Blades will take Canadian tour

This Christmas vacation the Dordt hockey team will be touring Western and Central Canada. Traveling in the Dordt van, accompanied by professors K. J. Boon and John Struyk, the 11 hockey players will play teams from four provinces. The tour will begin January 3 in Edmonton, Alberta; the team will then travel to Southern Alberta and east through Saskatchewan and Manitoba to Ontario, concluding the tour in Thunder Bay on January 15.

The tour is sponsored by the college and was originally planned for January 1978. However, for various reasons, the tour was moved up to this January. There is a possibility that the tour may become an annual event, with the team touring Eastern Canada next year. It was decided to tour Western Canada this year because most of the players are from the West.

There have been grumblings about "FR," but tour coordinator Gordo Vlieg says that the first and foremost reason for the tour is to play hockey. The team gets very little ice time during the year at Dordt as it must travel to Sioux City to play, and as yet no home games have been lined up for next semester. This tour will give the players the opportunity to really work together as a team. They will be together for one and one-half weeks, playing one or two games each day except Sunday, so they will be able to develop a strong team spirit and learn to work and live together as a team.

There is an element of public relations involved in the tour, because most of the players are very likely will never come to Sioux Center and see the college for themselves.

Spend an evening with C.S. Lewis

On January 24, Tom Key will present "An Evening with C. S. Lewis" at 8:00 p.m. in the Paske Theatre.

"An Evening with C. S. Lewis" has been presented in a number of large cities and has received rave reviews. Many people said that they felt as though they had seen and heard C. S. Lewis himself. Key, a professional actor, impersonates Lewis -- he looks and sounds like Lewis and presents portions of Lewis' books. Why did Key, a successful actor and director in New York and regional theaters, decide to go out on his own and do a one-man show on Lewis, and when the opportunity came he jumped at it?

After two months of preparation he presented the show for the first time. It was received well and soon Key quit his job at the cabaret theater and went full-time with "Lewis."

Material for the script was selected from Lewis' numerous books. The chief criteria in this selection was the entertainment value of the material -- the Christian message is there, but it is also a good evening of theater. Key was hired to do a good job as a theater artist, the message will get through.

Tickets for the 1 1/2 hour performance went on sale Dec. 4: $3.00 - center section, $2.50 - right and left orchestra, $1.50 - right and left wings and lectures.

Key will be in classs at Dordt January 23 and 24, and will give a "fireside talk" in the Sioux Center Public Library January 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Mery ponds her heart

Luke 2:19

Christmas is a time of joy, full
of... charges awaiting
them. In the front of the local
telephone directory is a diagram
which outlines the times when "disa

Somehow all this excitement
helps to forget ourselves, to
escape from our own inner thoughts, to
ride ecstatically upon the wave
of mass enthusiasm and optimism.

That, however, is not the true
Christmas. In fact, it is the way, with
all the seeming awareness and
keen interest, to miss Christ-
mas.

For Christmas is finally intensely
personal, individual, it is some-
thing between you and your God.
Oh, it does, indeed, have far reach-
ing implications for all men, the
whole world. But it begins with
each one of us, with you and your
God.

But did something on Christmas.
That marvelous thing which has
come to pass, you and I, alone,
by ourselves in prayer, in sin-
cere communication with God,
must see and ponder. We
must come to know more fully its mean-
ning for us personally, to ponder
its significance and realize its high
purpose.

That is one of the beauties of
being Mary. Mary brought the
core response to Christmas. It
was so deeply precious and person-
al to her. Luke tells us in mean-
ingful simplicity, "But Mary kept
all these things, and pondered
them in her heart."

Forensic club plans Christmas program

The Forensic Club is busy pre-
paring a Christmas program to be
presented in the SUB at 9:00 p.m.
on Sunday, Dec. 16.
The theme, centering on Christ-
mas, will be presented with oral
interpretation, Bible reading,
party. Forget about
parties, parties. Forget about

the smiles and hellos so common
to other people... searching... just

time paycheck so I can payoff my
debts here and save enough to
I'll return to Dordt where I

forever after leaving
Dordt I found myself disillusioned
with what an excellent education you

got there I can't understand why

better perspective there than any

I had ever dreamed. Right

What does this mean for America
Does it merely show that the
voters are satisfied, as some experts
say? But this seems to be rather
a blind, naive view in face of the
subtle, growing tide of Neo-Man-

Or at least, I've not been that
bad of an editor. I'd like to take this opportunity
to Dordt's Diamond for this special thank-

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than most of you realized. Right
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yourself what you're doing at Dordt.

When I look at my schedule, I realize
I should show you and give you some
advice. Here's what I'm planning to
do during this time and why I think you
should do the same.

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Dear Editor:

After reading the letters in the November 16 edition of the Diamond, I began to see why some people on campus doubt the credibility of the Diamond. The letters by Rev. Kobes and Dr. Vander Schaaf appear to point out that perhaps members of the Diamond staff have not always done their homework. The credibility of the paper is further undermined by the editor’s response to Dr. Vander Schaaf’s letter.

Doesn’t the writer of a story have a responsibility to his readers to determine the reliability of his sources? Is it reasonable to use sources of unverified reliability? Furthermore, I am confused as to which Calvin students refer to their college as “the most difficult college in the U.S.” In my conversations with friends and relatives who are Calvin students and alumni I have never been led to believe that Calvin is “the most difficult college in the U.S.” Like the writer of the article about Calvin, I too have had the opportunity to spend time speaking with a number of Calvin students however none were aware that Calvin is “sixth most difficult college.” I hope that future articles in the Diamond will indicate that the writer has done his homework. Hopefully in this way the credibility of the paper will be improved and result in an increase of respect for the paper on the part of the entire Dordt community.

Sincerely,

R. L. Haan

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a “newswheel” printed in the Nov. 2, 1978 issue of the Diamond—the newswheel on the forensic tournament.

The way the article presented who went to the tournament and what the results were, disturbed me. If our “Christian duty is to promote unity rather than division” (according to the editorial, same issue), then why was there no mention of the other five members who also participated? These students worked last on their speeches, and they deserve mention even if they did not qualify for semi-finals. Going to a tournament is something—precious to us all. At these tournaments we must support each other—all the way—and I appreciate the support that we received in those tournaments.

Indeed, this is the way the article presented the ability of the paper will be improved. Hopefully in this way the credibility of the paper will be improved and result in an increase of respect for the paper on the part of the entire Dordt community.

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Dordt band tours Midwest

The 70-member Concert Band of Dordt will again be going on tour this year during the winter break. Beginning on January 19 in Minneapolis, the one-week tour for the group will include concerts at Minnehaha Academy, Warner, WI, Prinsburg, MN, Pella, IA, Palton, IL, Cedar Falls, IA, and finally, Dordt College, January 17. One concert will be performed each evening except Sunday, January 14.

These last weeks of practice will be intense for the band and its director, Gerald Bouma, associate professor of music.

The repertoire includes many varied styles of music from slow and soft pieces to overtures and marches. As a representative Dordt group, the band strives to perform at its best level for each concert. The glory and praise is always directed toward God, as He blesses the talent and work. The home concert at Dordt on the first day of 2nd semester classes, after the culmination of the work and improvements of tour, will be recorded for the Concert Band’s 1979 record album.
A Christian Union in Labour's Wasteland...

By John Hiemstra

The Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC), the sponsor of the book, is attempting to apply the Biblical principles of man as image bearer, equality before God, stewardship of creation, and close association, they learn from each other. Back each other up, and also share in a community of Dordt’s community. Working in close cooperation with the Sioux Center community as a whole, and with the community. From their close association, they learn from each other, and share in the community.

The campus police played an important part in the building of Dordt’s community. Westra summed his job concisely: "Our goal," he says, "is to represent the college as a whole, and to let students know that a college like Dordt exists."

Mike and Rox recently returned from extensive recruiting trips. Logistically, closely, they are travelling together. However, they are good friends and realize they have a job to do and respect you for it, and then the kid doesn’t bother you," Pynnaard says. A Sophomore, Pynnaard composes the fifth and more recent member of the security squad. Pynnaard was surprised by the amount of work the campus police really do, when he first started working. "At the start, I didn’t know what to do. But, eventually your job this year, since he lives off-campus..."

When the kids don’t know you as a person," states Westra, "they are a sort of social badge, not a weapon. The social aspect can cause for inter-connections that make the job more difficult."

Mike and Rox are doing a good job of making more people aware of Dordt as they are also sharing the name of the CLAC. Harry Antonides shows..."Can Canada Tolerate the CLAC?" by Bob Goudzwaard. In "Ideas Have Legs" Al Wolters shows how the church can...spread, and infiltrate our daily lives. Biblical ideas must be made concrete in the forms of everyday work..."

A humanistic society sets limits to religious practice in the secular world. An economic order freed from greed and restored to stewardship..."
Today, your dollar is worth...

By John Peter
with Evert Vander Heide, Instructor of economics

The U. S. dollar drops on the world market! The Canadian dollar stands at a low 84¢ versus the U. S. dollar. What does "U. S. dollar drops on world market", or "Canadian dollar stands at low" mean? Ma-

American) dollars rise and fall and out of why our (Canadian and American) dollars rise and fall (mostly fall). What causes one nation's currency to be worth more than another's? Why are some currencies going up and other currencies going down?

We will begin by asking what the exchange rate is. Why do you have so many U. S. dol-

lars exchanged for so many Cana-
daian, German, or Canadian dol-
rars, or Japanese yen? Basi-

cally it is just the supply and de-

mand of these currencies, compared to others? What is the price (value) of the dollar? For example, the price of the dollar is 84¢ when it buys 84¢ worth of anything.

We will look at the supply and demand of currencies. In the case of the Canadian dollar or German mark, the supply of the Canadian dollar is the amount of Canadian dollars in circulation. The demand for the Canadian dollar is the amount of Canadian dollars that are needed to buy goods and services.

The next question then follows: what determines the exchange rate or the differing values of currencies, compared to others? We look again at supply and de-

mand. There are certain rules according to Vander Heide, "Con-
derations all affect the balance of payments to cause a de-

cline in the dollar (Canadian, or American)." As our prices go up, there is going to be less de-

mand for our products from oth-

er nations. Added to that, if the prices in our country are lower, we will demand more of their products (more imports) because of the lower price of their products.

As increases in the incomes of a nation will also affect the bal-

cance of payments. If our in-

comes are increasing we will likely demand more of other na-

tions' goods (again, more im-

ports), which will increase the supply of an object (or in other words, the higher demand), the lower price will be.

The first of these to affect she-

economic situation is infla-

tion. If interest rates in the U. S. (or Canada) can be forced up, hopefully, some of the people (with funds) in other countries are going to buy dollars and in-

vest in our country. This increases the value of the dollar (Canada or U. S.), because there is more of a demand to buy se-

curities and other investments which have a higher interest rate. A final influence on the value of a nation's currency is ex-

pections, or speculation in the market. If for instance, people think that the economy of a cer-

tain nation will go bad, and they expect the exchange rate to go down, they will try to sell the currency of that nation. This will increase the supply and les-

sen the demand of that nation's currency, resulting in a lower value for that nation's currency. In this case it is simply the ex-

pectations themselves which bring about the devaluation.

So we see that prices and in-

flations, incomes at home and abroad, interest rates, and ex-

pectations all affect the balance of payments of any nation. We have also seen that the state of affairs of the balance of pay-

ments, whether a nation has more imports than exports, or vice versa -- has a big effect on the value of a nation's currency.
**Column News**

**The Student Forum Committee is really digging into the interests of the students. I know the game is to keep Dordt students happy by giving them what they want in the right direction and keeping them informed about the progress of events as they happen on campus and the surrounding community. The committee does just that.**

They have provided a telephone for both on and off campus students, in the Library. This allows the students the option to make phone calls without bothering the Librarians or their helpers.

A proposal was passed by the committee to have regular curfew Monday through Thursday, but drop curfews on the weekend. Now that proposal goes on to a higher committee where it will be either approved or "killed."

The committee has a ballot on the floor concerning discipline. Many of the students, as well as some members of the community, think that discipline should be tightened. Some students have even threatened to pend from college because of a few mistakes or because a few rules have been broken. Instead, he should be punished by being marked absent from classes, which would hurt his recommendation later on. Or, don't allow the person to leave campus in the non-curfew weekend, and if he does, fine him.

Student Forum meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the North-west commons. Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings is welcome to do so.

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**In defense of womanhood**

Quite often, especially around Dordt, we hear a certain girl's plan of study referred to as "going for her M.A.S. degree." The majority of the student body, in theory at least, would pull up their nose at such a limited vision. I've often been curious exactly how this desire is created in the minds of some girls.

In junior high, when girls first begin to date, the chaff is quickly separated from the wheat. The prettiest girls are the ones who go out the most often and are especially admired and considered to be competitive leaders of the class. The "average-looking" girls attempt to model their appearance and behaviour after the radio, followed by their mother's reaction and opinion to the opinions of us all. No doubt there will be criticism regarding their ability to choose the right persons and objections to our opinions, but they are all part of our interaction. It is hard to help all girls to help to direct their thinking. Many of us know we are able to "get our act together" while being here at Dordt College.

**Columns**

**“Inklings” of things to come**

"Repent...The end draweth nigh!" That's the way most of us probably feel at this point of the semester. I know I do. I often take time out from my studies and wonder what on earth I'm doing here at Dordt College. Since I've never attended a Calvinist institution, I wonder why I'm doing here at Dordt. Why did I ever decide to transfer from a highly academic university in Southern Ontario to a small Liberal arts college in midwestern America? I'm sure that the only reason I signed up being "to get my act together" (or at least words to that effect), but I sometimes reflect a little longer and try to figure out exactly what I mean by that cliché.

Dordt offers a unique reformed Christian environment in which I can reflect on any problems and knowing that others share my growing pains. However, I've found that some of my struggles are not encountered by many other people. Since I've never attended a Calvinist institution, like Dordt before, I probably see something a little different in the people I look at, as they look by someone who has spent their entire life in a Christian secular environment.

Hopefully, this difference will lead to a dialogue beneficial to all.
**Roadrunners defeated by Blades**

By Rich Kok

Last weekend the Thunder Bay Roadrunners of Thunder Bay, Ontario visited Dordt for a two game hockey series against the Blades. The Roadrunners, coming off a snowy 10-1/2 hr. journey from Thunder Bay Friday, suffered a 6-0 shellacking by Dordt that same night.

Stan Schalk registered his first shut-out of the hockey season while Rich Riemersma and Rick Kok netted two goals each in the victory. Colin Semmekker and Brian Doornenbal also tallied individual goals. Saturday morning was a different story for the Blades. The Blades squeaked by Thunder Bay 6-5 in the early morning game (7 a.m.). Al Brandsma started in the nets for Dordt but was replaced midway through the second period by Stan Schalk. Rich Riemersma and Colin Semmekker collected a pair of goals while defencemen Andy Straatsma and John Hnitsing tallied single goals.

On Tuesday, November 28, Dordt suffered a stinging 10-0 defeat to the Iowa State University Cyclones' at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa. The Blades played well in check with the ISU speedsters but could not muster an effective attack. The Cyclones skated well, backchecking and forechecking effectively in Senneker collected a pair of goals while defensemen Andy Straatsma and John Hnitsing tallied single goals.

On behalf of the Dordt Blades we wish you, students and faculty, a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Blades Individual Scoring Race**

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- GP - Games Played
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**Defenders lose to Bueno Vista**

by Bruce Hilma

Tuesday night Bueno Vista College hosted Dordt College in a basketball fracaso at Storm Lake, Iowa. The visiting Defenders stumbled and bumbled their way through the first half, giving the B.V. Bears an early Christmas present with a 10-point half-time lead, 47-37.

Coach Vander Berg’s locker-room comments must have fallen on someones besides deaf ears, for in the second half the Defenders mounted a valiant comeback, until they had knotted the score with two minutes to play. But they didn’t stop there; they continued their intensity until they were up by four with 60 ticks on the clock remaining. Calling for the 4-corner delay offense, Coach Vander Berg smelled the aroma of victory. All the Defenders had to do was keep the ball and...
Students present recitals

On Monday, December 11 at 8 p.m., Kathy Sanderse and Julie Folkerts will present a joint organ recital in the chapel room of the new campus center. Kathy will perform on the pipe organ and Julie on the French horn. Kathy's selection includes "Inesse Oye, 29.1" by Chopin, and "Assiacaglia" by Copland. Julie's selections include "Horn Concerto No. 2 in D" by Haydn, and "Sonatina" by Von Kleseler. Bev Van Gelder accompanies Julie. The recital is free and open to the public.

Messiah sing planned

The idea of the Messiah sing was conceived since several people have expressed interest in singing the oratorio in the area this year. This type of sing has proved successful in other communities. Clarence Doornbos, director of the First CRC choir and Assistant Professor of Music at Dordt College, will conduct the sing. Miss Joyce Beck and a Negro spiritual group is also included. The four corners Al Brandsma Colin Senneker is accompanied by Van Gelder on the piano. The audience is asked to "fit" every song on your list. Bibles, hymnbooks and more. Stop by the Travel Center. This year's gift is "20 Christmas Evening selec-
tions include "Horn Concerto No. 1," "L'heure bleue" (Khayyam) and "Ya Got Trouble" by Meredith Wilson.

Choral plans concert

Dordt College choir plans to present a Messiah Concert Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m., in the gymnasium. The group is directed by Dale Grotenhuis, professor of music, and is accompanied by Rachael Kooi. The concert will open with "A Song of Merry Christmas" by Mozart. The four sections--soprano, alto, tenor, and bass--will include "Every Valley" by John Nees Beck and a Negro spiritual, "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy." Kathy will perform on the piano and Julie on the French horn.

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news brief

Aproximately 35 senior pictures have been turned in to the Signet office to date. The Signet office once again asks all seniors to turn in their senior pictures. For the sake of continuity, the Signet is extending the deadline to Wednesday, January 17, 1979, the day classes resume, if all senior pictures are not turned in by that date, mug shots will be used for all seniors. Your co-operation is asked for. Please help us to get your yearbook on time!

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