Dekker Escapes Government of Guatemala

Dekker, his wife Rose and his children fled Guatemala on Sept. 10, a day after Jim Boldenow, CRWRC's Central America Director, was kidnapped and interrogated by "professionally trained hit-men" (Banner 10/25/82). Dekker went to the American embassy in Guatemala on Sept. 9 after he had been notified by someone who witnessed the kidnapping. On the way to the embassy, Dekker realized that the kidnappers were after him and mistakenly abducted Boldenow. Boldenow, who was released seven hours after the kidnapping, and Dekker with his family were brought to the airport the next morning under protection of the American embassy and flown to Costa Rica.

In Guatemala City, Dekker had been sheltering a Presbyterian lay-pastor who had escaped from being arbitrarily detained by military forces. The pastor has been accused by the government of being a guerilla leader. Dekker said that he was quite sure after meeting with some people concerned that the accusations were false. Dekker said he believed that it was probably for sheltering the pastor that the government was after him.

Rev. Dekker said that regardless of the country to which one is sent for mission work, there are always certain risks involved. However, according to Dekker, "We can't let those risks stop us from our work." While a missionary always has to keep those risks in mind, he still has to go into the field and perform his task to the best of his ability.

As of now, there are no longer any North American CRC workers remaining in Guatemala. Dekker said that despite the absence of some of these "key people, the CRWRC and World Missions have been successful in educating and helping the individual villages in "tapping their latent resources." Even though the missionaries were forced to leave, the education which they left behind is alive in the fact that villages have decreased their dependency on outside help.

In the editorial of the Nov. 19, 1982 edition of the Banner, it reads, "...Which will cost more lives: continued silence or a prophetic word?" It was this tension which hindered the voice of missionaries in Guatemala. Nevertheless, Dekker was optimistic about the missionary work in villages despite the absence of North American CRC workers and despite the risks involved. "Risks are a necessary part of Christian discipleship," Dekker said.

What Rev. Dekker will do in the future is still undecided. He said he would like to continue in World Missions in some capacity. As for Jim Boldenow, he remains home in Costa Rica and will carry on his work there.

Folk-Singing Evenhouse Performs Sunday

By Ena Kastra

Bill Evenhouse, folk-singer from Grand Rapids, MI, will perform in concert on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 9 p.m. in the Chapel. The concert, free to all, will center on the theme "Seeking a Home."

Evenhouse will use six instruments in his performance: western guitar, classic guitar, five-string banjo, harmonica, auto harp and piano.

The songs he will perform, which are partly original and partly traditional-folk, will be divided into three parts, he said. The first is concerned with the perspective of animals and homes. The second approaches man's various relations to the home, and the third deals with the relationship of Christ to homes.

Evenhouse said it will not be a preachy concert. His songs suggest a theme and make a point on their own. "I don't like to be seen as a person who does dead serious things," he said. Most of his songs are entertaining.

According to Evenhouse, it's possible that several of Dordt's freshmen and sophomores have heard him perform. He works with Christian Schools International as a social studies consultant and a curriculum communicator. This brings him in contact with most of the Christian elementary and secondary schools.

While presenting curriculum and social studies workshops, Evenhouse also performs many folk concerts. "I've played in almost every Christian school west of the Mississippi," he said.

Evenhouse performs approximately 200 concerts a year and visits approximately 100 schools. The concert he will perform on Sunday is the same as the one he did at Calvin a few weeks ago on Sunday, Nov. 21.

Besides his work with CSI and his folk-singing, Evenhouse has recently written two books of the 4-book series, "Reasons." His books were authored by Rich Mouw, Calvin College professor and Rog Van Harn, a preacher in Grand Rapids. This recent series is aimed largely at a high school and college audience.
Opinion

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ... a time for war and a time for peace." Ecclesiastes 3:1,8b.

One would have to be wearing a blindfold, physical or otherwise, not to notice that the world is in turmoil. Several countries, including the United States and Canada, are experiencing economic problems. Several nations are at war or preparing for war. Last year Poland struggled with the solidarity issue which has not yet died out. Last summer the world watched while Britain and Argentina fought for the Falkland Islands. The Middle East continues to be plagued with strife. The United States and Russia are concerned with the production of nuclear armaments. Each country wants to control the next, which merely results in bad relations and wars.

In these unstable times, college students are experiencing the prime of their lives. We at Dordt are preparing to work in a tumultuous world. How do we begin?

We must remember that on the macrocosmic level, Satan is waging war on God and his people. This war will continue until the end of time when God will annihilate Satan and his kingdom. At that time, Christians will enjoy eternal peace.

In the meantime, Christians are commanded by God to keep peace in the world, and they are commanded to fight the good fight for Christ. What a paradoxical dilemma! What can we, as college students, do to fight a war for peace within a troubled world? Each of us must choose where in the battleground we will take our stand. Once there, we must remain adamant and aware. We must be steadfast in our cause and dedicate our energies to Kingdom service. This may mean entering the political field, the field of art, or the field of business. Our stand in the battleground is for us to choose but once we have chosen, we must stick to our task and struggle.

In order for us to know what we are struggling against, we as students must be aware of what is happening in our world today and on our own campus. We cannot run to a corner and hide. We must get involved. That means everyone!

Conduct Alarming

Dear Editor:

1. For what reason are fire alarms installed in buildings?
2. If they are used for reasons other than intended, might people come to ignore them?
3. Did Dordt abuse its power in searching rooms?
4. Does Dordt espouse the theory of "the end justifies the means?"
5. Were all the students treated alike during this episode, or were some warned in advance of the "fire drill?"
6. Does the fact that some soda pop was missing give the college the ethical right to search the students' rooms in one dorm?
7. The fact that no stolen soda pop was found (this was the reason given for the search), but that other material—alcohol bottles, fireworks, and some kind of pornography—were found, could raise the question of whether this incident was a witch hunt.
8. Are the students at Dordt adults and are they to be trusted with the truth, namely that there is a gang of black market soda thieves on campus?
9. Does the institution owe dorm students an apology?
10. Will there be a repetition of this sort of incident? Is there a need or even a desire, to inquire into the measure of respect and love for those on both sides of these issues? For sure some students are angry. Does this institution care enough to try to find a common meeting ground, one that will heal the breach? The students must respect the institution, and vice versa. United we stand. We all stand naked before God. He loves us. Let's love each other.

Ray Blydenburgh

Editor's note:

Since this is Diamond's last issue this semester, we felt that we should offer the proper party an opportunity to respond to this letter. We discussed this letter with Resident directors and with the Dean of Students office. They decided to make no comment.

'Family' Devotions

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

Coming to college is a big change, especially when you're more than 1000 miles from home. You are your own boss and you have more responsibility. You move from a family setting into dorm or apartment life. One thing I missed about not being in a family setting was our devotions at the supper table.

I thought about this last year but that's all it was, a thought. This year, however, I mentioned to my friends that I missed this special time with my family.

I suggested that we somehow have "family" devotions together. It worked out best for us to do this at 5 o'clock every night before we go to supper. We meet in one of our three rooms to read the Today and the corresponding Bible passage. We finish with one of us praying.

We have been doing this for at least two months. I just wanted to share our experience with you.

Thanks,

Andrea Knevel

Forget the UPI Service

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

I appreciate all the discussions going on right now about the music KDCR broadcasts. I hope some positive changes will eventually be made in this area. It's good to know the student body cares about issues like this.

But I wonder how many students have considered the way KDCR handles the news. All of the world and regional news KDCR broadcasts come from United Press International (UPI), a secular network. How does this fit into KDCR's policy—"to proclaim a God-centered culture?" Can a secular network ever give anything close to a God-centered perspective of the news? I seriously doubt it.

Every philosophy and theology class offered at Dordt—and I should hope all classes at Dordt—operate...

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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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America Uses Europe to Obtain Superiority

by Ken Van Abbema

Many people today say nuclear weapons should not be made. I disagree. Speaking as a Dutchman, evaluating the superpowers, I can see many constructive purposes for the atomic bomb.

America has a vast arsenal of first-strike weaponry, including M-X and Cruise missiles. These missiles also work well as retaliatory weapons; your beloved America wouldn't think of striking first.

Fear is the main aspect of the arms race between the United States and Russia. Americans are afraid that their Russian counterparts are ahead of them; they are correct. Russia has the capability to blow up the world 40 times and America only 38.

America's master plan would be to plant missiles here in Europe. This would save much on fuel for Cruise missiles and would eliminate worries about missiles freezing in their flight.

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over the north pole.

We (European allies) welcome the security this will bring. America will have the edge Russia's blow-up advantage. Unless the wind blows the wrong way, the American's sheer force will win in a nuclear war.

A second aspect is the role of the Netherlands and other European countries. If the superpowers decide to fight their war in Europe, we'll let them.

America can use our European waste-lands, West Germany and Austria, as military bases. We are willing to sacrifice the Netherlands and the rest of Europe for the admirable cause of wiping out the communist influence, as long as our protector, America, succeeds.

In a nuclear war, winds from the east could mean total destruction for Europe, but westerly winds could save part of our countries.

Holland could be saved (no more than 30 percent) from total annihilation.

America is using us, their allies, as valuable pawns in the fight for superiority. Locating missile power in Europe will direct Russian from stepping from line.

A third aspect of the arms race is the built-in balance. In the past, arms races have resulted in wars. Is this next arms race result in war? Has there ever been a nuclear war? No. The whole arms race is built on a trusting relationship.

America won't bomb Russia if Russia doesn't bomb America or its allies in Europe.

Nuclear arms are used constructively as a deterrent. Don't worry about nuclear war. It will not occur as long as both superpowers keep up with each other in the race.

The United States and Russia will not stop producing nuclear armaments as long as both sides think they are lagging, to halt production would be absurd.

A final aspect of the arms race is its economic benefits. Massive military spending creates many new jobs, especially in the export market. Exporters are busy supplying countries like Israel, Lebanon, Indonesia, China, and El Salvador.

If America supplies all its allies with weaponry, they don't even have to fight the war. Europe would be glad to do the honors.

These five aspects prove that an arms race, used constructively, can be beneficial to participating countries.

A final question must be answered for those who are sceptics: "Suppose there is a false alarm and some missiles are accidentally launched?" That will happen. Do nuclear power plants have accidents? Nuclear arms, like nuclear power plants, rely on operators to not make mistakes.

Something as beneficial as the bomb could not be ruined by a mere misjudgement. A protestor could say: "The answer is blowing in the wind."

We need a Christian news network, a network that will replace UPI and truly offer a God-centered perspective of world and regional events. Such a network will take a lot of time, effort, and money to develop. But this network will never see life unless the Christian community starts talking, thinking, and planning for it. What better place to start this discussion than Dordt College?

In the meantime, something must be done about KDRC's use of UPI. They must do more with the news than parrot UPI reports. As it stands, KDRC's policy of proclaiming a God-centered culture, is a lie.

In Christ,

Jeff Alons

They Are Ministers

Dear Editor:

Several letters have been written expressing disagreement with the method of ministry used by 2nd Chapter of Acts.

The same phenomenon can be observed after a church service every Sunday. As people start talking about the sermon, it is common to hear "Good sermon, but..." Some will come right to their point and say that the minister is "all wet." Maybe so, but he is human.

In my classes at Dordt, I have been taught that it is necessary to hear the sermon with an open heart, test the message against the scripture and ask the Lord what he is telling me through it. We can still discuss the sermon after church, but the conversations will be a little more constructive.

As for the 2nd Chapter of Acts, they have been called to a ministry. They are responding as humans to this call and are glorifying the Lord in the way they know best. If they were up there in pride, or in cold manipulation, they hid it well. Their sincerity and zeal were obvious to me.

Mr. invited them to minister on our campus long ago, knowing that they were a bit more fundamental than we are accustomed to. Therefore, I don't believe we are called to slice their ministry at all.

Instead, let us open-heartedly listen to what they said, test it against scripture and apply it accordingly to our lives. As Christians, it is our responsibility to support each other in our office as kingdom workers.

In Christ,

Mary Woudenberg

Concert Was Worship

Dear Editor:

Another big concert at Dordt College and, predictably, the reports commented on how the performers strayed from Reformed thinking.

It is good for us to experience the critical atmosphere at Dordt, but it is carried too far, too often.

Our Reformed faith has a beautiful and more wholistic world-and-life view than other faiths. We will not, however, be the only ones in heaven. The NR Christians are only a part of the living body of Christ.

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Minority Students Form Committee

"On White Campuses: Something For Us"

There's a lot of talk about our future, our youth, it's only part truth, of how our future could be bright, if we stay in school, learn to read and write or perhaps act more like a little white, but what we are we will act, cause what we are we were born, into prejudice and scorn, into a world where it's almost a disgrace to be a part of any other than the Anglo, ethnic race. Our faces tell we're not Anglo-Saxon descent, which in this society means you're not supposed to rise, and if you do, beat us until our knees are bent, but we're not going to hold ourselves back, just because we're not Anglo descent and that's a fact.

by Adrianne Jacobs's Moses

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, in the SUB conference room a new committee was formed: The Minority Affairs Committee. The committee includes four admission officials and two students. We discussed what is the basis and our purpose concerning the minorities here on campus will be.

Many of us (minority students) want the values and skills colleges have to offer but at the same time we want to retain the individuality given to us by our ethnicity, our race and our culture. The problems confronting minorities on predominantly white college campuses are not results from the poor values of our culture, or low intelligence, nor inherent racial traits but possibly from the inferiority complexes we often hold.

Colleges and universities have, in many instances, failed until now to consider what we have learned and how we have learned. In the past it has been very difficult for minority students to share their cultural backgrounds and styles of learning with their college communities or even communicate that being different is an asset.

The problems that face minority students can sometimes impede their learning, resulting in failure of studies. Developing the social learning history of minority students can help other minority students survive in a white-dominated college environment.

Although minority students have exceeded the expectations of many educators it is evident that they can do better. So I proposed to the committee to let me organize a minority affairs group.

The intent of the group is to help the minority students on campus attain a more successful college life. It will give minority students a release from anxieties, a group to call their own, a purpose for being at college and a positive outlook in a world that is tearing them down.

The group will identify and analyze problems of minority students on white campuses and will implement problem-solving strategies. All this will include self-coping skills that I have developed during my studies. The group will involve rap sessions, social events and activities that involve the whole student body. This is the most effective, although not the only way to approach minorities and college survival.

Don't take the name for granted and/or misinterpret the purpose of the group. This is not only for the minorities to find themselves, but also for others. The group is open to everyone.

The group will work closely with Mrs. Rita Harris Brown and other friends from Westmar College.

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Dec. 2
- Madrigal Dinner, West Commons, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball Concordia Tournament, Away, 6:30 p.m.
- Madrigal Dinner, Away
- Film, "Annie Hall," C160, 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m.

Dec. 3
- Men's Basketball vs. Morningside, Home, 5:30 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity
- Women's Basketball Concordia Tournament, Away, 1 p.m.
- Madrigal Dinner, West Commons, 7 p.m.

Dec. 5
- Bill Evenhouse, "Looking For a Home," Chapel 9 p.m.
- Choir and Chorale Christmas Concert, Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
- Dordt Film Club organizational meeting, C160, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8
- Men's Basketball vs. Dakota State, Away

Dec. 9
- Women's Basketball vs. Buena Vista, Away, 7 p.m.
- One Act, "Checkerboard," NWT, 8 p.m.

Dec. 10
- One Act, "Checkerboard," NWT, 8 p.m.
- Modal Aspects

Dec. 11
- Men's Basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan, Home, 5:30 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity

Dec. 12
- Messiah, Chapel, 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m.
Dordt's Dance Class To Perform Concert In Chapel

by Brian Deheer

Tomorrow evening brings the only dance concert of this semester. It may also be the last dance concert of the school year. The program, composed of four pieces, lasts a half hour. Two of these pieces are solos, and were choreographed by Giola Seerveld, student and Mike Stair, TA professor. The other two were choreographed by Seerveld and will be performed by seven members of her PE 025 Advanced Dance class.

Cannon Issue Published

by Michael P. Dykstra

Dordt's literary magazine, the Cannon, is finally coming out this week. This issue will not be one of the better ones; due to lack of submissions the Cannon will consist of 20 pages cut smaller than usual.

The Cannon was plagued by a lack of good material. Despite numerous appeals for submissions, the staff had very little to work with. This semester's issue consists mostly of poetry. However, students are encouraged to submit short stories, music, artwork and even relevant essays. The staff hopes to put together an issue devoted to dance next semester. Watch for posters and announcements concerning future issues.

Dave Koopmans is editor of this year's Cannon. He is assisted by a staff of interested students. Prof. Jim Schaap is the faculty advisor.

Drive Helps Meet Costs

by Eric Witvoet

Did you know that the money you and all the other Dordt students pay for tuition, room and board only covers 80 percent of Dordt's full operating costs? Now, do you know where the other 20 percent comes from?

In the fall of every year, Dordt holds a Fall Foundation Drive which, with a stretch of imagination, could be likened to a Jerry Lewis Telethon.

Every fall, Dordt sends letters to its 45,000 constituency members, asking them to help cover the remaining 20 percent. According to Lyle Gritters, director of development, the drive usually covers the remaining cost.

The money comes from the western parts of the United States and Canada, but select churches from other parts of the continent are also sent letters. Because of its broad base of supporters, Dordt's strength is evenly spread among many people. The Fall Foundation Drive is also one of Dordt's ways of keeping in touch with its supporters—an important part of a college's public relations.

"The amount of money pledged from a person can range from $5-$500," said Gritters, "but it's fairly rare that a pledge exceeds $5,000." The percentage of people that respond varies from year to year, but that doesn't affect the final amount very much. The goal (this year set at $220,000) is usually met and in quite often exceeded. However, Gritters expressed some concern for this year's drive because the economy has severely affected many people.

It won't be until mid-December that a reasonable conclusion can be made about the drive. Until then we will just have to hope...
Concert Choir and Chorale Sing

By Rosemari Fey

Sing to the Lord a marvelous song. This is exactly what the Concert Choir and Chorale will be doing between now and exams, with a number of concerts you will want to attend.

Dec. 1, 2, and 4 are the Madrigal Dinners in West Commons at 7:00. These are performed by the Concert Choir, one-half each night, and require pre-purchased tickets. On the 3rd they will be performing a Madrigal Dinner in Minneapolis.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the choir and chorale will be presenting their Christmas concert in the Chapel at 2:30. These musical groups will be raising their voices to the God who sent His only Son into this world many years ago.

"The Messiah," Handel's well-known and much loved Christmas musical, will also be performed by the Concert Choir, Chorale and the Sioux County Chorus in Dordt's chapel. This event is scheduled for Dec. 12 at both 2:30 and 9:00.

Come on out and join the choirs in singing a marvelous song to our Lord.

Woody Allen's 'Annie Hall' Plays Friday

by Vicki den Ouden

Woody Allen's film, "Annie Hall" will be showing on campus this weekend. This realistic film is a break from Allen's typical slapstick comedy.

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Dordt and Northwestern Receive Grant for Literature

by Mike P. Dykstra

Dordt and Northwestern Colleges have received a grant of $6,500 from the Iowa Humanities Board. The grant, one of the largest ever given in the state, was won as part of a proposal put forth by the two colleges' English faculties concerning the 11th annual Midwest Regional Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature.

In order to obtain the grant, proof of the public's involvement was necessary. Dordt and Northwestern have a history of providing these types of services. They hope to use the meeting to bring the academic and public worlds closer. Most of the lectures at the meeting will be open to the public and the range of topics should provide something for everyone.

This year's Midwest Regional Meeting is the first to be held west of the Mississippi. Northwestern will be hosting it with Dordt's English department playing a large role.

English professor Jim Vanden Bosch is the program chair. Randy Vander Mey, English professor, is in charge of the Poet's Corner.

The topic this year is "Religion and Regionalism in Literature," however, other topics will also be presented.

The meeting won't be until April 21-23, 1983, but already the program shows promise of being interesting and informative.

The Conference is a 1200-member, professional, academic group, publishing a quarterly scholarly journal. It is broken up into regional groups of which the Midwest is one.
Student-Directed 'Checkerboard' Premieres

"Checkerboard," a one-act play by Ruth Gray, premiered in Dordt's New World Theatre on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. Brian Heersink, senior theatre arts major, is directing the play with Tom Lowe, junior, his assistant director.

Heersink said he chose the play because "it was a new script, written by a person of this area and I was personally attracted to the main character." Ruth Gray, a former Dordt student, wrote the play approximately two and one half years ago. According to Heersink, the play at this stage was largely thematic and a dead play.

In preparing the play for production, Heersink said he has worked closely with Gray who now lives in Grand Rapids, MI. The original copy of the script had several problem areas which had to be rewritten. While Heersink studied the play, Gray rewrote it. In fact, Heersink said the last scene which needed revision was just completed last night.

Each time the play was rewritten, it was written in a reading to several faculty members. They commented on problems of the script and gave possible solutions to these problems. The completed script has progressed from 8 pages to 37 pages.

Heersink mentioned that it is difficult to work with a script which is constantly being revised. "Put it this way," he said, "it was a challenge to work around the script and try to hold the whole thing together."

The whole play is an experimental process, said Heersink. The set, designed by junior theatre arts major Dave Vaags, is a masterpiece. According to Heersink, Vaags designed a set which seemed technically impossible. "I can't wait to get my hands on it and have my actors get their hands on it," he said. There are things in it which most people haven't seen before in a set. Heersink added that the set is intrinsically related to the play.

Heersink said he had a 100-dollar budget to work with. This had to cover all expenses including costumes, set, refreshments, programs, posters, tickets and other miscellaneous items.

Following both of next week's performances will be discussion periods in which the audience can question the actors, the directors and the playwright Ruth Gray. Tickets for the performance cost $1 at the box office and refreshments will be served.

Dear Editor:

Thriesa Huber's letter (Nov. 18, 1982)

I felt I had to see a contrast between Sunday's (Oct. 31) and Monday's (Nov. 1) use of the Chapel. I felt that both Sunday and Monday nights were services that were dedicated to the Lord.

Before the Monday monodrama, the clapping and whistling made me realize how great it is to have fun while worshiping God. Isn't clapping and whistling a part of God's creation also? I find it fascinating to be able to see how people use their amazingly intricate bodies to glorify Jesus, both individually and in groups.

When Buck Herring led us in singing, I felt that his Christian unity from two different denominations coming together to praise God. A unity like this is rare in a regular church service; the exception being Sunday night (Reformation service).

2nd Chapter of Acts is also more than just a ministry of music. Music is the main ingredient of their ministry, but their concerts also give people a chance to dedicate their lives to the Lord. If the concert seemed rehearsed and "showy," it's probably because it was. I've seen a previous concert of theirs and they had the same basic program. But one must remember that they travel and sing often and that their place in this world is to bring the word of God to sinners.

Their altars call is a chance for sinners to be born again. Each individual must answer to the Holy Spirit in their decision to either go up or stay back. After the concert, it is then our responsibility as true Christians, to nurture and help develop these "baby" Christians. Without this help, they will die as Christians.

The raising of hands is the way that 2nd, Chapter of Acts responds to the Holy Spirit. It is different than the norm for the Christian Reformed Church, but we are all of the body of Christ and we all serve one Master.

One thing that can make hand-raising wrong is when we do it in imitation of others. This also holds true for not raising our hands. Shouldn't we raise them to the Lord when He or the Holy Spirit guides us to? Were there any raised hands on Sunday night? Or were we keeping them down because everyone else was?

One should take the concert with the faith that it was the word of God, just as one would take a sermon by his own pastor, with faith.

Sincerely,

Rag.ledman

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SAVE some pages from your Dordt years.

Orders for SIGNET 83, your college yearbook, will be taken next week.

Time: Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: In the SUB next to the box office.
Sports

Strong Second Half Nets First Win

by Ken Von Abbema

The Defenders finally get a win after four starts. Dordt beat the Buena Vista Beavers 87-70 with solid play during the second half. At half-time the Beavers led 39-37, but the Defenders poured it on in the second half, outscoring Buena Vista 50-31. Five players scored double figures; Don Vanden Top led the Defenders with 18 points, Stanton Visser with 17 (including three three-point baskets), Jon Broek 13, Brad Boer 12, and Brent Kok 11.

The opening game of the Defender basketball season was played Nov. 23, in Springfield, SD. Twenty-four turnovers cost the game for Dordt. The Defenders had the ball with a 71-70 lead, but they turned it over on an in-bound.

USD went on to score the winning basket on a last second tip in. Vanden Top led Dordt with 22 points.

Dordt’s home opener, on Nov. 25, was against Central, a hard-fought battle and went through four overtime periods before Central won 105-102. Foul’s did the Defenders in this time; Dordt outfouled Central 33-18 and gave up 32 free throw points. Leading scorers for Dordt were Broek with 28 points, Boer 19, Vanden Top 19 and Visser 16.

The next day Warburg came on to play a weary Defender squad. Dordt had a 38-35 half time lead, but a five-minute scoreless stretch in the second half was enough for Warburg to win 81-65. Leading scorers were Visser with 22 points, Kok 14 and Broek 11. Mark Merritt had 34 for Warburg.

Dordt’s next home game will be Saturday, Dec. 4 against Morningside. They also play on Dec. 8 at Madison, SD against Dakota State.

Lady Defenders Begin Basketball Season

by Brenda Reiter

Coach Len Rhoda and his women’s basketball team began the 1982-83 season. The week before Thanksgiving break, the women played three games, winning one and narrowly losing two.

The first game of the season was played in Sioux City against Briar Cliff College. The home team won this game by a score of 65-58. Dordt’s women had a poor shooting percentage from the field and many turnovers. While the offense did a fair job, the defense was very strong. Nat Noteboom picked up 18 rebounds in the game. Linda Mabie was high scorer for Dordt with 14 points. Pave Woudstra finished with 13 points and D. J. Van Neuiuwenhuijzen with 10 points.

The women played Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln, Neb. on Nov. 20. In this game Dordt’s team played a solid defense, but because they were out-rebounded and had a low shooting percentage, they were narrowly defeated 56-53. High scorers for Dordt were Linda Mabie with 14 points and Van Neuiuwenhuijzen with 13 points.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the Dordt women took on Dana College of Blair, Neb. in the first home game of the season, the Lady Defenders were the winners by a score of 85-63. The women demonstrated good defense. The offense, shot 53 percent from the field. Three team members had double figure point totals. High scorer was Lynn Postma with 19 points. Mabie and Woudstra followed 18 points each.

The women’s next games will be on Dec. 3 and 4 in Seward, Neb. at the Concordia College Tournament. In the first round, on Friday, the women play Tarkio College of Tarkio Mission.

Blades Play Before Tour

by Dave Koopmans

Dordt’s hockey team will travel to Des Moines on Friday, Dec. 3. The Blades will play two games there on Friday and Saturday night against the Drake Bulldogs.

The Blades’ record against the Bulldogs last year was two wins and one loss. John Buikema, coach, said he is hopeful about prospects for the weekend.

Defenseman Albert Zantingh said the team had a good practice Tuesday, Nov. 30 and the overall attitude is positive.

The following Friday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m., the Blades play at home. They will play one game in the South Sioux City ice-arena against a mix-and-match team from the Siouxland Amateur Hockey Association.

This game should be a good one said Bob Larson, organizer of the Blades opponents. "I’ve seen you guys play and I know how good you are. I picked this team so that it’ll be a good game."

Larson also said "There will be a few ex-Musketeers playing but it won’t be a team of all ex-Muskies."

This game will be Dordt’s last before their tour in Canada. The team is scheduled to meet in Edmonton, Alberta. Their tour will begin the following day with a game in Neerlandia. The Alberta tour will take the team south to Calgary and Lethbridge with ten games in those cities and the surrounding areas.

Approximately 80 people attended a skating party hosted by the Blades on Saturday, Nov. 20. The club lost $50 with that event.

X-Country Season Ends

by Brenda Reiter

Dordt’s cross country season has concluded. On Nov. 20, those from Dordt’s team that qualified participated in the NAIA National Cross Country Championships held at Kenosha, WI.

Seniors Harv Vande Burgt and Dan Kroeze each qualified and participated in the championship race. Of the 321 runners who finished the course, Vande Burgt was the 63rd to cross the finish line, and Kroeze finished in 97th place.

Dordt had three qualifiers in the women’s division. Sophomore Char Vander Griend finished 128th of the 215 runners and senior LuJean Evink finished in 170th position. Sophomore Sheri Veurink also qualified for the race, but was forced to stop running after a very fast two miles because she was not feeling well.

This national championship meet included the best runners from throughout the nation. Coach Marion Van Soelen says it was an accomplishment to do this well with such competition.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!