**Student Scholarship**

At a recent faculty meeting, the faculty decided that in order to promote scholarship among the students, an Honor Roll should be prepared. This Honor Roll, it was decided, should be published at the conclusion of each semester in the local paper, in the *Voice*, and in the *Diamond*. Students qualify for the Honor Roll by maintaining a minimum 2.3 grade average. The following students have qualified:

- Clifford Christians 3.0
- Nellie Geels 3.0
- Adeline Haverhals 2.8
- Christina Vande Voort 2.8
- Estella Dahm 2.6
- Priscilla Kreun 2.6
- Esther Runia 2.6
- Anthony Van Zanten 2.6
- Rosalie Engbers 2.5
- Donna Jolting 2.5
- Gertrude Swier 2.5
- Gene Van Stedum 2.4
- Jack Vanden Berg 2.4
- Harlan Vanden Einde 2.4
- Edward Boer 2.3
- Evelyn Graves 2.3
- Madelyn Kastel 2.3
- Sharon Mulder 2.3
- Fredrick Wahlf 2.3

**Concordia Choir At Canton**

The Concordia College Choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul Christiansen, will appear at the Canton Armory, Canton, South Dakota, Saturday evening, March 1, at 8:00 p.m. This is a choir of national reputation, ranked equal to the famous St. Olaf Choir under the direction of Olaf Christiansen. Olaf and Paul are brothers, and are sons of the late F. Melius Christiansen, for many years director of the St. Olaf Choir.

Tickets will be on sale at the doors of the Armory. They are selling for 50c and 75c. If you wish to attend and need transportation, contact Mr. De Boer.

**The Challenge**

*by Cliff Christians*

"The end of the American War for Independence brought freedom from outside rule, but it also brought uncertainty and upheaval." In order to solidify this chaos, a conference (Continued on page 2)

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**Practice Teachers Return**

Let's lay out the red carpet, everyone! Our practice teachers are coming back! Five weeks ago on January 27 to be exact, twenty of our sophomore girls left Dordt's motherly walls and ventured forth to their first taste of actual classroom teaching. We bade them adieu with wishes for success and bon voyage. Some of them were eager and enthusiastic, some a bit frightened and apprehensive.

These twenty brave souls have attempted everything from the first to the sixth grade, in nine localities. Three of them liked Sioux Center so well that they remained here. Five others are practicing their pedagogical principles in Sheldon, three more in Rock Valley, two are at Ireton, Hull, and Sanborn, and one is in Parkersburg, Ocheyedan, and Wellsburg. They were placed in these areas under the arrangements made by Prof. Ribbens with the cooperating schools and teachers.

It's been rather empty and lonesome in our halls without our colorful sophomore girls; however we soon hope to welcome them home. Judging from the reports which have drifted back to Dordt, most of them seem to be enjoying their work. This remark came from one of our first grade teachers, "I never tied to many shoe strings in my life!" But if you think they're on some kind of picnic, go visit their classrooms. They're learning a host of new teaching techniques and are working hard. Most of their first week was spent in observing, the second, third, and fourth in gradually taking over, and the fifth in full responsibility.

On Monday, March 2, they will return to Dordt and resume their abandoned courses, in final preparation for teaching.

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**Skating Party Set**

A "Welcome Home, Practice Teachers" skating party will be held at the Sheldon Skating Rink Monday evening beginning at 7:30. This is an all-school party. Take your friends along. Transportation will be arranged by the class presidents. Rog De Stigter and Jack Vanden Berg.

P.S. If at least 60 students are present, each will be entitled to a free bottle of pop or a free candy bar! Do Come!

**The School Seal**

Another milestone has been reached and passed in the development of Dordt College. A school seal has been selected and officially approved. The seal is a beautiful masterpiece of thought, fact, sentiment, purpose, and worship. It is symbolic of our Calvinistic views and historic faith.

The center of our seal is especially significant. A Latin inscription, reflected from our cornerstone, repeats the purpose and desire of our college, the wish of its founders—Solli Deo Gloria. To God Alone Be The Glory. The Open Bible and The Cross upon a Shield of Faith express the substance of our foundation... its basis on the open Word, its victory through the Cross of Christ. We exist and move forward upon them.

The seal reminds us to remember The Cross and The Word, to remem...
Club News

CALVINISM CLUB
At the organizational meeting of the Calvinism Club the following officers were elected: Jack Vanden Berg, president; Fred Walhof, secretary-treasurer, and Ed Boer, vicar. Rev. Van Schouwen is the club's moderator. The club consists of about thirty members at the present time. The informal discussion is mainly a discussion of the problems of the church pertaining to Calvinism. It also discusses the problems of our people pertaining to their social life. The club holds its meetings every other Tuesday. We wish to encourage others to become members of this club.

CHESS CLUB
A Chess Club has also been organized in the past weeks. As its first meeting the following officers were elected: Cliff Christians, president; Ed Boer, secretary-treasurer; and John Grimmius, vicar. The main purpose of this club is to promote interest in the game of chess and to teach those who do not know how to play chess. This is a game for the intellectual, so we encourage all who consider themselves to qualify for this category, to come to the meetings.

DRAMATIC CLUB
A Drama Club has been organized for the purpose of creating interest in drama, increasing dramatic ability, and presenting plays. John Grimmius was elected president of the club, Diane Duistermars is the secretary-treasurer, and Jim Heynen is vicar. Professor Nick Van Til is the club's advisor. We welcome all those who are interested in dramatics to join this club.

The Temper of the Times
by Myrtle Sinkey

Of late, Dordt College has been filled with loud and boisterous talk, the talk of angry Republicans. It seems these Republicans were intoxicated with fury over the articles appearing under the above heading. Now, angry persons are always unreasonable in their conclusions and his principles is certainly true of Republicans in Dordt College. I wonder why they are angry? Are they angry because "the truth hurts?"

I doubt if they have any reason to be angry. Look at the facts, and face reality. For example, study the many golden promises given by Eisenhower in his campaign speeches which as yet remain unfulfilled.

I would like to remind you of some of these unfulfilled promises, quoting from an article written by Drew Pearson, a noted, intelligent news commentator.

1. FARM PRICE—"The Republican party is pledged to the sustaining of the 90% of parity price support and it is pledged even more than that to helping the farmer obtain his full parity, 100% parity, with the guarantee in the price supports of 90." (Brookings, S. Dak., Oct. 4, 1952) Last month Eisenhower sent a message to Congress urging that farm price supports be reduced to 60 percent.

2. MILITARY DEFENSE—"We shall review our entire preparedness program and we shall strip it clean of waste, lack or coordination, inertia, and conflict between the services." (The Republican platform)

Recent developments speak for themselves.

3. BUSINESS EXPANSION—"We shall encourage venture capital investment at home and abroad. We shall support a foreign investment policy, that encourages growth throughout the free world." (Pozria, III., Oct. 2, '52) We are still using foreign aid and government loans to support foreign economies.

These are only a few of the golden promises made by Eisenhower which have not come true.

Democrats are not the only persons who are displeased. Last week 30 Republicans revolted against Benson and his principles.

I repeat: Look at the facts, and face reality.

THE CHALLENGE

(Continued from page 1) was called at Philadelphia; and from this conference emerged our country's first president and one of the greatest this country has ever known. Washington's masterful efforts in formulating a mighty nation are still hailed as tantamount to none. Yes, Washington's combination of abilities was apropos to the situations which surrounded him.

I feel that the most desirable trait that one can acquire in college is the ability to think, and think logically, correctly, and clearly. In the day in which we live this ability is fast becoming a forgotten talent buried in one mind, moldering and rusting because of lack of use.

In a world that is served by an efficient "mass media of communication" I fear that we no longer use our minds to the extent that we should. Many people, especially those who are intellectually lazy, prefer to have the news of the world served to them through the means of radio, television, and newspapers by "sugar-voiced" announcers and editorialists who do not disturb their thinking, but assure them that all is well. These people do not like a thought-provoking analysis of the news as is often presented by some of our best news-men, but want the analyst to do all the thinking for them.

The same accusation can be leveled in regard to sermons these days. Even in our own circles a thought-provoking sermon is unpopular but a light, anecdoted discourse on some popular topic is welcomed with open arms.

Therefore I feel that it is important that a college student learn to think correctly and logically as he develops his mind. The student must also learn to arrive at an honest conclusion in his thinking and then dare to live consistently and in accord with that conclusion. He must have the strength of character to dare to live differently if his thinking so demands.

In the American culture that praises Elvis Presley and his ilk, that extols sex, and holds before every citizen the vision of a twenty thousand dollar home, complete with a two car garage filled with the latest products of Detroit, and tells the citizen that this is his life, we need young men and women who can arrive at a mature judgment of the proper values in life and then dare to live consistently with that judgment.

Guest editorial by Jack Vanden Berg

Of course, no one of us would deny that Washington was truly a foremost statesman. But then the question arises: Was this man a Christian? Although this is indeed a controversial matter, Washington's early biographers were convinced "that he was a devout practitioner of orthodox Christianity."

The character and actions of Washington convinced one of his biographers, Fared Sparks, that our first president was a believing and practicing Christian.

It is precedent in our church that we judge no one on the basis of his works. Nevertheless, a sincere analysis of the man is in order.

The editorial by Norman Cousins in the Saturday Review, of February 22, 1958, deals specifically with the above-stated problem. Read it so that you may become more fully acquainted with Washington's religious beliefs.

It is interesting to note that these beliefs had a deep bearing on the founding of our country.

Letters to the Editor

Syracuse Univ., Monday, Feb. 9

Dear Sirs:

Today I received my copy of the Dordt Diamond, and liked most of it a great deal. However, I would venture to say that the article "The Temper of our (sic) Times" by Myrtle Sinkey was hardly deserving of college literary publication of high merit. The category I am sure you would like to have the Diamond placed.

In the first place, an article of such bias, illogical reasoning, and general politics, could hardly be deserving of your publication.

Secondly I think you could find something of more universal interest, and beneficial to the reading public. Sincerely, Arnold Davelaar