Green on Earth
Tonight at Party

The Christmas Party, night at 6:00 pm, features the Dordt Reader's Theatre group in their production of "Green on Earth," a multi-media presentation created by bolam Productions. The production, taken from December, 1970, issue of Credo, follows a pattern similar to Shaarey Beth El's presentation, "Earth." A multi-media "Switched-on Bach," the Columbia Records album, is sung, as recorded by CBS, includes three vocal solos for the Fine Arts Festival next spring. Since Calvin's Art Department Head, Dr. Boeve, is coming to Dordt in February for a two day workshop in art, Mrs. Alberda would like a specific group organized on campus for Dr. Boeve to work with. She hopes the workshop and the Art Club other activities will help students find their special interests. Art posters are up in the dorms, Student Union and Art Room for any interested students to sign. The first meeting will be held right after Christmas vacation, to officially organize the new club. Watch for more information.

Memorial Gift Purchases

Color TV

The new color TV in the Student Union Coffee Shop was purchased with money from the memorial fund established for Jackson DeJongh, Dordt student who was killed in an auto accident last year. The memorial collection held after the Memorial Service. The other half was donated by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton De Jongh of Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was the parents' wish that a color TV be purchased for students with the memorial gift money.

Several Dordt students and the Dordt Chorale Choir will join with the Sioux County Chorale Society and the Sioux Center Area Symphony orchestra in the performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 12, at 3:15 pm in the Dordt Gymnasium-Auditorium. The Messiah concert has become an annual event in Sioux County, and according to Mr. Gary Warmink, Dordt Chorale director, and director of the Messiah presentation, the symphony orchestra and the 200 voice choir has been practicing since October in preparation. Warmink stated that the concert will emphasize the Nativity section of the oratorio, including many of the well-known selections. Vocal soloists for the performance include Mrs. Margery Stetson, alto, from Northwestern College; Mr. Wayne Mitchell, bass, from Westmar College; and Jim Peterson, tenor, from Dordt. The symphony will accompany the choir during the concert, attired in small ensembles, attires in full orchestra. Organ will supplement the accompaniment.

The Sioux Center Area Symphony is composed of sixty people from the Sioux Center area and Dordt College. The group, including pre-teen to mid-50s instrumentalists, meets every Monday to practice together. Warmink directs the orchestra, assisted by Mr. Gary Vander Hart as concertmaster. Eight Dordt students are included in the string section and "a large number of the instrumentalists other than strings are Dordt students," according to Mr. Warmink. A concert by the symphony has been scheduled for April 19. A free-will offering will be taken at the Messiah performance.
Christmas Is Not an Idyll

Pagan accretions and worldly associations have so dimmed the light that shone in Bethlehem's stable that people today no longer look upon Christmas as having anything to do with the real world. Christmas often fails to speak to us because we have made it pretty, soft, and tinsel-y. Not that I see any reason why we should not do at a deep-down level only if we see it for what it was before that we have got to the place where we belong, the real world, the adult world when we pack up the tinsel, the holly and the Christmas tree; back to the boardroom, perhaps with only a cat for company. But what is the real life of the twentieth century with its overpowerful bureaucracies, its alienation and frustration, inflations, wars, and wage freezes. Yet the first Christmas was anything but idyllic nor was it even intended by God to be such an idyll. The child we've remembered is the Nativity of the last of all he was shoved out of this world, dying on a gallows, the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He understands how the real world feels, what we should do or not do over some "intercom System". He came here himself. He understood how the real world feels, understood us and me. God looking for us. God saving us. "That is the real message of Christmas-tide. God waiting for each of us to at least double our rate and improve our comprehension through a properly administered Rapid Reading course (English students note: the pre-reading is a rhetorical question i.e. one which does not seek information). It is simply a device used to emphasize a point or draw attention to it in a special way. We shall realize that we have got to the place where we belong, the real world, the adult world when we pack up the tinsel, the holly and the Christmas tree; back to the boardroom, perhaps with only a cat for company. But what is the real life of the twentieth century with its overpowerful bureaucracies, its alienation and frustration, inflations, wars, and wage freezes.

The True Message of Christmas

What then is the true message of Christmas? That Christ came where we are. He did not shout down instructions about what we should do or not do over some 'Intercom System'. He gave us no counselor of perfection which we could never keep. He came and lived where we are now, learning with us and teaching us about the real life of the twentieth century with its overpowerful bureaucracies, its alienation and frustration, inflations, wars, and wage freezes. The True Message of Christmas is that the true message of Christmas is the message of the Nativity of the first Christmas that first night on which the Savior of the world was born in Bethlehem.

Read This-Fast!

To our harried editor and busy fellow students: We have just been taking a break from our academic endeavors in order to solve the problems of the world a quick-a-minute. It is ever, in order for us to solve the problems adequately, we must be informed. Question #1: How can David and Larry become.readers? Answer: By listening, perceiving, and reading. All of us take time. Our time. God's time. Rush for "firstblood" and try to be "first" in everything? That is not the way we're trying to make it; this mostly read no faster now than we did in the sixth grade!!! Leave it to the 300 words per minute, with only fair comprehension.

Question #3: Are we making the best use of our God-given time? When we read a popular novel, do we catch up on "the latest news" of each of us to at least double our rate and improve our comprehension through a properly administered Rapid Reading course (English students note: the pre-reading is a rhetorical question i.e. one which does not seek information). It is simply a device used to emphasize a point or draw attention to it in a special way. We shall realize that we have got to the place where we belong, the real world, the adult world when we pack up the tinsel, the holly and the Christmas tree; back to the boardroom, perhaps with only a cat for company. But what is the real life of the twentieth century with its overpowerful bureaucracies, its alienation and frustration, inflations, wars, and wage freezes.

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While speaking to a Republican activist audience November 6, 1971, Senator Jack Miller, Republican from Iowa, extolled the virtues of the Republican party. To enchant the atmosphere party placards were displayed, speeches were given, songs were sung, and elephants climbed the tables. After recognition of faithful party members by the local chairman, the Iowa Republican, he gave his "Washington Newsletter." The difference in wealth with reasons by young Americans should vote for the Republican party. This was followed by a short resume of the offensive weapons the Republican party must use to win a smashing victory in 1972. Senator Mil- ler stated that if newly enfranchised voters cast their ballots for the Democratic party, it will be the cause of the young people having been misled by the media. Because Republicans must have the sure result that the Republican party will have failed to make the true facts known to the voters.

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Shalom Productions hammered out their message with the variety, excitement, and even noise of a multi-media production. The program, and how students can become involved, will be three meetings: starting Friday afternoon and finishing Saturday morning.

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Briar Cliff

Sisters Discuss

Shakespeare

Shakespeare classes were the subject of discussion at a meeting held in the West Commons on Tuesday, December 7. Sister Mary Lenz, Shakespeare teacher at Briar Cliff College, Sister Loyola, another English faculty member, and Sister Hilda, Sister Briar Cliff senior met with members of Mr. Koldenboer, the English class, and other interested students to explore the philosophical backgrounds of Shakespeare. Those involved in the discussion noted that Shakespeare had captured that totally human experience as the reason for his relevance today.

The Dordt students and faculty attending recognized the conflict with the Roman Catholic view lies in the fact that they feel that God is sovereign in control of everything, but that man's reason determines many situations, contrary to the concept that God is sovereign and in control of everything.

All those attending recognized that there are special differences, discussion of literary works is possible, and, in fact an important educational process is recognition of different viewpoints.

In the context of Shakespearean drama, the group discussed questions of revenge, nature-grace conflicts, salvation patterns, and the divine right of Kings.

The group dispersed after a final resolution that writing new hymns in the silence which Shakespeare captured that totally human experience.

SC Passes Resolution

A Student Council resolution concerning the slaughter of Pakistanis has been passed, unanimously at the December 8 council meeting. The resolution which rose out of the concern of Council members reads as follows:

Because of the slaughter and torture of God's creatures in West Pakistan, East Pakistan, and India, and because of the impending danger of full scale war and further suffering and death in these countries, we urge the students and faculty of Dordt College to:
1) remain or become aware of current developments in the countries,
2) pray for peace and relief for the destitute,
3) give geneous alms (sacrifices if need be) to efforts underway to relieve the condition of over ten million refugees in India,
4) write their Congressman, Senator Fritz.

Issac Nixon to musters U.S., re sources both to relieve the plight of the suffering and to make a statement of commitment to the people of the West Paki stan-East Pakistan, and the Pakistan-India conflict.

Then ask some other ones. One thing is certain: Either the students or the faculty will support this position and will give a united effort to bring our voices together by the over-arching institution, Dordt College whenever they appear public.

The bottle of Dordtism is a dangerous hack. In fact, it's better to poison our conscience than to let the contents of our bottle become public. We should hang on an innocent-seeming bottle at our disposal, let it become Athena the other bottle, and let the other people use their bottles. Can we see the bottle? Or is acid already blinding our eyes?
And They Were Not Ashamed

or something you always knew about sex

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; Male and female created he them ... And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from the man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."  

Genesis

Male and female. The words are enough to make you laugh and cry at the same time. What could be more beautiful than the difference between male and female; what could be more meaningful than the triangular relationship between God and two of his creatures who can stand unashamed before his face, so meaningful that it makes you want to laugh in joy at the goodness of creation! Yet what can make you more sad than to see this same male and female, clothed in sin, shamefully hiding behind a skirt of fig leaves, Flesh of flesh, bone of bone, created in the image of God—wallowing in the mud of Eden!

Today, thousands of years later, fig leaves still reveal the shame of sin in man's walk before God. Male and female relationships have become four-letter words in modern vocabulary; the goodness of creation has been reduced to "moralties" where societal mores have replaced God as the creator of goodness and decency. In an article entitled "The Future of Marriage" (Playboy, August 1971), Morton Hunt stated, "Sexual sharing is an area too sacred to be considered without a moral framework; it is designed as a refuge from boredom and solves the problem of infidelity, or seeks it, by declaring extramarital experiences acceptable" (p. 170).

Friendship

Of all human relationships, friendship has been the most misunderstood since the exit from Paradise. With the invasion of Satan into the fabric of humanity, God's Word for friendship has been devalued with the tarnish of shame. In our sex-centered society we cannot touch each other, cry together, kiss or show affection without running the risk of perverted labeling: a man and a woman are homosexuals; a man and a woman are having an affair. A full, meaningful, complete friendship such as that of David and Jonathan is revolting to decent, respectable people of our Western culture.

"Jonathan pledged himself fresh to David because of his love for him, for he loved him as himself. I know that as long as I live you will show me faithful, friendship, as the Lord requires; and if I should die, you will continue loyal to my family forever, therefore, they kissed one another and shed tears together, until David's grief was even greater than Jonathan's ... we have 'pledged each other in the love of the Lord' who is witness forever between you and me and between my descendants and yours." (1 Samuel 20)

Without the Law of the Word, friendship bounces from old morality to new morality, from inauthenticity to frustration. Under the laws of both moralities, any relationship that goes deeper than social comradeship is considered physical or biotic. Outside of courtship, true expression of faith between friends has sexual connotations. The new morality reacts with open acceptance of homosexuality, lesbianism, and infidelity; the old morality clings to respectability by covering any deep relationship outside of marriage with shame and dishonor.

Today, if friendship wishes to wear the cloak of decency it must conform to the level of "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Brotherly concern for neighbors, and acquaintances is a sign of friendship. Friendship is not the special gift of God any longer because one must be friends with everybody in the community. Because love has been reduced to a pursuit of the flesh, the cool uniformity of social companionship is the only safe means of having friendship.

If we have a vision of creation as a world where God's Law speaks for every created structure, we need only look to the Word to find God's design for friendship: Proverbs 18:24 says, "Some companions are good only for idle talk, but a friend may stick closer than a brother." Not all comradeship is friendship. Taking roots in a special feeling of congeniality between two social acquaintances, friendship grows to maturity by the strength of mutual confidence and trust. Friendship is a carefully selected plant that needs reciprocal care.

The love in friendship is different than the love between marriage partners. True physical fulfillment can only be found inside the creation structure; marriage when a hetero-sexual friendship encompasses total love in a "cut level" completion. Friendship in its Christ-redem form cannot involve the physical expression of married love; yet, friends can and should love each other.
Courtship and Marriage

other in faith, freely appreciating one another as image bearers of Christ. Marriage, then, should not be regarded as the only institution that can lead to full Christian fellowship. If we follow the road the Lord has made and mapped for friendship, we can interrupt the frantic bounce from the old morality to the new morality. In friendship there is no old or new, no shame and no pursuit of the flesh. Even in our sex-mad society, it is still possible to stand shoulder to shoulder as friends. Friendship, rooted in the Word, is beautiful! With that light to direct us, we as a Christian community, can lead the way out of the dungeon of misguided confusion that friendship has become.

As friendship has been marred with the curse of apostate sin, so also courtship and marriage have fallen victim. In an age where marriage is regarded as a "license" for the old morality and the "legal" for the new morality, courtship has deteriorated to the extent that it is viewed as the experimental stage. According to Morton Hunt in Playboy once again, the future of marriage is one where "There will be wider and freer variations in marital styles...we are a pluralistic nation, growing more tolerant of diversity all the time--but throughout all the styles of marriage in the future will run a predominant motif that has been implicit in the evolution of marriage for a century and a quarter and that will finally come to a full flowering in a generation or so. In short, the marriage of the future will be a hetero-sexual friendship, free and unconstrained union of a man and a woman who are companions, partners, comrades and sexual lovers" (p. 175).

Morton Hunt correct in viewing marriage as a glorified friendship with a little sexual intercourse thrown in? What then is a Christ-redemed marriage?

Of all personal relationships, the marriage relationship is the deepest since it involves the total surrender of one man to one woman to each other at all levels--this is the "one flesh" which in fact constitutes marriage. This is where marriage reaches a higher personal peak than friendship; for as Dr. James Olthuis outlined in his lecture series, "Toward A More Biblical Life Style," "Marriage is an exclusive, life-long troth community based on physical intercourse where troth (fidelity, reliability, trust, devotion, counting on) is the key." Although based on sexual intercourse, troth, not sexual intercourse, is the key to marriage. In essence then, marriage deems a total "gut level" fulfillment in every aspect of a relationship while friendship stops at the physical, finding fulfillment at a lower level.

But here is where modern society has gone astray. Sexual intercourse has been separated from the companionship relation and has lost all its meaning. The popularity of such hedonist magazines as Playboy and perversion books as Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex only bears witness to this shameful fact. True, both seem to sense that somehow intercourse works better in the context of love, but even their concept of love has been drastically limited. As Reuben says, "It is obvious that men bring so the designed by their Creator to co-pulate, so why not develop our potential!" On the other hand, orthodox decent people shun even any discussion on such not-talked-about dirty subjects as sex or (!!!) sexual intercourse. Unfortunately, what we fail to realize is that sexual intercourse is the supreme expression of love for a man and wife; through the intrinsic beauty of love-making culminated in physical intercourse, the Creator reveals his goodness in creation. The difference between male and female while becoming one flesh in the sex act is itself a thing unthinkable beauty, yet, without love, intercourse itself is devoid of any meaning!

Can a couple in love enjoy sexual intercourse before marriage? If they do, says Canon Bryan Green in his lectures on "Basis for Sexual Morality," "they bring all into their loving... Sexual intercourse should wait for marriage and should not be outside marriage, because it cannot be as fully personal as it possible for it to be except within marriage; and, therefore, it complete and full experience of erotic activity should wait for the personal relationship that is as full and as personal as it possibly can be. "For, as Green upholds, the first purpose of marriage is for companionship and completion--completion in the sense the two become one.

Courtship, therefore, with its goal in marriage, is the development of a relationship in which both partners endeavor to total companionship with each other. Courtship is referred to as "betrothal" where troth (fidelity, reliability, trust, devotion, counting on) is the key. Here both partners grow into a troth relationship that fully leads to completion (in marriage).

When, then is a couple married, if the emphasis is on companionship (troth is the key)? On their wedding day? Since a full, meaningful "troth" relationship does not develop overnight, so also marriage is not an immediate happening. It is not un-married one day and married the next in the true context of marriage. It is not a legal institution where the state the church institute pronounces it--they acknowledge it! Engagement is referred to as "betrothal" where troth is recognized a basis for the relationship. A man and a woman pledge troth to each other at engagement--they can count on one another as on God in a beautiful triangular relationship which is marriage. In a sense, then, marriage begins with engagement but as yet is incomplete because it is unacknowledged. To each other to God, yes, but not to the community, the church as a body. As are all part of this body as individuals, so God demands that are acknowledged in our male-female bi-unity within the body. Thus, after acknowledgement of the troth relationship of marriage, the bi-unity of husband and wife is consummated in sexual intercourse which becomes the basis for the marriage (but not in the context of troth).

Marriage, though, is not an end in itself, it is a relationsh That must be worked at day to day. With marriage comes the of a life together, the struggles and the hardships in a walk before God. And with marriage, a family.
on Patmos, the apostle John was granted a breathtaking view of heaven. The choirs sang, "Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

The Word lends no view of a material world that is sinful and a spiritual world that is sacred. The body is not an evil encumbrance to the soul. Created by God for his pleasure, man is a religious sexual being in every aspect of his life. His household relationships of marriage and family are intimate spheres by God to keep him from being lonely.

Adam received Eve, created from one of his ribs, he composed the first marriage poem: "This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man." In togetherness of love, without any barriers, the first couple became "one flesh" while retaining the uniqueness of their personalities. Because of sin, those who by God's will were intended to live as partners became rivals instead.

Leaves of shame have engaged every human being, since Adam and Eve. The beauty of marital happiness can only be reclaimed in a sincere, believing return to the Word. Revolution and disintegration as answers are crumbling myth.

God stands forever— in friendship, marriage, and the family.

Struggling in Awe

In conclusion, we as a male and a female walking before the face of the Lord, have attempted to share what we believe are Biblically-based insights on a subject not readily discussed in our community. We realize that what we have written is very insufficient—how can one adequately do justice to an aspect of creation that is so normatively beautiful that it defies description? Even in our endeavours to re-portray the beauty of unashamed sexuality in male and female, we struggled in awe of the inherent goodness of creation. We feel as a Christian community it is our responsibility to reveal to the world the true meaningful perspective of the Biblical view of friendship, marriage and family to a society that is so sex-oriented it is indeed wallowing in the mud of Eden. God demands that we who are reconciled in Christ stand "naked and unashamed" in our walk before Him, so that what we knew from the beginning becomes a reality in our lives again.

by Janet Vlieg and Henry Knoop
Only Enough for One Day

by Bryce Bandstra

Here we are again, getting ready for Christmas. We haul the nativity scene from the closet and dust it off, flash out greetings with multicolored lights (someone should invent lights that flash Merry Christmas in Morse Code), burden the post office with our mail, listen to carols on the radio, begin to think more about others, begin to read Luke two more often. Sometimes it is easy to think that the whole world is becoming infected with the 'Christmas Spirit.'

However, no good Jew would ever think of celebrating Christmas. He is quietly celebrating his own holiday, Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. It is a minor holiday. He does not refrain from working. Yet the holiday is significant.

What exactly is Hanukkah? The name itself means Dedication. To the non-Jew it appears to be some sort of Jewish Christmas celebrated as a sequel to our Christmas, but actually the holiday started way back in 164 BC with the War of the Macabees. Syria had been oppressing the Jews and Judas Maccabaeus led a revolt against them and finally drove them out. Then he set a day starting on the 25th of Kislev (December on our calendar), exactly one year after it had been disregarded. The story can be found in 1 Maccabees 1:4. The Talmud says that when the temple lamp was relighted, there was only enough oil for one day. But through a miracle the lamp burned for eight days, a sign of strength of the Jews. Today Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and a nine-branched candleabrum (the Menorah) is used. Every night a candle is lit until the total reaches eight, signifying the miracle. One candle is used to light the others. A hymn is then sung and a special card game is played. Today the day is often over-emphasized and so resembles Christmas. Why should a Christian be concerned with a Jewish holiday? Maybe the ritual of Hanukkah is not significant to us, but its sage is. Winter is a time of solemn desolation and so the Christian should also stop and strengthen himself prayer rather than with candles.

Back to Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis to see "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "The Diary of a Scoundrel". Six of us. Now, I confess that this time I saw Minneapolis in a different light, besides the plays we gave audience to the University of Minne For the sake of those who love or live in Minneapolis, I take the opportunity to humbly acknowledge my biased report in an earlier version of the Diamond and hope they accept this article with the understanding that I have seen the error of my ways and also seen the unfinished beauty of a city that has the smudge of filth on Hennepin.

But back to the theatre. As soon as we arrived in the CITY, we found Guthrie and found ourselves surrounded by thousand teeny-bopping high schoolers. This performance of Cyrano de Bergerac was a special matinee arranged by pop's request. What a change from the class that fills the seats during a regular evening performance. But they quieted quickly into curiosity, breathlessly taking in the enormous stage. De Gyulche, a familiar character to us (because of our analytical interest) than the director of the play who sat in the aisle close to us, tears streaming from his face during the curtain call.

Throwing sleep and academics aside, we stayed for Ostrovsky's rendition of Gloumov, the main character of "The Diary of a Scoundrel." Guthrie's rendition of Gloumov, the main character of "The Diary of a Scoundrel."
Dordt's Most Avid Basketball Fans

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**Washing Hands in Icy Water**

by Keith Vanderzwam

A few weeks ago the hockey coaches and various faculty members had a meeting in which the future of the Dordt College intercollegiate hockey team was discussed. In a matter of an hour or two the team was no longer intercollegiate but was demoted to a club. As many of you recall, last year was the year of the big hassle. The hockey team was thrown back and forth to a point where it was outlawed to the final point where it became a varsity, intercollegiate sport. Well, being intercollegiate was more than the team had hoped for. Originally, the athletic committee had denied the team’s entry into varsity sports so now all the team wanted was to represent Dordt. As many of you recall, last year the hockey team was comprised totally of Canadian players, but this year, the six teams entered are comprised of players from various nationalities.

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The Student Council sponsored Chess Tournament attracted only six competitors. The tournament began on November 15 and was completed later that week. Third place went to Rick Krus, second to Daryl Hogeveer, and the winner was Paul Mahaffy.

**100 mi to Finish Line**

The Dordt College 100 Mile Club is almost finishing its semester of running. Danny Horstman, Dave Koning and Mark Schreur have been in the lead for a major part of the semester and still are close behind.

On Monday, November 17, the Dordt Women’s Volleyball Team travelled to Orange City to play two matches against Northwestern. The B game was very well played and a superior Dordt team emerged victorious. The Northwestern girls had a difficult time returning serves and this proved to be the deciding factor in the victory. In the A game, the match brought the girls some moments of triumph and some disappointment. The girls lost the first game but regained their confidence and a spirit in the second game which proved to be a real crowd pleaser. Dordt controlled the entire third game and won by a 15-9 score.

A survey has been made in the community and it was revealed that 75% of the people questioned were in favor of the proposal. A study was made that the nationwide attendance at ice rinks has gone up 20.4% over the past several years. "The rink can pay itself if organized properly," ice rinks are taking in more and more revenue. The rink would be funded by a bond issue (15 years; 6% with a face value of $370,000). Proceeds of the issue would be retained at the end of each year, according to the proposal.

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Thanksgiving vacation put a stop to the winning_record of the team. On December 2, the girls travelled to Le Mars to face a greatly improved Westmar team. The girls were outplayed and as a result returned home with a loss. Dordt won first game 15-12, but the scene changed in the second and third games in which Westmar took the upper hand with 15-8 and a thrilling 17-15 score.

This weekend, December 11, the team will compete in a six college round robin tournament at Le Mars. The six teams entered are Buena Vista, Mt. Marty, Northwestern, Westmar, Dordt, Northwestern and Briar Cliff. The competition appears to be noteworthy but due to the team’s record, Dordt is expected to do well.
The Dordt College Varsity basketball team has gotten off to a slow start this season. The Defenders have lost their first five games, and face Westmar this Friday hoping to reverse the trend.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Defenders lost to Dakota State College. The game was fairly even until midway through the first half, when Dakota State began to pull away. By half time the Trojans held a nine point lead 32-23.

In the second half Dordt could not overcome this margin, and the Defenders never really got close then throughout the half. The final score was Dakota State 78, Dordt 61.

Senior Co-Captain Steve Crull scored 23 points, and sophomore Ron De Groot added another 11 in the Defender effort.

Dordt lost a close game to Concordia College of St. Paul, Minn. 84-79, in one overtime. Concordia trailed most of the opening minutes of the contest, then broke loose and picked up a 4 point cushion 14-10 with 10 minutes to go in the 1st half. They increased this margin by one point and at half time went to the locker room with a 20-25 lead.

Dordt didn't waste time in getting back into the game. With only 6 minutes the Defenders pulled ahead by a bucket. They couldn't hang on to this lead; however, and fell behind again by five points with only 2 minutes left. They came back again, and with Ron De Groot's last second bucket, knotted the score 68-68.

The Dordt Varsity couldn't maintain their momentum throughout the overtime period, and came up with a 94-79 loss. Ron De Groot led all scorers with 28 points.

The evening before Central College of Pella, Iowa, dealt the Defenders another defeat. The Defenders refused throughout the first half to allow Central to gain a large edge. The score at the end of the first half was 37-37.

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