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Basketball Continues; Reporters Relax

DORDT 64 - NORTHWESTERN B 52—FABER GETS 26 POINTS

—by Dale Claerbaut

Dordt has continued its string of basketball victories by outpointing Estherville 86-74 and by running over Emmetsburg 84-53 on their opponents' home courts. The Defenders at the printing of this article, had a 5-0 mark and were hopeful of increasing their victory string to eight games before the semester break.

During the semester break, on January 26, Coach Calsbeek's squad will travel to Freeman, South Dakota, and participate in an all-day, four-team tournament there. Three of the teams participating will be Dordt, Norfolk, and Freeman. The fourth team has not yet been made known. The first game will pit Norfolk and one of the two teams other than Dordt at 1:00 p.m. The second game at 3:00 will include Dordt and the fourth team. The winners and losers will play each other at night and a trophy will be presented to both the championship- and the consolation-game winners.

Many Dordt fans turned out to watch a tight first-half contest at Estherville, December 12. However, an all-out team effort including good defense, some fast breaking, fine passing, and excellent rebounding broke the game wide open mid way through the second half. The Defenders led by as much as 20 points several times before cooling off.

The team traveled to Emmetsburg on December 16, under the supervision of Mr. Sjoerdsma, Mr. Calsbeek's father having died on December 15. The DIAMOND staff and all Dordt College extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. Calsbeek. Mr. Calsbeek thanks the basketball team for their memorial gift to his family, and to all those who have remembered him in this loss.

The game at Emmetsburg was a rout from the first two minutes of play until the final horn sounded. Dordt led at the half. Dordt's 84 points was its lowest offensive production all year, but it held its opponent down to 53 points, Dordt's best defensive effort. At the end of five games Dordt has

a 92-point average on offense and a 66-point average on defense.

A look at the individual statistics of the team members points out several good reasons for its fine record. Its balanced scoring is astounding. The first five players are within ten points of each other. De Kok has 82 points, Ver Meer 80, Fey 78, Faber 77, and Prins 72. The second striking factor is its high shooting percentages in both field-goal and free-throw attempts. De Kok leads in field-goals with a 64% average. Fey leads the free throwers with an 86% (12-14) output, although Ver Meer leads the team in the total number of gift conversions with 18. Prins leads in rebounding with 67, good for about a 14-a-game average.

The complete team breakdown of the statistics, including field-goals and attempts, free throws and attempts, total points, fouls, and offensive and defensive rebounds is as follows:

Player	fg	fga	ft	fta	tp	f	or	dr
D. Claerbaut	6	12	0	1	12	3	3	1
D. De Boer	7	11	1	1	15	6	1	5
D. De Kok	34	53	14	17	82	11	9	19
B. Den Ouden	2	8	0	0	4	2	0	2
E. Dyk	0	6	1	3	1	3	1	4
H. Eekhof	2	4	5	7	9	2	0	2
K. Faber	36	72	5	10	77	14	6	12
L. Fey	33	64	12	14	78	17	9	29
S. Halma	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
G. Kamps	9	21	5	11	23	15	4	20
N. Prins	28	59	16	22	72	12	13	54
J. Roelofs	2	4	0	4	4	2	1	2
J. Streelman	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	1
D. Ver Meer	31	54	19	26	80	14	12	24

Physical education students have received instruction and have participated in several areas in the sports field during the first semester. An analysis of physical fitness was followed by flickerball, volleyball, basketball, and military drill for the men. The women, instead of military drill, worked on rhythmic drill. Next semester the program will begin with gymnastics.

FLASH: Volleyball winners are the Queen's Men, captained by Alan Vogel; and the Canaries, led by Pat Dykshoorn. Winter sports begin next.

CARBON COPY

The anteholiday spirit of a stultifying student body has petrified to unfleshed fossil: a skeleton awaits the liberating light that animates through irradiating DIAMOND.

Schedule of Events

January 16, Thursday—
Examinations begin
January 18, Saturday—
Basketball, Emmetsburg, Home
January 22, Wednesday—
Examinations end
January 23, Thursday—
Semester Break begins
January 24, Friday—
Basketball tourney, Freeman
January 27, Monday—
Basketball, Estherville, Home
January 27, Monday—Registration
January 28, Tuesday—Registration
January 29, Wednesday—
Classes resume, 7:35 A.M.
January 30, Thursday—
Basketball, Worthington, Away
January 20, Thursday—Orange City
Community Concert,
"Naughty Marietta"

Where There's Smoke

Dave Netz

The Christian Reformed Church is pre-eminently known for its stand on worldly amusements. Our church has taken this position for the spiritual welfare of its people. All young people recognize this stand, yet some college students fail to heed its warning. Uninhibited movie attendance and card playing are harmful, if for no other reason than that they are demagogues of time-wasting.

But a new crisis has arisen in the past few years which our church has completely ignored. It is the problem of physical deterioration and rot caused by smoking. Take time to read an article about the latest findings concerning the relationship of cancer and smoking, and you will find that cancer has definitely been associated with smoking. How can we as Christians continue this practice of destroying our own bodies?

In reality, smoking is a pleasant way of committing suicide. Since the knowledge of smoking's harmful effects has been laid before the public, one can no longer plead ignorance of self-destruction before the heavenly bar of justice. Since our elders have not taken the initiative in this matter, we as young members of the church must begin the movement to stop this deadly practice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - -

Guest Editor
The DIAMOND

Dear Sir:

Once upon a time, there were six blind men who decided to go to the zoo to visit the elephant. Each of the six happened to come into contact with a different section of the animal's anatomy, and each proceeded to describe the elephant in terms of his own experiences and sensations.

While these individuals were holding forth on the tree-like or spear-like qualities of the elephant, a passerby, who chanced to hear them, endeavored to give them a more accurate description of the pachyderm. "Pardon me, gentlemen, but the elephant is not really like a rope. You see, it is really an animal with four legs, and . . ." "Brainwashing," interrupted one. "What a deplorable lack of originality," sniffed a second. "Do not try to force us into your traditionalist pattern of thinking!" warned a third. "Who gave you an inside track to truth?" queried a fourth.

The passerby shrugged his shoulders and walked on, and the blind men continued their dissertations. And the elephant remained an elephant.

Sincerely,

Louis Y. Van Dyke
Dept. of History

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Guest Editor's Reply

Dear Mr. Van Dyke:

Once upon a time, there was a big bad wolf who got himself boiled by a nice little pig so that his family could go on welfare. He (the wolf) deserved a posthumous medal, or at least a memorial dinner, but all he got was a bad reputation. ACH SO. Which goes to show what a tangled web we weave (or meaty stew we brew) when first we answer in allegories.

Concerning the allegory in question, I have no doubt, of course, that I am one or all of the six blind men. But since I have identified one factor, consistency demands that I identify all. Therefore, I plod bravely on. It seems to me that you have insinuated that the administration is the omniscient passerby. But since there is no such thing as an omniscient mortal or group of mortals, this surmise must be discredited.

Now for the position of the pachyderm. You neglected to state the color, which I feel is quite important. If it were white, it would fit the administration perfectly. Or if it were pink, the whole incident could be dismissed as a champagne fantasy. But going on the speculation that it was a plain, gray, ordinary elephant, we come to the logical conclusion that it refers to the Dordt College Atmosphere—plain, gray, and ordinary. But I hear your protests and remon-

Editorial

Sandra W.

All of us who are associated with Dordt College have heard an appeal for vitality of thought and expression. We have been challenged to react—to prove that we are alert adults, not sheepish adolescents. If we are not too insipid to have noticed this challenge, we may be wondering where to begin this self-expression.

As Christians we are required in all things to seek first the glory of God. So perhaps our most worthwhile beginning would be a reaction to Peter's advice:

"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

In other words, before we tear apart everything around us, we must be ready to defend our own convictions (or, to refer to the most basic necessity, we must establish convictions to defend). It is unreasonable for us to condemn someone else's view unless we have a firm one of our own which can be supported.

We have no right to accuse our faculty of not thinking as long as we show no evidence that we want intellectuality. It is senseless to castigate sweepingly our college administration unless we have specific grievances to set forward and alternatives to present for consideration. In short, intelligent reflection forces us to exhibit a positive knowledge of the improvements or the opinions we want to promote, before we make accusations that we are being deprived of the right to have them.

We must never underestimate the importance of knowing what we believe for ourselves, and of being capable of defending our position. The future strength of the Reformed churches depends upon our awareness. The worth of our college and the significance of our individual contributions to God's people and kingdom depends greatly on our discernment.

Have you been denied a voice to your thoughts? Or have you denied yourself and your responsibilities by saying nothing because you haven't thought about anything?

stances. All right, I'll admit my failing—I don't know who's who in this zoo.

But I won't give up. Your allegory was clever enough to deserve an answer. As I understand it, you are making a defense of the practical. And from the practical standpoint, people with dissenting or abstract ideas are nothing but drunken babblers, impractical visionaries, or in this case, blind fools. But don't you think that anyone who is able to see a spear or a rope in anything so massive and humdrum as an elephant deserves something more than dismissal as a blind fanatic?

And for that matter how do we know an elephant is an elephant? Because we are told. And how do we know that generations ago someone didn't get confused and that a pachyderm is not really a dromedary and vice versa. I rest on the assertion that one person's elephant may be another's camel.

Sincerely,

Alan Huisman

FABLE FROM A FACULTY-OFFICE ROUND FILE

Once upon a time a little boy walked onto a big lake of ice. It looked like ice. Surely it was ice—and all the instruments agreed that it was a dark cold day. Even the dogs were quiet.

In his hand the little boy carried a five-pound axe. He seldom spoke, but this day he said, "I will break the ice. Ice is bad." Those who heard him called, "Fool!"

But the little boy with the five-pound axe walked to the middle of the lake of ice. On this cold dark day the little boy struck the ice one hard blow. The axe made only one little hole and several little cracks; but the little boy was content to know, as he heard the dogs bark, that there was a change in weather.

Those who called, "Fool," now added "Juvenile," "Stupid kid," and "Incoherent." But one old man said, "What more can a little boy do to a lake of ice with a five-pound axe?"

Then spring came.