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Dordt Hosts Northwestern Raiders

1959-1960 BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row: Ted Charles, Claude Zylstra, Don Meyerink, Syne Altena, Clarence Fransman.


Students Attend Concert

Monday night, November 9, many students and faculty members of Dordt went to Orange City to attend the first concert of the concert series. This concert was presented by Margaret Barthel, a concert pianist. Many of us especially enjoyed “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desire.” In this song the melody sang like a choir. In “Rondo a Capriccio” or “Rage Over a Lost Penny” many of us perhaps felt that we were like Beethoven in at least one respect, at least many many college students can’t afford to lose too many pennies. “Rondo Capriccioso” brought back memories of a Fine Arts Program of last year to some of us sophomores. After such a fine beginning to the Concert Series, none of us will want to miss any of the concerts.

Game Begins at 7:30

The Dordt Defenders open their 1959-60 basketball season Thursday night, November 19, by playing host to the Red Raiders from Northwestern.

Dordt’s team has three returning lettermen from last year. These include Syne Altena, Jim Verbrugge, and Clarence Fransman. They form the nucleus of the team. Syne Altena, a resident of Sioux Center, will fill a guard spot. Jim Verbrugge, a forward is expected to carry a full load this year as a forward. Jim finished strong last year in the state tournament which was held at Webster City. Clarence Fransman was a reserve last year and will see much action this year.

The freshmen have added to the team, Ted Charles, Russ De Jong, Tom Den Ouden, Al Hoekman, Don Meyerink, Forrest Vanden Einde, and Claude Zylstra.

Ted Charles is a guard from Rehoboth, New Mexico, and specializes on a long set shot from out on the court. Russ De Jong is another guard who lives by Rock Valley. His ability to “handle” the ball will be evident to those who will see him in action. Tom Den Ouden is a center or forward from Edgerton, Minnesota and possesses a good shot from the keyhole and he also is a rugged rebounder under the boards. Al Hoekman and Don Meyerink are both from Platte, South Dakota. Al is noted for his offensive abilities. He is a consistent high scorer and is capable of playing any position on the floor. Don is a forward who has an acute jump shot from the keyhole. Forrest Vanden Einde, is a guard from Prinsburg, Minnesota. He has a good jump shot from out and will see much action this season. Claude Zylstra is another forward who also plays guard. He is especially tough under the boards and will add to
--EDITORIAL--

This editorial will serve the purpose of allowing certain anonymous individuals to voice their "pet peeve" against Dordt students. Their opinion is shared by many prominent persons and should be regarded with utmost esteem.

Dordt College is now very near to being ideally complete in its facilities. One of the newest additions is the students lounge which is now subject to very open and pronounced criticism. The criticism lies in the fact that the students are shirking their responsibilities and are the very essence of disorderliness. Wherein does this disorderliness lie?

The lounge presents a very homey atmosphere and radiates friendliness among the students. The students usually head for the lounge at the slightest provocation. The young "tall, dark, and handsome" men go there for that necessary cigarette. But must they stir the ashes and butts all over the tables and floor? Is it too much effort for them to lift that arm over to an ashtray? Likewise, men and women alike, is that waste paper basket just too far away? The floor is much closer, isn't it? And the furniture!!! Must it be scattered helter-skelter around the room? Can't the pillows be permeated with the conception of "togetherness"? In other words, can't they be permitted to match each other? And, people, if you are that tired why didn't you simply stay in bed? Must you recline in that position, ingeniously arranging the pillows to insure utmost comfort and extreme relaxation?

The next time you come into the lounge, young woman, arrange yourself attractively in one of the chairs. Who knows, maybe you will interest some gullible male by your comely behavior. And, young man, the next time you come into the lounge, look first for an ashtray and then for a place to sit. And, everyone, when you come in, first locate the wastebasket. And then, restrain yourself from altering the appearance of the furniture and cluttering up the floor.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Let's keep our lounge as attractive as possible. Any desecration thereof only reflects upon our own standards of orderliness.

—Marilyn Nienhuis
The Temor of the Times

As the year 1960 begins to dawn on the horizon we are all inquisitive as to what the year will bring. One thing we know: that in 1960 one of the main events in the United States will be the Presidential election. Evidence of it is already becoming quite apparent. There is much speculation pertaining not only to which political party will win the Presidential seat but also which party will gain control of Congress.

Even though no public announcement has been made, it appears that the prospective candidates for the Republican Party are Vice-President Richard M. Nixon and Nelson Rockefeller. It is said that Rockefeller has a staff of speech writers working for him and that he has planned a cross-country tour in which he will speak in Nixon's home territory. Rockefeller's decision as to whether or not he will officially run for the Presidency will depend upon the political situation throughout the country. If the prospects look good Rockefeller will take the plunge. The thing that will aid Vice-President Nixon is the fact that he has had experience in the White House and is recognized as a thorough politician. Whereas Rockefeller has the disadvantage of a big-money name, but the advantage of being a man of tremendous personal warmth and great sincerity.

As for the Democrats, there are many more prospects. First of all there is Stevenson, who insists that he is not a candidate, yet he has a suite reserved at a Los Angeles Hotel to serve as his headquarters during the convention. Stevenson has a big disadvantage in the fact that he has been defeated twice and in that he is a divorced man. Truman says that he is a loser and will not win.

Then there is Kennedy, who is fighting and working hard. In many of the farm states it is said "nobody has done anything except Kennedy." However, he too has a strike against him due to the fact that he is a Catholic. He has been losing ground in the Southern states as of late. There is a rumor that Governor Loveless of Iowa will run as Vice-President with Kennedy.

Also there is Mr. Humphrey of Minnesota who will probably be supported by some of the Northern states but it is doubtful whether he will get any place in the Southern states.

Symington of Missouri is being supported by Truman and is gaining strength. It is his plan to conduct an active and open campaign.

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Of Books and Men

Frederick Nietzsche would say that the reader and the author frequently do not understand each other because the author knows his theme and finds it almost tedious so that he does not give the examples which he knows by the hundreds. The reader however is strange to the things which the author knows and finds it difficult in comprehending when the examples are kept from him.

Helen R. Lowe, who recently wrote an article, "Solomon or Salami," in the November issue of the Atlantic Monthly might possibly agree with this to a certain point. I say "to a certain point" because her article deals with misconceptions which the reader acquires through improper reading habits. She lists some misunderstandings which were recorded objectively and accurately as they were given by students as high as the college level:

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These are some of the distortions that were listed. Students make many more errors "through constant deviations in tenses and pronouns and by omissions, interpolations, paraphases, conjectures, and complete improvisations, so that paragraph after paragraph reaches their minds garbled, blurred, altered, vitiated, and ungrammatical."

"The essence of the matter is not that reading has not been taught, although indeed it has not, rather that something has been taught which is not reading.

"We are not dealing with the practical handicap of slow and unskillful reading but with a disabling and deforming of the learning powers of many of the brightest. This constant distortion of sense by readers at all levels... is not detected as such by standardized reading and vocabulary tests nor reflected significantly and consistently in test ratings. Although the test may give the disabled reader an appropriately low rating, the test scores give no indication of the character of the disability and fail to make it clear that there is no consistent correlation between the test rating and the students native intelligence."

The author also discusses the program trend in education and its democratic ideals of equal opportunity for all.

"Today to work out practical plans to afford such equality of opportunity is of incalculable difficult..." (Continued on page 4)

Did You Know...

that when Mr. Grotenhuis sees signs "KEEP RIGHT" and "STOP", he keeps left and goes...? For details ask the Kanawha gang.

that the heart attack, in one of its most dangerous forms, is called courtship...? —Post

that today when people find that money can't buy everything, they start using credit cards...? —Shively

that our 49th state is quite variable...? Men outnumber women 5 to 1. Single males—28,289; Single females—5,570. Girls, take insulated clothes along because temperatures vary from 66 degrees below to 93 degrees above. —Anonymous

that a man, after reading so much about the ill effects of smoking, decided to give up reading...? —Anonymous

that the first thing a bride learns about cooking is her groom's boiling point...? —Bennett

that life is a grindstone...? Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of. —Anonymous

that high heels were invented by a woman who got tired of being kissed on the forehead...? —Marlowe

that as a coach was being congratulated on having a lifetime contract he said, "I guess it's all right but I remember another guy with a lifetime contract—had a bad year, and the president called him in, pronounced him dead and fired him"...? —Sports Illustrated

that another thing teachers don't get paid enough of is attention...? —Kraft

that everything is big in Alaska, including Alaskans opinion of Alaska...? Since statehood, on radio and TV or in conversation, the common expression for the continental U.S. is the "south 48". —Reader's Digest

that the world's shortest sermon is: "When in doubt, don't!"...? —Milwaukee Journal

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The Sports Scene

Dordt opens its 13 game schedule November 19. Out of the thirteen games, they will play six teams twice and one game at Sioux City against the Morningside Frosh. Dordt will play two conference games with Northwestern, Estherville, Waldorf, and Emmetsburg. A few games may be added to the schedule as the season progresses.

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DORDT'S 1959-1960

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thurs., Nov. 19—Northwestern—Home
Tues., Dec. 1—Waldorf—Home
Thurs., Dec. 3—Estherville—Away
Mon., Dec. 7—Michigan—Home
Thurs., Dec. 10—Emmetsburg—Away
Fri., Dec. 11—Morningside Frosh—Away
Mon., Dec. 14—Worthington—Away
Thurs., Jan. 7—Emmetsburg—Home
Wed., Jan. 13—Westmar Frosh—Away
Thurs., Jan. 28—Northwestern—Away
Mon., Feb. 1—Estherville—Home
Mon., Feb. 8—Waldorf—Away
Wed., Feb. 10—Westmar Frosh—Away

All home games will be played in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium and will begin at 7:30.

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In Big Ten football, this week proved disastrous for the leaders. Northwestern and Wisconsin both tasted defeat for the second time this year. Minnesota, Michigan, and Ohio State also were defeated. The Iowa Hawkeyes, ranked 16-17th in the nation with North Texas, gave the Buckeyes from Ohio State their worst season in a decade.

Big Ten Results:
Iowa 16—Ohio State 7
Purdue 29—Minnesota 23
Michigan State 15—Northwestern 10
Indiana 23—Michigan 7
Illinois 9—Wisconsin 6

Big Ten Standings:

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for Presidential nomination. He may make quite a showing of himself yet. It is said that in Washington all one hears is Symington and Kennedy.

Both Governor Brown of California and Senator Johnson of Texas will more than likely be favorite son candidates.

The problem that faces the Republicans is whether or not they will have another Democratic Congress. If the Republicans are to gain control of the House where the present line-up is 153 Republicans and 284 Democrats they will need to gain 63 seats. To win this amount of seats they will have to keep all the seats they now hold and take every seat that any Democrat won in 1958.

In the Senate, today's line-up is 30 Republicans and 65 Democrats. If the Republicans are to win they will have to gain 16 seats now held by the Democrats. This will be almost impossible since 10 of the Democrats up for re-election are from the "Solid South.

The chances for the Republicans to gain control of Congress is quite dim, yet it is possible for them to do it. History has proved that one party can take over as many as 97 House seats in an election.

Did You Know . . .

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that there is a joke in Russia that the country's most successful inventor is Comrade Regupatoff . . . (Reg.U.S. Pat. Off.) —United Mine Workers Journal * * * * * that an autobiography usually reveals nothing bad about its writer except his memory. . . . —Post * *