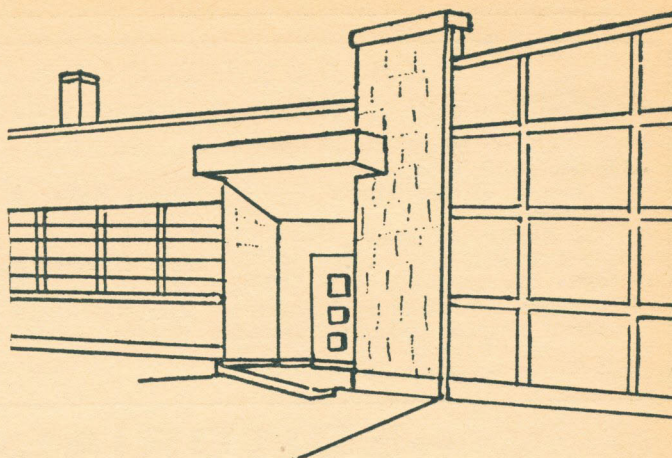


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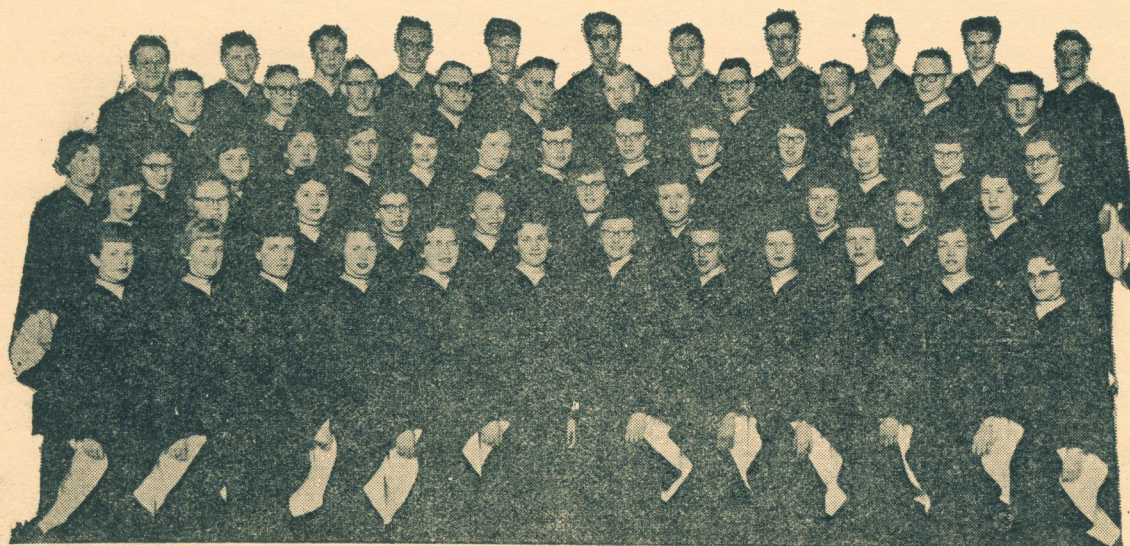
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## Choir Tour Begins Soon

### Tour To Occupy Most of Spring Vacation

Thursday afternoon, April 7, the fifty-eight voice Dordt College A Cappella Choir will set out on its annual spring tour. Filled with great expectations, they will board two chartered Greyhound buses, driven by the same two drivers that were hired last year. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, plans to make several appearances in the Midwestern states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Most of the meals and all of the lodging will be provided by the families which are members of the Christian Reformed churches in which the choir will present its concerts. The choir members will be their guests in prearranged groups of two. Many will be staying with friends or relatives. Others will even be in their hometown.

Although their basic aim will be to promote the honor and glory of God, the choir members and Mr. Grotenhuis are looking forward to the tour as an excellent means to represent Dordt College and its students to the people of the Midwest. Of course, all are also anticipating a week of enjoyment and social fellowship. The bus ride will provide ample time for numerous activities, and fellowship in the Christian homes will sprout new acquaintances.

The choir concerts will generally be quite similar, although for variety no two concerts will be exactly alike. The general program will be as follows:

#### Part I

Hosianna, by Gearhart  
O For a Thousand Tongues, by Glaser  
Selections from "Jesu, Priceless Treasure", a motet by J. S. Bach

Jesu, Priceless Treasure  
In Thine Arms I Rest Me  
Hence, With Earthly Treasure

#### Part II

Alleluia, by Randall Thompson  
Come to the Manger, by Kountz  
There Were Ninety and Nine, by Sankey  
Listen to The Lambs, by Dett  
Ain't That Good News, arranged by Dawson

#### Part III

Create In Me A Clean Heart O God, by Mueller  
Rejoice Today With One Accord, by Hokanson  
One Thing I Have Asked Of The Lord, by Roff  
The Lord Is My Shepherd, by Matthews  
God So Loved The World, by Grotenhuis  
The choir will sing in Prinsburg on Thursday night. Pease, Minnes-

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## --EDITORIAL--

While listening to my radio the other night, I discovered the following facts:

Poor boys are the backbone of the nation and the pappies of the land.

The best way to count one's blessings is to count his radios.

True romance proceeds on a step by step basis with the first kiss as its ultimate goal.

Calling the love experienced by a 17 year old, "puppy love," is the equivalent of boiling and eating Jonathan Swift's Nancy.

Everlasting love ends when green fields are parched by the sun.

There are stars in the sky for some unfortunate rock 'n rollers who were killed in a plane accident. (One of them now performs rock 'n roll for his Creator.)

I fear that I missed the profound philosophies of some of the other "songs" simply because the words were completely unintelligible, if indeed there were any words. I suspect that one told the life story of an infamous young lady named Oop-oop A-doop, but this is only a suspicion, and it would be impossible to verify it. Incidentally, in the above song, the "singer" set some kind of precedent by changing "key" at least ten times.

These things are mentioned because I fear that some of Dordt's students spend a good deal of time listening to the kind of "music" listed above. I doubt that this indicates that Dordt students enjoy the nausea which rock 'n roll produces. Rather, it seems to me that they listen to this type of music simply because they can find nothing else to listen to on their radios.

If this is the case, then we certainly can be nothing but enthusiastic about a Christian Reformed radio station for this area. Such a station could provide not only for the religious instruction of the people of this area, but could provide hours of good music as well.

With such a large amount of good music available, it seems silly to spend our time listening to the unbelievably bad "music" which is presented by most of the radio stations in our area. I'm sure that all of us would prefer to listen to the good music which could consistently be presented by a station supported by funds raised in our churches, rather than listening to the hours of rock 'n roll presented by stations depending upon the tastes of the "masses."

p.a.

## The Temper of the Times

Since it is the time of primary elections and many people are talking about the coming election, I felt it might prove interesting to find out the views of the majority of Dordt students and faculty on certain political issues. Therefore, I conducted a survey asking over fifty students if they were a Democrat, Republican or Independent, whom they thought would be the Republican candidate, whom they thought would be the Democratic candidate, if they would vote for a Catholic for President and finally, if they thought the farm program would be a major issue in the coming election. In reading the following statistics one should bear in mind that this is a primarily Republican area. This becomes quite evident in the following statistics:

### POLITICAL STANDING

Republican	Democrat	Independent
67%	9%	24%

### Republican Candidates

All parties	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Nixon	98%	100%	92%
Rockefeller	2%	0%	8%

It seems interesting to note that only 40% of the Democrats thought Kennedy would become a candidate and that an equal 40% thought Symington would be a candidate. It almost makes one wonder if there isn't some wishful thinking in their views.

### Vote For Catholic President

All parties	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Yes	13%	20%	15%
No	87%	80%	85%

Here it is interesting to note that it does not seem to make too much difference whether one is a Republican, Democrat, or Independent. The greater majority still do not favor a Catholic for a President. It seems to point out that people will not change their standards for their political party.

### Farm Program's Importance

All parties	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
Yes	62%	40%	92%
No	38%	60%	8%

These statistics seem quite interesting in this aspect, that even though the Democrats have been complaining about the farm program, yet only 40% thought the farm program would be a major issue.

r.b.



## Of Books and Men

Nikolai Gogol, the son of an amateur playwright and typical land-owning Russian, was born in 1809 in a province of the Russian Ukraine. Like his father, Gogol loved the theatre and pursued theatrical ambitions, but a bad voice saved him for literature. After his attempts on the stage, he tried government work and teaching, but he was unsuccessful in these also.

Then Gogol began his literary work. His first book, *Hans Kuechelgarten*, was published in 1828, but it proved to be a failure. However, success soon followed. He wrote *Evenings on a Farm Near Dikanka* and *Mirgorod* which were collections of stories reflecting life in the Ukraine. These stories became quite popular. Then came the comedy, *The Inspector General*, the play which made the Russian people, and even Czar Nicholas, laugh at themselves.

Gogol's greatest work, *Dead Souls*, was published in 1842. The plot revolves around the attempts of a certain Pavel Ivanovitch Tchitchikov to buy all the dead souls from the Russian land-owners. In Russia, the wealth of a man is often considered to be the number of peasants or souls he has in his possession. These land-owners were taxed according to the number of souls in their possession at the time of the last census. They were also plagued by being forced to pay the tax for those peasants who had died since the last census. These peasants were called dead souls.

Tchitchikov wanted to buy one hundred and fifty souls so that he would have the needed five hundred souls to marry a certain woman who was of a higher rank.

In *Dead Souls* Gogol held up a mirror to the Russian people to show them the miserable condition of their country. *Dead Souls* is essentially a sad story; yet, the Russians laughed. The main character in the novel and every other character is Gogol or some part of Gogol's personality.

Toward the end of his life Gogol allowed mysticism to control his life. The miserable Russia against which he protested had conquered him. He became absorbed in religious activities. He distributed pamphlets, prayed, and entertained visions. In a trance he even destroyed the second part of *Dead Souls*.

In 1852 Gogol died, but his influence lived on in Russian literature. The distinctive character of Russian literature can be attributed to the style of Gogol.

(Much of the information concerning the life of Nikolai Gogol has been taken from the "Introduction and Preface to *Dead Souls*" published by the Modern Library, Inc. and

## Did You Know . . .

that success comes before work only in the dictionary . . . ?

Anonymous

That most women dislike jury duty because it is all listening . . . ?

John C. Vivian

That "if to err is human, to recognize one's error is the triumph of humanity . . . ?" —Ralph Roeder in *The Man of the Renaissance*

That another thing that often goes without saying is the human tongue . . . ?

Bert Kruse

That there are two kinds of pedestrians . . . ? The quick and the dead.

Anonymous

That with the ever-increasing number of automobiles on the road, there soon won't be enough pedestrians to go around . . . ?

Anthony J. Pettito

That another thing can be said for the small car . . . ? There is more room outside.

Blakeslee Barron

That a small town is where you 'know almost everybody, almost everybody knows you and your banker knows the balance . . . ?

S. Omar Barker

That cloture in the senate means that no senator can speak more than an hour and is considered a great handicap since the average senator needs an hour just to clear his throat . . . ?

Fletcher Knebel

That a real television comedian is one who can ad-lib with his reading glasses off . . . ?

Dan Bennett

That love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired . . . ?

Robert Frost—(Reader's Digest)

That a well-ordered life is like climbing a tower . . . ? The view halfway up is better than the view from the base, and it steadily becomes finer as the horizon expands.

Wm. Phelps

That driving is something quite a mob of people do a bang-up job on . . . ?

Richard Wheeler

That a penny saved is hardly worth the effort . . . ?

Dick Emmons

That you can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on . . . ?

Reader's Digest  
i.d. & j.v.g.

the Collier's Encyclopedia, vol. 9.)  
a.h.

## 4th Concert Presented

Monday night the auditorium in Orange City was filled with an audience of eager listeners. The final concert of the Concert Series of this season was presented by the Indianapolis Symphony. This concert was as inspiring as the first three of the series were. The Indianapolis Symphony is a relatively new organization and is now fast rising in its position among the top ten orchestras of the United States.

The selections showed many capacities of the instruments. They showed the flowing smoothness as well as the bouncing staccato of the stringed instruments. The percussion section at times provided a foundation for the orchestra, and at times displayed its rhythmical effects. The stringed instruments also played one entire number pizzicato, or by plucking the strings. This produces a bouncy, muffled effect.

I'm sure everyone who attended the concert will agree that it was an excellent rendition. If only there were more concerts such as this in this area!

Tickets were also sold for the Concert Series of next year. This also promises to be a very worthwhile series.

Annetta Vugteveen

## Siouxland Chorale To Appear

The Siouxland Male Chorus and the Siouxland Women's Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Dale Grotenhuis, will present a program of sacred music on Tuesday evening, April 5. The concert will be held at 8:00 in the Western Christian High School auditorium in Hull.

These newly organized groups made their first appearance at the performance of the cantata, "Our Redeemer is Born," last Christmas season. The male chorus has presented concerts in Rock Valley, Sioux Center, Orange City, and New Holland, S.D.

This will be the first appearance of the male and women's choruses together. The first section of the program will be rendered by the Siouxland Women's Chorus. The Siouxland Male Chorus will then present several numbers including two negro spirituals. As a final section, eight numbers will be sung by the combined chorus. On March 31, they will present a similar concert in Edgerton, Minn.

Tickets are on sale now at Holthrop's Variety in Sioux Center, Western Christian High School, Dordt College, Andringa's Jewelry in Orange City, and the Iowa Public Service Office in Rock Valley. Tickets will also be on sale at the door just prior to the concert sponsored by the Dordt College Booster Club.



## The Sports Scene

On the sporting agenda now at Dordt in the intramural schedule are the bowling tournaments in both men's and women's divisions and the individual and doubles contests in shuffleboard, badminton, and table shuffleboard. High games so far in bowling are for the men, 195 by H. Kramer, and in the women's leagues 163 by A. Meyer and 154 by J. De Jong. One game remains to be played in these tournaments. After spring vacation, the remainder of the team events will be scheduled. Get in shape everyone!

There's still a bit of snow on the ground and the mornings are chilly, but there certainly is a promise of spring in the air. The old maxim says 'In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love', but I dare say it also turns to thoughts of baseball, track, etc. And speaking of baseball, the major leagues seem to have straightened out their salary troubles, as everyone figured they would, and the old pros and the hopeful rookies are putting the finishing touches on their spring training routines. Everyone is being rather secretive about it, but naturally they all pick their own team to win the pennant.

In the NCAA basketball finals, Ohio State routed defending champions, U. of California (San Francisco), 75-55 to clinch the National Collegiate championship. A 67% shooting percentage by Ohio (31-46 fg. attempts) pretty much told the story of the game.

In another tournament, the National Invitation in New York, Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.) defeated Providence College 88-72 for the championship. In another NCAA event, the U. of Denver defeated Michigan Tech 5-3 for the hockey championship. And speaking of champions, congratulations to Edgerton. If I'm correct, they haven't ever won a district title before? As Ripley says, "Believe it or not!"

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## Dordt Days

Recently there were three more "Dordt Days" in some of our Christian high schools, namely, Edgerton (Southwestern), Prinsburg (Central), and New Holland (Dakota Christian).

On March 8, Rev. Haan, Rev. Hulst, Mr. Ribbens, Mr. and Mrs. De Boer, and Mr. and Mrs. Grotenhuis traveled to Prinsburg. The mixed quartet of Mr. and Mrs. Grotenhuis and Mr. and Mrs. De Boer furnished the special music at the evening meeting.

On March 11, Rev. Haan, Rev. Hulst, and Mr. Ribbens went to Ed-

gerton. Mr. Grotenhuis and the Dordt Male Chorus furnished special music immediately after the evening meal and also at the evening meeting.

On March 15, Rev. Haan, Mr. Ribbens, and Mr. Sjoerdsma traveled to New Holland. Mr. Ribbens and Mr. Sjoerdsma showed slides of the college for special entertainment.

At each Dordt Day, Mr. Ribbens met with the seniors of the school and informed them of the opportunities at Dordt and also answered any questions which they might have had about the college. At the same time, Rev. Haan met with the board members and ministers of the specific area, and they discussed problems of the college. Following these informal meetings, supper was served to all who were present. In the evening there was a public meeting at which Rev. Hulst spoke about the advantages of higher Christian education.

## AN ODE TO MIDNIGHT

Ho, there, thou stealthy creature,  
Which creepeth upon me so still,  
Soon art thou come it seemeth.  
Will nothing divert thy will?

This day, too, must fade into "past,"  
And one of the "future" be  
"present."

We cannot keep back a single half-hour  
To rectify all the moments misspent.

Time in its flight never pauses  
Or waits for a mortal an hour.  
For time in its course through the centuries  
Is lead by a mightier power.

But, time, you will someday be banished,  
And we will be given for aye.  
To glorify God, the creator  
Of this one little fleeting day.

## Through The Veil

by Bernice Aschenmier

He came and I was  
Alone wrestling with despair.  
In my heart I had not  
Expected Him. But He came  
And I was glad—so glad  
That my heart soared higher  
Than the evening song of larks.  
But the song my heart sang  
Was sweeter far with new-found hope.

He turned and walked away,  
Slowly, then with quickened pace.  
The joyful melodies died.  
I was filled with a deep humility;  
My heart cried out to Him,  
But He was gone. Too late, fickle heart!

I returned to earthly cares,  
wiser—

So much wiser that my heart  
Surged with hope. His was the  
only way!

## Choir Tour, cont.

ota will be the site for the second concert on Friday evening. Saturday, the tenth, will be spent making the longest stretch of the tour to Oostburg, Wisconsin, which is near the hometown of Mr. Grotenhuis. Sunday evening, a concert will be given in Sheboygan, a city located on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. The choir will give a concert on the 11th in Waupun, Wisconsin, where a Christian high school is located. Tuesday, it will return to Iowa and sing in Pella that evening. Wednesday and Thursday nights, concerts will be presented in Sully and Parkersburg, respectively. Early Friday morning, April 15, the choir will return to Dordt College, perhaps exhausted, but undoubtedly filled with memories of many new experiences.



Alida Bandstra is interviewed by the Prairie City School Board.