the April 30 test must be postmarked no later than midnight, April 9, 1959.

According to Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test for the Selective Service System, it will be greatly to the student's advantage to file his application at once. The results will be reported to the student's Selective Service local board of jurisdiction for use in considering his deferment as a student.

Of Books & Men - - -

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in the former home of a Dutch merchant, seated before a fireplace decorated with Dutch Delft tiles.

Dutch and English scholars exchanged professorships. The influence of Erasmus on Cambridge and Oxford, and Boerhaave on Edinburgh is a matter of historical record. In 1575 there were six English students in Leiden, but by 1627 there were many English students attending Leiden, including the diarist John Evelyn, the economist Sir William Petty, the jurist, Boswell's father, and the physician, Sir Thomas Brown.

The Flemings played a definite role in the history of printing and book selling. Over two hundred Flemish firms printed and sold books to or for the English. These printing firms were in the front lines of the propoganda battle against Catholicism and Spain. So great was their superiority that the first English newspapers were printed in Holland.

Perhaps the greatest influence was exerted in the field of religion. The move to Christian humanism by Jacob Arminius had great impact and developed laterally from Erasmus to Arminius and Grotius to Milton and John Locke. Moreover, there was a definite relationship between Erasmus and the Oxford Reformers and the Marian Puritans. Both English and Flemish theologians sat in on the Synod of Dordt in 1618-1619; and Milton is said to have obtained his ideas from the thinkers of that day.