Yuletide Festivity Is Arranged

Christmas Party Set
For December 20

The traditional Dordt College Christmas Party will be held Tuesday evening, December 20. Festivities will begin at 7:30 in the Dordt College Auditorium.

All wishing to attend must have tickets. Dordt students can get their tickets by presenting their Students Activity Cards at the general office. They can also purchase tickets for guests at the general office; the price is 75c. Next Tuesday is the last day tickets will be available.

A program and refreshments comprise the evening entertainment. The sophomore student representatives under faculty direction are busily making plans. Three committees, each consisting of four members, have been appointed.

The program committee: Shirley Rienstra, Marian Kramer, Art Havens, and Jerry Vander Pol, have arranged a program of sacred and secular numbers: group singing, vocal and instrumental music, readings, and perhaps a skit. The food committee—Lily Schultz, Jan Vink, Garneth Sybesma, and Marlene Bleeke—are planning a light lunch to be served buffet style in the auditorium. The decorating committee—Ed Blankespoor, Karen Joling, Don Gesink, and Mary Hoogwerf—as yet have no definite plans to report.

The party will be semi-formal.

Chess Club Organizes

The Chess Club, with Mr. Boertje as advisor, was organized November 15. Officers elected were as follows: president, Bill Van Tol; vice president, John Rozeboom; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Veldboom.

It was decided to hold meetings the first and third Tuesday of every month (Continued on page 2)
Once again it is basketball season. The basketball teams of countless high schools and colleges across the United States are pitted against each other in seemingly unending rivalry. Sports pages have substituted pictures of short brawny football players pitted against each other in seemingly unending rivalry. Sports pages have substituted pictures of tall lanky basketball players. Dordt College also has launched itself into the basketball season. This season is particularly important for Dordt since basketball is the only organized intercollegiate sport in which it participates.

Basketball is worthy of our enthusiastic support because of its advantages to the players, student body, and the school. Often we have heard basketball justified as an extracurricular activity because it teaches teamwork and develops the co-ordination of an individual player. Although this may be an admirable ideal, often physical power is capitalized at the expense of the scholastic development. As soon as this happens, basketball is no longer an asset to the individual player. The Christian's goal in life is to honor and glorify God. Essential to this honoring and glorifying of God is the striving to develop the potential of all the God-given talents to the fullest.

Therefore, it is our duty to develop all of our talents instead of directing all our interest and time to one specific sphere. Here at Dordt, I think a proper balance has been maintained. In fact, three of our ten basketball players are also scholarship students. Basketball is also an asset to its student body. Under the enthusiastic leadership of the cheerleaders and efficient organization of the Pep Club, an unequaled school spirit has been attained. At basketball games there is a unity among students which is seldom obtained elsewhere. This unity is a result of the common goal of winning the ball game. Although a mundane goal, it nevertheless develops school spirit and a unity in the student body.

Finally, Dordt College itself benefits from a basketball team. A winning team can splash Dordt across the sports pages giving it certain prestige and recognition; furthermore, a team can also be an excellent medium for exhibiting Christian principles. The world critically and intensely watches the team of a Christian college, meanwhile setting up almost ideal criteria which it feels the team must meet. Thus, if a team is exemplary in its attitudes and actions, it can be a powerful witness for Dordt and God's cause.

This year's basketball team, then, deserves the full-hearted support of all of us.

E.B.
The Touchstone

A political idea, the left-right concept of political relationships, will be the topic of this month's Touchstone. An attack on this political idea is found in the December 3 issue of the "Saturday Review" in Kenneth K. Krogh's article, "Need: New Political Labels." Particular attention is called to the emphasis Krogh's handling of this political concept.

Krogh begins by defining this left-right concept. "This is the concept that visualizes our political world as a spectrum stretching between two polar extremes, the extreme left denoting revolutionary radicalism, and the right denoting revolutionary reactionism. The various political schools of thought are ranged in between like the colors of a spectrum according to the intensity of their respective tendencies. "This concept gives man the sense of political direction which influences his views concerning . . . laws, customs, ideals, public and private economic arrangements, class structures." This concept furnishes the framework into which we fit our ideas concerning political parties. Then the question is asked, "Does our foreign policy reflect our world of political relationships?"

In answer to this question a number of reasons for the refutal of this concept are given. First, Krogh points out that communism on the extreme left and fascism on the extreme right are not so different as the left-right concept maintains. A totalitarian state, belief that political and economic conditions change, the left-wing position of yesterday tends to become the right-wing position of today. And, too, it must be remembered that "the left wing in the United States is not merely a political idea but a cause, a human being." Krogh points out this political idea is subject to change. "As political and economic conditions change, the left-wing position of yesterday tends to become the right-wing position of today." Krogh concludes with the following statement: "Fortunately, the clues to a new concept are already at hand as a result of the accumulated knowledge of recent decades. The next forward step in political theory will be to piece these clues together in a meaningful fashion and relate them to the chaotic situation in which we now find ourselves." A.H.

The Madmen

A Candid Look at Dordt and the World

Since the Senator John F. Kennedy of a month ago is now President-elect Kennedy, I think the Republican element at Dordt will now have to admit defeat, much to my regret. However, the present election has proved again that only in America can a man with determination, intelligence, and a few million dollars be elected to the highest office in the land. Speaking of the highest office in the land, it would indeed be interesting if Mr. Kennedy's baby son, born practically in the White House, would some day find himself living in a log cabin. I wonder what Carl Sandburg's reaction would be, in spite of himself Mr. Kennedy is our president-elect; and we will have to accept that fact.

One thing that is especially noticeable about Mr. Kennedy is his raw treatment of the English language, at least as far as speaking it is concerned. In view of this I would like to present this glossary of terms to be used in understanding our new president.

bah — what lawyers are admitted to, or a place where you get a drink.
oddly — Mr. Stevenson's first name.
Cuber — Island ruled by Fidel Castro where Gillette Adjustables are not sold by your friendly neighborhood druggist.
Hah-vud — place where Mr. Kennedy went to school.
Darn — place where Mr. Kennedy did not go to school.
Linen — The vice-president elect's first name.
Jantzen — The vice-president elect's last name.
roar — uncontrolled
i-dear — something that enters your mind.
Jaw-urger — state whose capital is Atlanta.

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Note: A special thanks to Mr. Van Til for submitting much of the above material. All criticism will be forwarded to his address.

The Temper of the Times

President-elect Kennedy has chosen to lead a nation which has many problems, some of which confront Kennedy on the national level are the budget, the 5.5 million people unemployed, and the moderate recession in business. On the international level, Kennedy and his new administration are faced with the menace of Khrushchev, Castro and their communist influence, the African situation — which Kennedy regards as very important and second to none — and the question of the stability of the dollar. Biggest of all the President's problems during the early days of his Administration may be the dilemma of the dollar. There are currently 4.3 billion dollars a year deficit in the "balance of payments." This means that the United States gives out in trade or other payments more dollars than she receives back from the rest of the world. If this annual rate were to continue, the United States would quickly go "broke." The reason for the lack of "balance of payments" is that the United States is trying to do more than its share to maintain freedom. There is a predominant theme abroad to refrain from defense on the theory that the cold war is America's war and that the rest of the non-Communist world can sit back on the sidelines. Mr. Kennedy has summed up this attitude in the words "Let Uncle Sam do it!" However, Uncle Sam is no longer financially capable to do all he wants for the world. Yet, from all parts of the world, the demands are growing that the United States do even more. Another factor which caused the gold reserves to drop was a step the Eisenhower Administration took to stimulate declining domestic business activity. It was the reduction of Federal interest rates. This in turn led capital to seek short-term investments at higher interest rates in Western Europe. A more fundamental reason is that there was a noticeable transfer of capital across the Atlantic in the form of long-term investments, when there arose a fear of an American recession and that stagnation which was contrasted with booming economic conditions in Europe. To correct the dilemma of the dollar the number of dependents of United States government of foreign aid-staffs abroad are to be reduced, so that eventually, as much as one billion dollars a year could be kept from flowing to other countries. The next administration may also curtail the number of tourists abroad. The recent mission of Secretary of Treasury Robert B. Anderson and Under Secretary of (Continued on page 4)
Defenders Fight Despite Defeats

Locker Room Lowdown

Lose Opener to Westmar "B"

On Monday, November 21, the Dordt Defenders lost the first game of the season to Westmar's "B" team. Our boys got off to a good start and led, 17-10, at the end of the first quarter and then put it one more bucket before they ran stuck. Tom Den Ouden and Fred Groen, our two big men, suddenly had three fouls each and this seemed to stop our entire offense, while Westmar suddenly caught fire and outscored us, 30 points to 9, in the second quarter. This put them ahead, 40-26, at the end of the half. The Defenders, led by Jerry Ver Meer and his deadly jump shot, fought back stubbornly and started a rally in the third quarter which narrowed the gap to 10 points at one time, but were unable to get any closer after Den Ouden and Schelhaas fouled out, and Westmar's numerous free throws in the second half clinched it for them, 84-71.

Westmar B (84) Fg Ft Pf Tp
Feddersen 4-2-4 2 16
McKenzie 2 9-12 2 13
Oliphant 4 0-2 4 8
Snyder 5 5-7 4 15
Kitchenmaster 5 2-2 1 12
Flitch 4 0-0 2 8
(6 others) 6 0-2 7 2
Totals 33 18-29 22 84

Dordt (71) Fg Ft Pft Pp
Ver Meer 7 6-8 2 20
Groen 4 2-2 4 10
Schelhaas 2 5-9 5 9
Faber 2 9-0 4 4
Zylstra 1 0-0 0 2
Jansen 0 1-2 0 1
Vande Vegte 0 0-2 1 0
Charles 1 0-0 1 2
Totals 25 21-25 22 71

Lose to Estherville

On Thursday, December 1, the Dordt Defenders suffered their second defeat of the season at the hands of Estherville Junior College. In a game which was no credit to them, our boys seemed unable to do anything, on either offense or defense. Time and time again Estherville pierced our defense and got short, easy shots from less than ten feet out. On defense our boys were unable to work any plays and could not even score on a fast break. According to Coach Blankespoor, their main troubles were being out of position for rebounds, not having good floor balance, and being unable to hit from the free-throw line.

Estherville (60) Fg Ft Pft Tp
Berrischen 1 0-1 3 2
Molecck 4 2-3 2 10
Goetsch 7 3-6 2 17
Mitchell 5 1-4 5 11
Reuland 0 1-1 3 1
Eckman 1 1-1 0 3
Ross 2 4-4 2 6
Robinson 1 2-3 3 4
Claussen 0 0-1 0 0
Fahlenkamp 0 2-3 2 2
Pluth 1 0-0 1 2

Totals 22 16-25 23 60

Lose to Emmetsburg

On Monday, December 5, we played Emmetsburg Junior College for our third game of the season. Although they outscored us, the Defenders played a much better game than they did against Estherville. The game was close all the way, and Emmetsburg never led by more than three buckets until the final two minutes of the game. The final score was 65-56.

Emmetsburg (55) Fg Ft Pft Tp
Schall 6 2-3 5 14
Smith 1 4-8 4 6
Yocum 4 1-7 4 9
Haunstein 6 0-1 4 12
Twalt 5 8-15 4 18
Shirley 0 4-7 3 4
Carter 0 2-2 1 2
Totals 22 21-43 25 65

Dordt (56) Fg Ft Pft Tp
Den Ouden 4 5-8 5 13
Ver Meer 8 6-10 5 22
Groen 2 0-0 3 4
Schelhaas 2 3-4 4 7
Faber 6 1-5 5 15
Zylstra 0 3-6 4 3
Jansen 0 1-4 1 1
Charles 0 0-0 1 0
Totals 18 20-35 30 56

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State Douglas Dillon to West Germany was to make the West Germans assume more of the defense load the dollar has carried. Our government is demanding that our allies pay more for their own defense costs and rely less on the United States.

When one discusses the dilemma of the dollar, I think it is important to remember that a marked lack of confidence has been an underlying cause for this discussion. With a resurgence of our national economy, confidence in the dollar would revive, investment capital would return, and the threat to our gold reserves would be averted. A Special Worldwide Report, based on talks with scores of international bankers and government officials, reaches this conclusion: "The only thing Americans have to fear about the dollar is the fear itself."

G.K.