DEBATERS TO AVENGE DEFEAT

The Dordt College debate squad entered its first debate tournament in intercollegiate competition on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16. The tournament, which hosted 31 colleges and universities from a six-state area, was held at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota.

Representing Dordt as the negative were Rodney De Boer and Bill Ludwig, who competed with a University of South Dakota team. Paul Vos and Roger Van Dyken took the affirmative and returned with a victory over Yankton College. Although Dordt could have scored better in its eight debates, it faced very stiff competition, including debate teams from Iowa State, University of Iowa, University of Nebraska, University of North Dakota.

According to Mr. William Lothers, debate coach, this first tournament was very valuable in terms of debating experience.

The squad exhibits good spirits as it promises to avenge its first defeats in future tournaments.

STUDENTS HOLD STORY HOUR

Freshman education students from the Children's Literature class were active for the past few Saturday mornings in a story-hour period held at the local public library. Each week three girls led singing, told stories, and entertained children from grades 1-3. The girls gained experience in leading a group of children, and the activity was an application of their studies.

The Leveling Process in "Crichton"
Dear Editor:

One of the prime facets in choosing a friend is the facet of loyalty—loyalty to God, to each other, and to our country. I feel that the poem which you, as Editor, wrote and published was a very degrading piece of literature to be published in the DIAMOND, as it shows ill respect of a national anthem and a lack of loyalty to the country.

A few issues ago, the "Diagonal" column of last year was criticized as being down-grading to the morals of Dordt, but is not this equally or more down-grading?

A disappointed reader,
Jo Ann Salomons

REPLY

Dear Jo Ann,

I was surprised and regretful to find that someone was offended by my poem. I'm afraid its intention was misunderstood. You will notice that nothing was said in ridicule of the United States, to which I am very loyal. My only intention was to laugh a little at the frenzied plight of "test-troubled" students like myself. I thought that using the rhyme scheme and diction form of a familiar piece would add to its effectiveness. If I have downgraded the morals of Dordt or slurred my country, I am certainly very repentant.

Ed.

Meet Our Assistant Editor

As a member of the DIAMOND staff, Deanna Ledeboer has been associated with the "Touchstone" column, and she has more recently become assistant editor to replace Mavis Assink, who resigned because of responsibilities toward the play.

Deanna, a sophomore, is a graduate of Central Minnesota Christian High School of Prinsburg, Minnesota. Her journalism experience in high school includes two years as editor of the high-school newspaper and one year as assistant editor. She also has had experience on the high-school annual staff. For her work she received a journalism award when she was a senior.

When she was a freshman, Deanna was awarded the Dordt Christian High School Scholarship, and she also received a general scholarship for her sophomore year.

Interview—Dave Gabrielse

Dave Gabrielse from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, is one of the editors of the DIAMOND's "Noteworthy" column. Dave, a freshman, is taking a general course and plans to major in sociology. His interest in music is shown in that he is a member of the concert choir and the male chorus. A graduate of Sheboygan North High School, Dave spent part of his summer as a S.W.I.M. team member in Sioux City before coming to Dordt.
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Modern American society seems to consist of three levels of conscious morality. There is the innocent age of children which is probably the shortest social period of man. Then comes the destructive, irresponsible, and often unintelligent age of adolescence. And, by the time one reaches college age, there should be a definite advent of maturation evinced by adult responsibility and consideration for others.

Through some special arrangements, Dante was allowed to roam Dordt's campus. He began his trip in a leisurely manner by going to the library to do a little browsing. There he encountered two or three people staring ferociously at the magazine rack and trying desperately to rise from their chairs, but they were held by some invisible force. (Elmer's glue?) They had neatly tucked a few magazines into their coats one night and now they were reaping their just rewards.

Dante then wandered to the book shelves where he found other students continually picking up books which perpetually fell from the shelves. These persons had "lifted" a few books from the library for their own use and had purposely forgotten to return them.

Leaving this remorseful scene, Dante went for dinner. As he sat down, some grotesque, gregarious, slurping sounds came from the floor and tables. They were engaged in licking up the mess which they had recently made. It was now 6:10 and some young men came tripping up for supper, but soon they felt the hunger pains which their lack of timeliness had caused.

Dante now went to the music building for an inspection tour. As he entered the band room, he encountered the gruesome sight of some young men beating on each other's heads. Stopping one of these tormented tormentors, Dante found that they had let their jazz interests get the upper hand and had broken a drum head and now were suffering for their violence.

The final stop which Dante made was at the new dorm. In the men's section, Dante saw a group of young men writhing in agony across the floor. He discovered that these young men had not put proper entrance into a public building and now were suffering a fitting punishment.

Before Dante left, he had a message for students. "When you meet these irresponsibles, pity the helplessness that causes their pain."

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Noteworthy - - -

by Sue Vander Baan

Many of us are studying at Dordt with the hope that someday we will become teachers, and I think I can add, Christian School teachers. However, if you are a pre-sem student, a college major, or anyone just interested in obtaining an education so that you will be a better parent, this column is for you. A child's education—and what we would hold up as music education here—is not only the responsibility of his teacher, but also of his minister and parents.

Music should be an important aspect in everyone's life. Music and music appreciation are necessary in the curriculum of every Christian school in order that the youth may be taught to respect music already in their formative years. The MUSIC CURRICULUM GUIDE states that music is a source of our knowledge of God and a means by which we praise Him. It is the task of the Christian educator to develop the child into a mature Christian personality, and music can contribute greatly to this development.

Music makes its greatest contribution in the realm of the spirit. This is why we must be careful what we teach our Christian youth. Not only must the classroom teacher keep the music pure and refined, but the minister must guard the standards of his young people's societies; the proper authorities should control chapel music, and parents should watch that no "trash" enter the home. Trite little ditties like "Climb, Climb up Sun-shine Mountain" and "Fishers of Men" with absolutely no aesthetic value become "Life Is Like a Mountain Rain-fall" and "Shall We Gather at the River?" when the child reaches teenage years. Many times these choruses become non-Calvinistic in their theology as well as using the music of the dance.

Whether it will be your responsibility to teach children in the home, in school, or in church, remember that some day they will move into a position of importance in the church. How important it is that they attain this position with high ideals!

Educated For Life

by Judy Roseboom

Life is living and education is developing, and as such education we are developing for living. The first implication of the terms, "educated for life," implies a vitally important and lasting goal—a goal able to withstand the test of time and reason for existence. An education is not here for the present and gone in the future, but is either to be measured as a Grecian amphitheater, or as transcendent as a Marathon runner's disappearing (Continued on page 4, col. 2)

MATH CLUB CHOSES OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

The math club recently elected John Vander Beek as president.

The other officers chosen were Rosemary Dahm as secretary-treasurer and Leon Fey as vicar.

The club is composed of students who are interested in pursuing topics related to mathematics, which are too detailed to be studied in class. Interesting and entertaining developments in the field of mathematics are also discussed. Some of the aspects of mathematics which the club will deal with this year include paradoxes, imaginary numbers, fibonacci numbers, topology, and modern geometry. At each meeting, two members present the topic which is then discussed by the entire club.

Spectrum---

by Roger L. Van Dyken

In the General Assembly building of the United Nations, the Cuban ambassador to the UN recently arose to denounce a 10-nation proposal to ban nuclear weapons in the American area. And well he might reject it, considering the continual fortification of his little Caribbean island.

It seems that the Communist world is anticipating the possible election of Senator Goldwater, who promises to re-write the foreign policy of the United States--which, in plain language, means the ousting of everything Russian from Cuba. According to Jose Norman, the Cuban underground's link with the outside world, the Communists are preparing for the advent of Goldwater in two ways: first, they are granting immediate Cuban citizenship to all Russian personnel in the country; and second, are transforming the island into a veritable pillbox.

The arms buildup is aimed at thwarting any recurrence of a Bay-of-Pigs-type invasion sponsored by the Goldwater foreign policy and given full U.S. backing. To these ends, the Cubans have reportedly issued 5,000 citizenship papers to Russian occupants and are commencing the building of missile, air, and submarine bases at an alarming rate. The Cuban underground reports 30 missile bases, 32 air bases, 10 submarine and naval bases, 45 militarized ports, as well as 2 electronic attack warning stations.

By this two-pronged acceleration, the Communists hope to insure the existence of their Caribbean pillbox. If Goldwater is elected, it will be interesting to watch this clash of strength against strength, rather than the present battle of words against words. One thing is certain, if we don't put our fist where our mouth (Continued on page 4, col. 1)
Introducing The Columnist for Athletes’ Feats

Dale Claerbout, who is from Oostburg, Wisconsin, is the feature editor of “Athletes’ Feats.” Dale attended Cedar Grove High School, where he served as editor of the school newspaper. While attending high school, Dale participated and lettered in sports, and presently is a member of the Dordt College basketball team. Recently Dale was also elected a freshman representative. Dale attends the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in which he has participated in many activities. He was president of his Youth Group, and this past summer he had the experience of participating as a member on his church’s S.A.V.E. (Students As Volunteer Evangelists) Team in Miami, Florida. This type of program is similar to S.W.I.M.

Dale is taking the Pre-Seminary course here at Dordt and he plans to attend all four years.

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over the horizon. Education, put simply, is the equipping and qualifying of a person with knowledge, understanding, and insight of the present world and life, and the world and life beyond.

The criteria of a well constructed education are as greatly varied as the technological, scientific advancements of present-day conveniences. Today’s purveyor of higher development can take a course in philosophy, ancient language, calculus, while studying the literature of children, reading and art for children. Education reaches out, ingrafting every sphere of life, in every hemisphere, in every age.

However, one who has never fought his way through the courses (or halls) of an institution such as Dordt, may also be very well educated, and constantly educating himself.

He may not be the man with a head filled with book knowledge, but he has an extensively educated heart, filled with love, understanding, and kindness. In promoting the Democratic or Republican party, his educated heart is promoting the American way of democracy. In attending church society, he is promoting his beliefs, and in the process is constantly educating himself.

The world is ever changing, and the means of an applied education are changing. A farmer can not merely be a farmer, for in this time of revolution, the vast resources of knowledge demand broader and fuller development. His knowledge must stretch beyond his section, reach out across the section fence, and into all areas of living.

Therefore, life is living and education is developing, not stationary, but steadily growing and producing a man educated for life.

Spectrum . . .

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is, we’re going to get Mr. K’s puddy little fist where our teeth should be.

Mr. K.’s latest problem: The wheat shortage is causing a corresponding vodka shortage. Next on the East-West trade agenda: a vodka deal.

Cheerleaders: Judy Post, Rose Joling, Judy Rozeboom, Beverly Veurink

Dear Simon,

I write to you for guidance concerning a problem common to many college students today. The arrow of Cupid has penetrated deeply into my heart. The thoughts of matrimony beckon me toward the altar of wedded bliss. I don’t mind this, nor do I regret the loss of my freedom, but financial problems hinder our union. In a sense, that is my problem: but to get the story straight, I must regress to my freshman year at college.

How did I manage to stay in school these past years? I managed to remain at school through the use of National Defense Loans. You know the method: borrow now and pay later. During the interim of these recent years, I met a woman: Dulcinea, by name. Our friendship has grown deeper each succeeding year; and after graduation we plan to be married, but we cannot because the money I borrowed must be repaid: I cannot afford to be married. Dulcinea has also attained her education this way—the way of the N.D.L. If we married, I would also have to repay her loan.

Do you have a solution?

Altar Bound

Dear Altar Bound,

The solution to this problem is possible only through continuing your educations. A clause in the N.D.L. states that a student doesn’t need to repay his loan until he is out of college. I recommend that you both remain students and pursue knowledge. If you attend a large university, you may be able to accumulate many degrees in various fields.

With the continuing loans you and your wife will receive, you may happily continue your education as long as you both shall live.

In summary, join the ranks of the married collegians.

Simon