DORDT SCHEDULES AN ENCHANTED EVENING

Reserve Friday evening, May 8, 1964. Don your best semi-formal attire, and transport yourself to the Sioux Center High School auditorium. Be sure you arrive by 6:30, and don't leave your admission ticket at home on your desk.

What's the big event? Hardworking committees of Dordt students, under the guidance of the student representatives, and supervised by Elroy Post, are creating "Some Enchanted Evening," namely, the annual spring banquet, for the entertainment of the student body and their special guests. To make the evening complete, Mr. Dennis Ribbens, of our English Department, will speak.

CHOIR COMPLETES SPRING CONCERT TOUR

Dordt's 36 voice Concert Choir left the campus on April 6, and returned on April 14. In the meantime it had sung seven concerts under the direction of Mr. Grotenhuis and the frequent smiles of Mrs. Grotenhuis. An enthusiastic reception and an appreciative audience characterized each tour stop.

The itinerary this year included Oskaloosa, Iowa, and an assembly program presented for the students of Pella Christian High on the following morning; Kanawha, Iowa, and an early next morning departure; Dispatch, Kansas, and a look at the heart of the wheat country; Alamosa, Colorado, and the magnificence of the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, the Sand Dunes, the Royal Gorge which is 'gorgeous;' the Red Rock Amphitheater, Pikes Peak, et cetera; and Denver, Colorado, which climaxed the concert tour with the warm Christian fellowship of the Denver congregation, and the heart-stirring rendition of two sacred concerts by the choir on that Sunday, April 12. For each choir member, the concerts afforded a rich and deep-seated spiritual experience, which actually was beyond human expression. They hope that sharing these experiences with the churches they visited helped fulfill Dordt's aim: Soli Dso Gloria.

And Away We Go ....

DORDT MUSIC

FESTIVAL PLANNED

The Dordt Music Festival will be held on May 1 in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium. Four area High School Choirs will participate as well as the two Dordt Choirs. Mr. Dale Grotenhuis will direct the Massed Choirs in two numbers.

Bands will play en masse and will be directed by various high school directors and Mr. Grotenhuis.

Several Dordt College students will serve as ushers, riser committee and ticket sellers and takers.

A small fee will be charged for admission.

Political Science

Club Begins Activities

The Political Science Club was formed at Dordt one week before spring vacation. The Club is composed of 27 charter members concerned with partially fulfilling the responsibilities of good citizenship by stimulating political interest among the students at Dordt College.

Instructors, Mr. Van Til and Mr. Van Dyke, are co-sponsors of this new club. At the organizational meeting Paul Vos, Roger Van Dyken, and John Altena were elected as executives.

At the second meeting, held on the first Wednesday after Spring vacation, Mr. Van Til gave a short survey of political science, from Plato to the present day. A discussion followed.

As its first activity, the club participated in a mock nominations convention held in Northwestern College in Orange City Tuesday, April 21. Senator Miller was the keynote speaker.

Band Finishes First

Annual Tour

The Dordt band set a fine precedent for future band tours in its first annual tour. The trip began before Spring vacation so that band members were dismissed from classes.

The band played for receptive audiences in Ackley, Iowa, and in Waukon and Baldwin, Wisconsin. Most people appreciated the fact that the repertoire included music simple enough to be enjoyed by all.

The bus made a stop at one of Wisconsin's Cheese Houses. Famous Wisconsin cheese with crackers made a good on-the-bus snack.

Immediately after its concert in Baldwin, the band returned to Sioux Center. The trip was uneventful except that the generator of the bus failed, and passengers and luggage had to be transferred to another bus.
The point my article was trying to convey was that primary elections do have their purpose, but it is not that which many of our politicians envision it to be. Primaries are an instrument of the people whereby they designate their presidential preferences and in this way their purpose is the same as that of the general elections. Although the primaries reflect the sentiments of the people and many politicians examine these sentiments, nevertheless their purpose does not lie in this. Primaries are not a political apparatus whose purpose is to demonstrate to the politician the psychological effect of his political experiments on the people. Primaries are an instrument of the people, not a tool of politicians, and those politicians who fail to realize this have a misconception of the higher ideals of American politics and have lost their proper place in the scheme of the American form of government.

Roger Van Dyken

Wednesday, April 15
Carroll College
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Editor,

I am an observer of Dordt only through the DIAMOND which is an excellent profile of the school. It portrays the student as one with a sincere interest in all aspects of college life. Intramural activities and drama productions seem to be well supported and honestly reviewed.

As a student of a church affiliated liberal arts school, only three times the size of Dordt, I would like to tell you how fortunate you are to be a part of a seemingly large, happy family. Here no interest is taken in sports nor drama. Student government is at a low. And most important, student spirit is absent. No letters to editors appear in the paper because no one is interested or takes the time to concern himself.

You, collectively, seem to have found something in Dordt which is priceless. Don't lose it. Don't overemphasize concern by criticizing everything. Keep your sense of balance and praise the worthy events if you feel it necessary. Just as a closing remark, ALL college food is bad!

Sincerely,
Miss Judy Behnke
Letters To The Editor, cont., - - -
ticle have followed these major events of the Thalians? Wendell Noteboom

REPLY—
Dear Wendell,
and Thalians in general:
I personally feel you are not ask-
ing more than you deserved. The DIAMOND Staff, and also the student body as a whole, has definitely shown itself unresponsive to your efforts.
We stand justly reprimanded.
The Editor

John Fowles writes a very interesting novel about Frederick Clegg, an obscure clerk and butterfly collector. He is a nobody until he collects his best specimen, Miranda Grey, a lovely young London coed. Winning a football pool enables him to purchase a secluded country house in which to imprison Miranda. By means of an ingenious diabolical scheme, he keeps her locked up for two months; his only purpose is to watch and photograph her body. After two months of solitude in her damp cell, Miranda succumbs to pneumonia. Frederick then calmly buries her under the apple tree and is already in search of a second victim as the book closes.

The development of Fowles’ two characters is magnificent as he probes the warped mind of Clegg, the collector; and he has a tremendous insight into the thoughts of Miranda, through her diary, as she dreams of heights of the heavens. He lived and died in controversy, yet no one questioned his greatness. And great he was; and yet more than a great man, he was a great American. His life, his loyalty, his ideals, his courage and devotion to his country epitomize what every American seeks to be; a great American in serving America. His service to America is immeasurable. He did more for our nation than any elected leader of our times. And yet this man, who symbolized an eternal spirit, was mortal. And he was the first to realize this:

“The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished—tone and tints. They have gone glimmering through the dream of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday. I listen then but with thirsty ear, for the witching melody of faint bugles blowing reveille, of far drums beating the long roll.

“In my dreams I hear again the crash of guns, the rattle of musketry, the strange mournful mutter of the battlefield. But... always their echoes and re-echoes: Duty, honor, and country.

And the man, the American, General Douglas MacArthur, died. The old soldier is dead, but his memory, his ideals, and the great American spirit which found its embodiment in this man, we hope, shall never fade away.

MORTAL SUBSTANCE

I saw it die by the month, bound from It's conception. A natural death, though, Five convulsions it registered, not an inevitable. Apathetically, the life spark slowly crawled from the frame.
Athletes' Feats
by Dale Claerbauf:

The spring intramurals have been planned and will get under way shortly. Competition and recreation in basketball, softball, hiking, tug of war, and archery is proposed. A ladder tournament for both singles and doubles matches has been set up in badminton, tennis, and bowling. Duelling is a popular event, and consideration is being given to a round robin tournament in this sport as well. As in past years, consideration is being given to a cricket game between teams from Dordt and the Sioux Valley High School. The general schedule of events is as follows:

**Intramural Bowling**
- **Men's Tournament:**
  - **Group A:**
    - 1st place: Gary Regnerus, 673: (2) Delane De Vries, Don Peter Den, Greg Meier, and Ken Vande Griend.
    - 2nd place: Delane De Vries, Don Petersen, Ray Statema, and Jim Steelman.

- **Women's Tournament:**
  - **Group A:**
    - 1st place: Janice Bosman, Glenda Harthoorn, Donna Van Zee, and Frances Wagter.

Statistics were also kept concerning attendance. The five men with the highest total are:
1. Gary Regnerus, 2137
2. (Tied) Greg Meier, and Ken Vande Griend, 2023
3. (Tied) Elson Haan, 1920
4. Kenneth Van Petersen, 1837
5. (Tied) Don Petersen, 1854

The top three girls teams and their scores are:
1. Grace Brouwer, Kathy Butvyn, Judy Thone, and Judy Van Den Veen, 5853
2. Marilyn Addink, Joanne Brouwer, Harriet Hoogwerf, Gertrude Modderman, 5143
3. (Tied) Janice Bosman, Glenda Harthoorn, Donna Van Zee, and Frances Wagter.

We've Got It—You Name It

It is difficult for a reporter to write a story about something which doesn't have a name. To speak about "that place" or "this island," or "you know what I mean" is to violate good journalistic practices. The subject of this article is a place. Since this reporter didn't have time to go to the Sioux County Court House and find the exact location of this certain piece of property, he will have to describe it in terms which will be familiar to most Dordt students.

It concerns an "Island" on the "Dordt Boulevard" which lies east of the music building and southwest of the new commons. Two things concerned it: it needs a name and the administration is asking for student suggestions.

Second, work is soon to start on landscaping this "island." A large elevated pool will be constructed in the middle of the "island." Goldfish and water lilies will be deposited in the water.

A hedge will surround the island and inside will be flower beds and sod will be laid. Benches will be put around the pool. Work on the project is scheduled to start immediately.

A boy has been placed in the Library into which my students have selected names for this "thing-a-ma-jig."