The Dordt College Concert Choir will be leaving for the Chicago area on April 1, returning April 8, and will cover four states with performances. The order of their appearances are: Hollandale, Minn., Wellsburg, Ia., Western Springs, Ill., Munster, Ind., South Holland, Ill., Wheatfield, Ind., Fulton, Ill., and Pella, Ia.

The Chorale, after a year with no tour, will resume this practice of performing away from home. They will begin each performance with "alleluia!" Other selections will be "Jesus Christ from the Last Hall Freed Up," part of the Magnificat by J. S. Bach and "Sing for Joy." The Chorale will stay in a motel one night. Most veterans of tours agree that one of the greatest experiences is the opportunity to meet many new people, enter their homes and associate with others of the same Christian faith.

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The Chorale has concluded their tour by leaving on Wednesday, March 25, for a tour of the West coast. They will make stops in Holland Center, S. D., New Holland, S. D., and Manhattan, Mont., along the way. Other concerts will be held in Spokane and Lynden, Wash., Vancouver, B. C., Mount Vernon, Everett, Seattle and Sunnydale, Wash.

The concerts given by the Concert Choir will be sandwiched in between the tour. William Byrd's "I Will Rejoice in the Lord," Easter selections entitled "Now is Christ Risen," and "Rejoice This Glad Easter Day," will include Jerry Vree- man as bass soloist in "Kyrke" from the African Mass by Norman Luboff and Connie Boekee as sopranos in "Jesus, Rest Your Head," Mr. Grotenhuis composed the song "Gap Your Hands and Sing" which is done by a portion of the choir. Last year's tour by the Concert Choir was nearly the same as what is being taken by the Chorale this year. Their return on April 6 will conclude their 15 day tour.

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We've Lost That Lovin' Feelin' by David Sinclair

Some time ago, we saw a greeting card in the drug store which said "Love makes the world go 'round." What originally seemed like a little nothing more and more appears to be a damning truism of life at Dordt College.

Love, in the sense of I Corinthians 13, is quite a hot item in Sioux Center these days. It is discussed, analyzed, pondered, extolled, recommended. And ignored. Love is praised as the "Main Street" of Christianity, the guiding principle; we want people to know us by our love, and we want others to show love to us. We feel that the administration should show us the patience and tolerance which is an earmark of love. We want the faculty to be understanding and kind, to deal gently with our experiments and foibles. However, we have noticed, that almost without fail we students have failed in returning this patience and kindness. How much understanding of the problems and burdens which the administration carries do we show? Rev. Haan is a favorite target; we think unjustly so. Much of the criticism of Rev. Haan is often based on vast, unsupported generalization, glittering denunciation of his actions and attitudes. Criticism which very often bears absolutely no relationship to the truth.

The administration of Dordt College is in a difficult position. Put yourself in it. Try to arrive at a solution to some of the problems which beset the administration in a way which will be acceptable to all, faculty, students, and constituency alike. Try to resolve the situation (the word "problem" leads to false conclusions) which, for example, has been raised by the Followers of the Way. Try to find a viable alternative to current administration policies in such matters as long hair, suspended privileges, and committee meetings. It seems to us that one may have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try.

No doubt, you find it difficult. No doubt your proposed solution, like ours, are all full of holes and weaknesses. But so are the policies which the administration sets up, and the administration will be the first to admit this. However, they have a problem. Sometimes they have students who come in to see them with the attitude that the Establishment is out to "get" them, whatever that means, and they had better be good and careful that the administration doesn't get the chance to pull a fast one on them, or they will be more and more insecure. And this comes by the way, most loudly from those who most wildly bitterly about the lack of love which they see around them. Perhaps a sentence to make our position clear: we do not defend the administration. That is not at all our purpose. Our purpose is to attempt to initiate a new perspective on the administration, its problems, and our relations as students with it. The situation calls for more patient understanding of vituperation and accusation based on a minimum information.

It is often not "love," but "backbiting." A good faculty when there are a bunch of uninformed students nosing in where they have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try.

LOVE is a way of life, for those who love in Christ love as no others can. We have in our possession a mighty force. We have the potential for changing a lot of this, for redirecting a lot of things, for communication with each other in a way that will drive unbelievers into incredulity. The force is LOVE. But until LOVE becomes a way of life, we are afraid it will stay on the shelf, just a word, a means of condemning our enemies. 'Take LOVE off the shelf. Put it into your life. Prayerfully. What more is there to say?'

Dear Editor:

It has been my conviction that some personal gripes should be kept down because of their personal nature and because of my own recognized shortcomings. But at last there is something that I feel should be openly considered. I am dedicated to the idea of Christian education and sincerely committed to Dordt and all that it officially represents. That is why I write at this time with something new to say. Hearing them talk of the Catacomb, I have wondered why we have lost all committee privileges, you must eat in a certain room of the commons, you have a negative attitude, you may not participate in chapel, and you are on the outside of the administration, you have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try to arrive at a solution to some of the problems which beset the administration in a way which will be acceptable to all, faculty, students, and constituency alike. Try to resolve the situation (the word "problem" leads to false conclusions) which, for example, has been raised by the Followers of the Way. Try to find a viable alternative to current administration policies in such matters as long hair, suspended privileges, and committee meetings. It seems to us that one may have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try.

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Well, God has found another way to reach Tyler and Dave. The Dordt idea was a flop! This week I spoke with Dave. They have added Jesus to their group. I thank God for doing what I failed to do, "How did we ever get along before Jesus? Now everything we do is for Him." Tyler is writing new songs.

On April 10 they will appear at the Catacomb, but this time with something new to say. Hearing them talk of the Catacomb, I have wondered why we have lost all committee privileges, you must eat in a certain room of the commons, you have a negative attitude, you may not participate in chapel, and you are on the outside of the administration, you have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try to arrive at a solution to some of the problems which beset the administration in a way which will be acceptable to all, faculty, students, and constituency alike. Try to resolve the situation (the word "problem" leads to false conclusions) which, for example, has been raised by the Followers of the Way. Try to find a viable alternative to current administration policies in such matters as long hair, suspended privileges, and committee meetings. It seems to us that one may have no knowledge to enable them to act. Try.

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I would imagine that to nearly all of the 100 Education students enrolled in the Senior class at Dordt College, the practice teaching experience was perhaps the highlight of their undergraduate curricula. From personal experience, I am sure that the 4:4: assignment cards touched their fingers to the final farewell on March 6, practice teaching produced tensions and anxieties perhaps equalled but never surpassed by previous semesters.

By Jim Schaap

Practice teaching brought 100 Dordt College students into the nearly alien world of the high school. It gave us a peek at the flop-haired, short-skirted scene which challenges not only the educators of this country, but every parent and adult today to harness this unlimited power and intelligence and guide that force, individually and collectively, into becoming a responsible segment of the colony of the earth. The experience brought us closer to the position which we will shortly be assuming. Not necessarily to the position which we will shortly be assuming but in a much fuller sense, out of the context of the school, as well as in, the compass by which wayward youthful minds can discover the way to a better relationship with their God, their fellow man, and their environment.

HiyaTeach!

In line with the Diamond's democratic ideal of bringing the issues to the people, we felt compelled once more to needle the practice teachers with another of our now infamous student polls.

The first question asked pertained to general evaluation of the practice teaching experience. All 53 of the replies maintained that they would rate their 6-week stay in secondary and elementary schools at least "helpful". 77% of that same number checked the first option which indicated their experience was to them "very beneficial".

Some question had arisen among the year's practice teachers concerning the length of their term. Our second question dealt with this, and the practice teachers themselves in the place of determining the length of their practice teaching experience is like having the situation reversed. Of this group, 57% felt the proper length should be 9 weeks instead of 6 weeks. Four of those polled indicated they felt that student teaching should be done only on half days during a 9-week or full semester period. The student intern system with this and putting the teachers themselves in the place of determining the length of their stay. 69% indicated a change should be made in letting the teachers themselves commenting as they wanted on their practice teaching experience. Some of their comments follow:

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Methods courses will perhaps be of more help when the student teachers become professionals. However, we felt it important to ask question concerning the methods course which all had endured during the previous semester. 70% felt the methods taught were helpful either to a large extent or to a lesser degree. The next question also concerned the methods courses, but was stated in an essay form.

The final question asked the students to write a few lines themselves commenting as they wanted on their practice teaching experience. Some of their comments follow:

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Practice teaching outweighs all my other education courses put together in preparing me for a teaching job. I felt inadequately prepared in many areas... mostly because of a poor background from my college courses, I feel that more observation could have helped me.
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If anything, the practice teaching experience will discourage a student entering the teaching profession because of the constant tension that one is under in practice teaching. It made me completely sure that this is the field in which I belong.
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The President Speaks

by Carol Addink

"Dordt College has finally kicked its way into the twentieth century!" This comment, made recently by the President, pictures the changing atmosphere on Dordt's campus. Returning practice teachers are struck by what has happened during their absence, and students have mushroomed. "A followers of the Way" student fellowship has begun. The student body is seeking a more active and participatory role in campus life. "The Diamond" page 4

He then turned to his "more objective" attitude. "On the other hand I recognize that today's youth do have needs and problems of such a nature that the instituted church hasn't quite come up to meet these. This is a possibility. Probably young people are demanding these kinds of expressions in order to meet a need which we are not aware of. As long as these types of activities are done openly rather than secretly, and carried out in the right spirit, we should not be unduly concerned about it. We should regard each other and wait to see what develops. In that sense it could even be a good thing, and I'm not going to be the one who says that it is bad, wrong, sinful, or iconoclastic."

When The Diamond commented that his "personal feeling" was valid only if "followers of the Way" is a substitute for the church, he responded, "I have given you my two-fold attitude because I have difficulty believing that this is as innocent as it is meant to be and that it is merely a supplement. I'm not so sure about these things because students will say one thing at one time and another thing at another time."

Constituency Relations

"There is a certain amount of tension which naturally comes when you have an academic institution dealing in a progressive way with problems which face us. We are going to run ahead of the constituency and a lag is going to develop. That is inevitable and that's good."

He noted, however, that the lines of opinion are not so easily drawn between the college, faculty, and students. Whenever there is any kind of a tension that develops between us, we have to be sure of this, that we continue to hold the constitution of ac- tion much more with it, more relevant, more exciting."

Conservative vs. Conservatism

"We have moved much farther away from a conservative attitude, which I have always preferred, to a more liberal one. We are basically conservative in that we recognize the basic laws of God which have been revealed in both Scripture and in our church. But I think we have taken a lot of the better structures and activities of liberal church and I believe that God is developing a church in which there is a discrimination between the two, that one is closely tied to the direction that comes from the Word of God."

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The Diamond asked the President's reaction to understanding that we have toward one another in the communion of mutual trust. He commented, "I don't think Dordt stands against change and I don't think God's people are going to react vehemently against us if we provide the leadership and the direction which arouses or creates trust in our institution. That's the thing we have to be careful of. You can carry on academic enterprise and still hold the basic loyalty of God's people."

A Sense of Timing Needed

"An academic institution, which relies upon its people for support and must be concerned with them, can make the mistake of going too far too fast in the direction of changes which our society (not only our own people but the secular society as well) are not ready to take. This isn't to say that we don't want change, but there is a sense of timing which is indicative of a certain love and understanding that we have toward one another in the congregation with Christ... I don't think Dordt stands against change and I don't think God's people are going to react vehemently against us if we allow change, with a certain amount of discretion and timing."

The Diamond asked whether he has a feeling of having been asked for change, President Haan continued that he thinks when there is any change which is demanded by our principles, that it is obviously needed, we will be "to convince God's people as a whole of this need. "Academic classes can sometimes see needs as being extremely urgent and rush into these changes, assuming that the people are not capable of seeing the need for them."

Academics sometimes think things have to happen right now, "but people are a bit more cautious and I don't think that that's all bad."
Quiet Please
by Gena De Kam

To live as a man is to think, to think is to wonder, to wonder is to inquire, and to inquire is, for most of us, to read.

-Comly

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S.C. Considers Election Change

Student Council is considering an important change in the Student Council election procedures. The suggestion was made at the March 18 meeting, in order to promote more active campaigns and continuity from year to year. Council may hold rep. elections for the “7-9” Council in the spring of ’79. If they move ahead on this idea, they may suspend Article 1 Section 2-A of by-laws of the Constitution of the Dordt College Student Association. This change will be on a trial basis, for only the next school year. If it proves superior to the current system, the next Council may make the change permanent.

Council, at their March 18 meeting also reviewed news from some standing and special committees. The Spiritual Activities Committee reported that they are studying the chapel program. They announced the topics chosen for the Fall Retreat. They plan to have news from some standing committees. The Student Council will discuss some special events and programs. The suggestion was made to their Association This March 18. In order to change in the Student Council, at their March 15 meeting, was to consider the by-laws of the Constitution of the Dordt College Student Association. The Student Council plans to consider the by-laws of the Constitution of the Dordt College Student Association. The Student Council plans to consider the by-laws of the Constitution of the Dordt College Student Association.

Meet "Mary Jane"

Dr. Edwin Kroon, a resident psychiatrist at Bethesda Hospital in Denver, Colorado, conducted a film—discussion session on drugs last Thursday. He used the films “Marijuana”, and “Youth Drug Scene” as a springboard for the discussion.

The first film, narrated by Sonny Bono, dealt with the legal and social aspects of using marijuana. It compared the use of pot to excessive use of alcohol or tobacco, claiming that marijuana is more dangerous to take. The marijuana user does not pass out when he has had a certain amount of marijuana, and at this point he is in danger of hurting himself or others. The drug produces no feeling of pain or pleasure; the user simply feels out of reality. A bad trip, or "bummer" is always a possibility. The film also interviewed some membranes of a rehabilitation center. Seventy-eight percent of the heroin users had begun by smoking pot, confirming the statement that use of marijuana often leads to the use of stronger, even more dangerous drugs.

In the question and answer session which followed, Dr. Kroon said that marijuana users often have a very low regard for life. He mentioned that the death of a loved one because of drugs is also possible. He also discussed the importance of planning in drug use. He concluded that planning is necessary to avoid the late regrets that are sometimes associated with drug use.

Graffiti From The Underside Of The Rock

Rumor has it that the return of the practice teachers has brought on a new wave of eternitians. Oh the times they are a-changing!

CHASTE MAKES WASTE !!!!!!!!!!!!! (but what does haste make ?? ?)

The question of the week is How many angels can dance on the head of a toad gas cylinder.

Meet Sandi Van Maanen

Sandi Van Maanen reported that the Social Cultural Academic Committee is already making plans for the ‘79-’80 Council. She is trying to secure topics for the Fall Retreat.

On Proper Etiquette

Mr. Mike Cassidy, kitchen manager noted to the Diamond that he wishes to remind students of the meal schedule and urges them to come for meals so that they can be done through the line within the time allotted. Meals cannot be served later than these times because the cooks must begin preparing for the next meal, he said, and therefore urged the students to be on time.

The meal schedule is as follows:

- Breakfast: 7:00-8:00
- Supper: 5:00-6:00
- Dinner: 12:00-1:00
- Supper: 5:00-6:00

Following the lecture, Seerveld fielded questions from the audience and elaborated on portions of his aesthetic theory. He will be the second such meal and he will like all students to dress up for this occasion. He will be held on April 30.

Meet "Marriage"

The second film, "Youth Drug Scene", centered around a former drug addict. Smoking marijuana with his friends had led him to take hallucinogenic drugs. After he was caught and sent to a probation officer, he realized that he was destroying his health, and decided to quit. His parents and a church youth group helped him in his fight against severe depression and desire to return to drugs.

Banquet To Be Held On April 14

The Phi Kappa Sigma has announced that their annual banquet will be held in the Commons on April 14 at 6:30 pm. The banquet will feature a film and special numbers. Deadline for purchasing tickets for the event is March 26. Ticket holders will be on hand in the classroom building today and Monday through Wednesday. Those missing the deadline may contact Cheryl Hubers or Lois Schrue.

Calendar

| March 22 | 2:00 pm | Concert Choir Concert, Hospers |
| March 23 | 7:15 pm | Concert Choir Concert, Central |
| March 23 | 4:00 pm | Reformed Church |
|          |         | Artist Henrik K. Kriger, from |
|          |         | The Institute For Christian Art |
|          |         | in Chicago will give a public |
|          |         | lecture in the chapel of |
|          |         | Northwestern College. |
| March 25 |          | Concert Choir tour begins |
| March 26 | 12:10 pm | Spring Vacation begins |