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Changes for agriculture center

The Dordt College Agriculture Stewardship Center (ASC) is "shifting gears" to make a new track on research and agriculture education. Plans are to consolidate the livestock and crop enterprises at the present dairy facility, two miles north of Sioux Center on Highway 75, and to lease out the swine/cattle facility and 120 acres of farmland.

Pro-Edge, Inc., of Sioux Center will lease the swine/cattle site and building for a term of seven years and the portion of farmland for three years. The agriculture department will develop a cooperative educational effort with Pro-Edge to meet future academic needs in the curriculum.

The change is the result of months of discussion about the role of ASC in relation to the college's total agriculture program. "It reflects a move away from an operation sized for efficiency in production to one driven by the curriculum and the educational program of the agriculture department," says Dr. Willis Alberda, dean of the natural science division.

Strategic Plan implemented

The new plan follows an idea outlined in the college's Strategic Plan for setting up centers as an educational outreach of certain departments. "It will be an enterprise controlled by the college, allowing professors and students in the department to translate their

academic insights into service," Alberda continues.

"The center will increase its activity in exploring new trends in agriculture," says Professor Duane Bajema, head of the agriculture department. Environmental care, animal care, on-farm diversification, and re-establishing the rural community are issues of increasing importance today.

The present structure makes such an approach difficult because it was built for efficient large-scale production. The new structure of the ASC should lessen the financial risk to Dordt College.

The consolidation will mean more than moving the whole enterprise to one location. Some alterations

must be made in present facilities and a new staffing structure will be put in place.

Advantages of plan

But the benefits should be substantial, Alberda feels. "The risk factor will be significantly less and students will be allowed greater participation in managing and operating the ASC," he says.

"The college and agricultural department are dedicated to providing an excellent training in agriculture that will provide Christian leaders for tomorrow. Many organizations and companies have spoken highly of Dordt agricultural graduates, and we look for this to be enhanced with the changes that are taking place," says Bajema.



photo by Kevin Wassenaar

Vonda Dekkers leads eager second graders in a game. The 65 second graders were visiting Dordt College as part of the FACT club's Education Day last week.

Culture or mandate?

Forum debates women in office

by David Mahaffy

What role did prophecy have in the New Testament church? What is the position of women in society, in the family, and in the church? Does the Bible give evidence of women leading the church? What does the word "submission" mean?

These questions and more have been debated during the women in office open forums. The forums, which are usually held at 8:30 p.m., every other Wednesday or Thursday night, have drawn anywhere from five to about two dozen people.

The forums were started by professors Joan Heifner and Paulo Ribeiro. As the result of informal discussions, the two realized that they had a common interest in the issue and decided that the issue could use more discussion. This led to their starting the open forums on women in office.

The forums usually begin with devotions before the group moves into the topic of discussion for the evening. These topics have ranged from defining submission and leadership to Biblical references dealing with women in positions of authority in the church, such as I Corinthians 11 and 14 or I Timothy 2.

Despite their widely differing views, the group has come to a general consensus on several points. The group agreed that women did prophesy in the New Testament church. In addition, the group was not against women serving and helping the church in areas other than the authoritative offices.

Currently, the biggest issue that the group is debating concerns the relationship of culture to the women in office issue. The group has debated whether the command for women to be silent and not lead in the church is culturally related. If it were merely a cultural issue, the group agreed that it would not be something binding on the church in today's society. On the other hand, if the command is tied to the way God created us and is not just a cultural issue, then it is still applicable to the church today.

These forums have provided a good opportunity for people on both sides of the issue, as well as those undecided on it, to get together to look at the Biblical evidence and to more clearly understand both sides of the issue. The forums will likely be continued after spring break.

Spring break at last! But what to do?

The Seemingly Everlasting Time is almost over. Yes, that interminable stretch between Christmas and Spring break has almost ended.

By now most of us have our plans figured out for this most joyous vacation. One of the more popular activities this year is PLIA. PLIA is launching its crews of gung-ho hammer-toting students to south, east and midwest destinations sometime next Thursday. The money is all in, cross-cultural orientation has taken place, and participants are really excited.

Then there's that other group. Yeah, you know the one I'm talking about. I won't give any specifics in order to protect the innocent, but I will give you a clue: they wear beach clothes and relax "all day and all of the night."

Yes, it's those folks going to South Padre Island, Texas. It's bad to talk about people but in this case it's necessary. After all, do you really think students should spend valuable time and money lounging around on off-white sand beaches, eating Ramen noodles for an entire week?

Personally I would question the correct thinking of anyone who eats Ramen on a regular basis, but that's not the point I'm trying to make.

The idea behind PLIA is indeed praiseworthy. Those taking off next Thursday are rising to the challenge of situations few college students in America dare to face. It takes a special amount of Christian selflessness to sacrifice beach plans and money-earning opportunities to help other people who have lower financial incomes ("poor" is currently a politically incorrect term). Everyone should read the article

on page four explaining more about the people who go on PLIA, their reasons and goals. In short, it's an exciting event.

That's fine, you say, and you agree with me, but why do I set up Padre as a negative thing? The notion exists that PLIA is somehow in direct opposition to such activities as Padre, and vice versa. As if going to the beach is not "good" or doing other things is "better."

(This negative idea is implied in the popular phrase used to denote volunteer-run projects at this time of year: "Alternative Spring Break.")

You might say that this notion is in my head. Actually, I wouldn't have imagined the idea existed if it hadn't been for people's reactions of shock and surprise at my own spring break plans. I'm going to spend a week on the beach at South Padre and take in a gross amount of relaxation.

One person said, "I didn't think you were the Padre type." I *am* going, so what are you saying?

My goal is to put an end to any antithesis of this sort. Nobody is "better" or "worse" than anybody else, no matter if you spend spring break in a state of hermitude, chanting in a nunnery, or racing cars in Monte Carlo.

There is no hierarchy of activities; the difference is found in our personal intentions as they reflect our spiritual health.

As Christian students we must promote harmony, praise those who are going out of their way to help people, encourage those who need time to recuperate, and remember whom we represent, wherever we go.

- DM

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Students say...

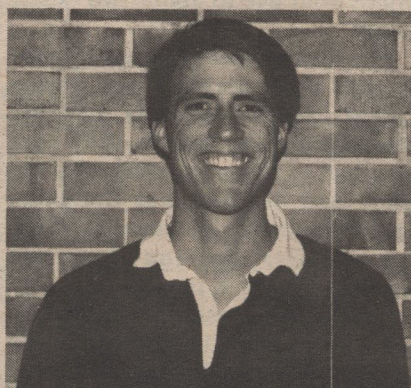
What is the last chapel you remember and why?

by Kevin Wassenaar



Julie Timmer
So., Michigan

"The chapel put on by AMOR, because I participated in it."



Mark Vos Jr., California

"The chapel with the Russian defector (last year). He kept it interesting."



Michelle Mennega Jr., Iowa

"The Christmas chapel done by Chorale because I like to listen to singing."

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Dordt leading in community service

Sioux City, Iowa—Tuesday, March 12, Colleges of Mid-America's Spring Leadership Conference was held around the theme "Caring for Community." Mark Christians, Leanne Meadows, Charlotte Vahrmeyer, and Angela Zwart joined other CMA college students listening to keynote speaker David Sawyer speaking on service learning, sharing programs at our colleges, and dialoguing about improving our community service.

Dordt students were encouraged by how established our service pro-

grams are and thankful for the college support we have. Leanne Meadows reflected, "It is exciting to see how we are making a difference at Dordt and gain new ideas to improve our program." Community Outreach Program was presented as a model program and discussions included Dordt's many areas of service such as PLIA, AMOR, and SACS. In commenting about Dordt's programs, a representative of Mt. Marty College commented, "Dordt is on the leading edge in service programs in the CMA."

International students for peace

Two Dordt students, Kalvin Parman (from Indonesia) and Sierk Spits (from the Netherlands), are among 45 international students from 21 Iowa colleges and universities who are participating in an Iowa Peace Institute program designed to promote global education, international relations and trade.

Once a month during this semester, Parman and Spits join other international students in the

Orange City-Sioux City regional center where the program provides an opportunity for them to meet with Iowa leaders in various fields such as government, agriculture, education and the media.

The Peace Institute's executive director, Bob Anderson, says that an important goal of the program is to promote long-term interaction between international students and Iowa leaders.

SpooF issue

For the issue after spring break (April 11), the *Diamond* is accepting humorous essay contributions. These will be included in that issue's spooF section. Topics may include satire on any Dordt-

related topic, and length of contribution can range from one paragraph to two pages. Submit essays to any *Diamond* staff member or to DC 595.

WANNA BE RICH AND FAMOUS? HOW ABOUT JUST FAMOUS?

On May 20, The Banner will be publishing an issue written by young adults for young adults. It'll give you a chance to talk about being young and single in the Christian Reformed Church and in the world.

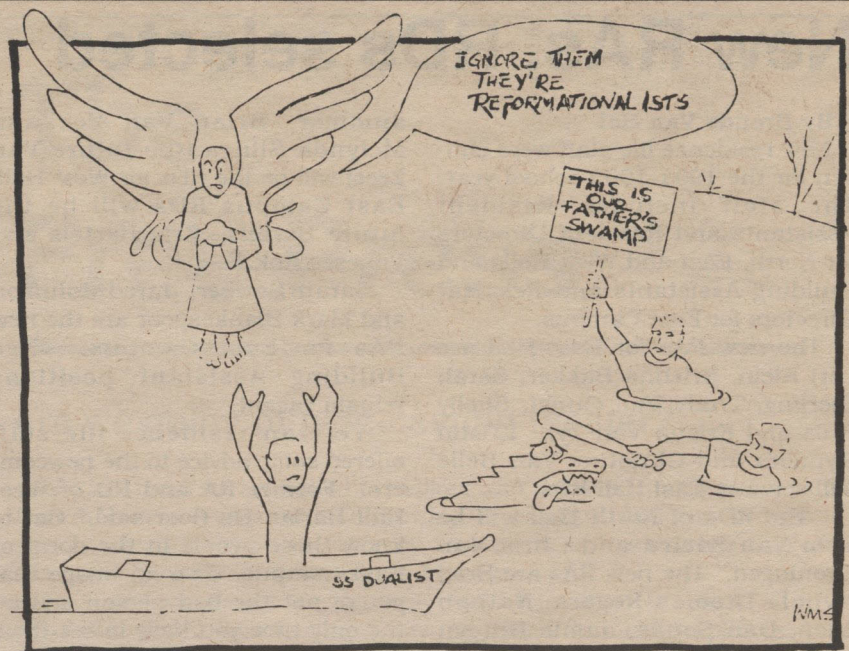
A writing contest will decide what's going in this issue. There is a list of suggested topics on the

English Dept. bulletin board. To enter, send your piece to

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Entries must arrive by
March 29.

For more info, see Prof.
Van Gilst



Pretty Polly to be performed Monday

On March 18 the audience at Te Paske Theater will be offered an inside look at the exciting life of storyteller Aunt Polly Johnson in a play called "Pretty Polly." Performed by Roadside Theater from Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Norton, Virginia, "Pretty Polly" replicates the spirit and sentiment of traditional life in the Appalachian Mountains.

The original production includes personal and traditional tales from

the Appalachian Mountain area, combined with guitar and banjo music unique to the culture.

Roadside Theater is a part of Appalshop, a nonprofit arts and educational organization. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Dordt College box office. Admission is free for Dordt students; \$5 for faculty, staff, and adults; and \$3 for other students.

Marshall critiques human rights

by David Mahaffy

Staley lecturer Dr. Paul Marshall challenged students to select one human rights cause and strongly support it.

Marshall's lectures focused on two different sides of human rights. The afternoon lecture was titled "In Praise of Human Rights" and dealt with the positive aspects of the human rights movement, while the evening lecture, titled "In Critique of Human Rights," focused on some of the problems with the movement.

Marshall, senior member in political theory at the Institute for Christian Studies, is an expert in political sciences and holds several degrees in the field. His lectures here at Dordt were sponsored by the Staley Foundation.

Marshall began his evening lecture by stating that the state should respect basic human rights. For some wealthier states this would include providing the needy with food, shelter and clothing.

Marshall pointed out many problems with the human rights movement today. He stated that while individual rights are important, communal rights must also be protected.

Marshall also pointed out that equality and justice are two different terms, and that we can have equality and still lack justice. He cited several examples of laws or policies that had equality, yet were unjust. Instead of striving for equality, he suggested that we pursue justice.

In addressing the issue of the highly complex and specific laws we have today, Marshall said that the more people respect only the letter of the law, the more specific the letter of the law gets. He suggested that instead of just making sure that we comply with the law, we should follow the general guidelines it sets down.

Marshall urged us to action concerning human rights. One action is to reaffirm that human rights, in their proper place, should be defended.

We should also discern between good and evil, and properly define justice. We should openly criticize the incorrect conceptions of human rights so prevalent in our society today. And finally, Christians must realize that although we have rights as children of God, we do not always have to claim them.

New RAs, RDs selected

By Brenda Van Hal

New residence life staff were chosen for the 1991-1992 school year. The staff includes Resident Assistants and Resident Directors for North, East and West Halls and Building Assistants and Resident Directors for East Campus.

The new RAs for East Hall are Lori Klein, Kristina Bakker, Sarah Bierling, Trudy Van Gunst, Shelly Ruis and Kristin Van Zyl. Kristin Rynders and Christine Van Belle will serve as East Hall RDs.

The RDs of North Hall will be Tom Van Soelen and Chris Van Groningen. The new RAs are Brad Nyhof, Thomas Rogers, Nathan Leep, Dan Sonke, Jamie Buteyn and David Van Belle.

The four RAs for West Hall are Jodi Vander Lugt, Andrea Leys, Joel Keen and Paul Dalen.

The Resident Directors for West Hall and East Campus seem to be following a "trend" toward marriage. Both couples will wed in the

summer. Brian Van Zee and Melynda Slings (the future Van Zees) will be the RDs for West Hall. East Campus RDs will be the future Bartels—Eric Bartels and Vanessa Kok.

Sarah Bowser, Jared Johnson and Mark Blankespoor are the new BAs for East Campus. Two Building Assistant positions remain vacant.

Veteran residence life staff offered some advice to the newcomers. Former RA and RD of West Hall Harlan De Boer said, "Get to know those people in the dorm or East Campus. Give an image that you're not the bad person or that the only time you have to see them [other students] is when they're in trouble."

Teresa Van Gunst, a veteran of both RA and RD positions said, "Plan to put a lot of yourself into the job. Plan to grow yourself as a person through working with other people."

Spring break with a difference

By George VanderBeek

This spring break, as in the previous 10 years, 90 students from Dordt will be participating in the Putting Love Into Action (PLIA) project, a student-run organization.

Randy Ward, co-chairperson of the planning committee, says that PLIA's purpose is primarily four-fold: to help out in the services of the ministry centers at which they work, to help develop a mindset of service and ministry among the student body, to promote volunteerism, in the present as well as the future, and to give students some experience in active ministry, especially in a cross-cultural setting.

Ward is quick to add that "even though the people going can expect to do a little bit of work, the most important part is getting to know the other people in your group and work area. Every year a lot of friendships are made and strengthened."

"The bulk of our budget comes from churches," Ward said, "and a lot of the people in the area support us with tools, soup for our soup supper, vehicles and, of course, prayer."

Many people who are participating in PLIA rather than pursuing other Spring Break activities are doing so for a variety of reasons.

Bill Vander Kool, a senior in the agriculture program, said that his interest was spurred by the fact he has "never heard a negative comment [about PLIA]; every single person I have talked to has given a

positive, enthusiastic response. Personally I see it as a chance for me to give to others rather than pursue my own self-interest. I think that witnessing with actions is the strongest form of witnessing you can give."

Steve Brandsma, another ag student, said that he's interested in PLIA because "a couple of previous experiences with serving others were positive, so I jump at another chance. Everyone in the group experiences the same things together and learns a lot by sharing and opening up."

"I always wanted to give my time to something worthwhile at Spring Break," said junior English major Pam De Boer, "and this is a service project that is very accessible for Dordt students because it is already set up. I hope to learn how some other people live and maybe to appreciate more what I have."

"We do too much for ourselves," said Alida van Dijk, an English/psych major, "and we should be more service-oriented. I think that the beauty of PLIA is that you are giving but you're also benefiting from the experience."

Kevin Zandberg, a junior, said that an added benefit is "that you get to see how people live in a different part of the country. People who have gone before said that there was a significant change in the way they view and act towards others. They learned to appreciate what they had. I'm interested in seeing what caused that."

Overheard...

"I get more red on my test than when I give blood."

— Richard Van Lingen

"You have exactly 20 minutes to get your hand off my leg."

— Art Tiesma to Randy Ward while playing *Risk*

"It doesn't seem to be missing—it's not there."

— Prof. Zwart, concerning missing matter

"I hope he teaches it again because I missed it the first time."

— Richard Van Lingen, talking about calculus

"I want to take out my tongue and wash it!"

— Dawn Nykamp, after attempting to ingest a double-salt dropje

"I want to get together with a bunch of people and play kill-the-furniture"

— Alida van Dijk on her idea of a fun time

"We'll be fixing up homes for streetless people."

— Paul Arkema, explaining what the Washington, D.C. group will be doing on PLIA

"Whatever you guess is going to be wrong, so go ahead and guess!"

— Prof. Jongsma, to a calculus student trying to guess how to start solving an integral

"You do the meows and I'll respond."

— Tom Van Soelen to Christina Breems at rep. theater rehearsal

"I kind of like toys—there's a lot of good physics in toys."

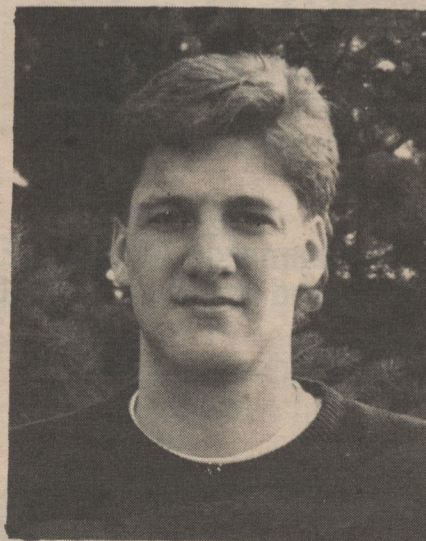
— Prof. Zwart, to a physics class

"It stinketh."

— Prof. Marvin Wielard, concerning a particular solution to a problem

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Teresa Haro teaches a Spanish conversation class as a work study task.

Mexican student finds culture different

By Linda Visser

Hola! Que Tal? When Americans think of Mexico, they generally think of Tijuana and Taco John's. But in reality, our neighbor to the south is more than that. It is a land of diversity, rich in culture and tradition. Mexico City, once the site of an ancient Aztec empire, is the largest city in the world. When news of the earthquake reached us, Mexico was a place far removed from our lives. But to Teresa Haro, Mexico City is more than just a headline in a newspaper, it is home.

Teresa comes from Mexico's Federal District, which is located in the south central area of the country. She attended school in Texas for two years and then began to think about transferring to Calvin College. She knew a missionary from Mexico who was teaching there, and he encouraged her to apply for a scholarship. When she discovered all the scholarships were taken, she considered attending RBC or Dordt. Through her contacts with Dr. Kroeze, who had spent much time in Mexico, she decided to come to Dordt.

Teresa notices many differences

between the United States and Mexico. She commented that dating is generally more casual at home. More often, people go out as just friends. Around here, she said, "You go out with a guy and it's like you're getting married!" Also, close friends in Mexico greet each other with a kiss on the cheek, something you probably won't see happening at Dordt.

She also feels that in Mexico students have "good view of what's going on in the world." While in the United States, students are consumed by their immediate surroundings and appear to be closed off to current events.

So far, Teresa feels that being at Dordt has been a good experience, especially for her Christian life. She finds the atmosphere friendly, and feels one of the greatest benefits at Dordt is the friends she's made—friends that will "last across the miles."

Academically, she feels that Dordt has better facilities than the National University in Mexico City. Also, because it is smaller, the students receive a lot more individual attention.

The Free Press



Are we guilty of type-casting theater?

As Christians we are called to explore and develop this creation. That includes all areas of life—farming, teaching, preaching, and yes, even theater falls into this category. Theater is just as much a part of this life as preaching, teaching, and farming.


If we are reformed in our thinking then we must try to reform all areas of life—not that theater is any less fallen than other spheres. Being reformed means continuing to reform and change. In order to change we must ask questions. Theater is an excellent mode in which to ask these questions. It seems as though too many people in the reformed tradition are afraid of change and, therefore, afraid and leery of theater. This is all the more reason to get into theater.

For the sake of Christ who died on the cross we must reform theater. In that we must sometimes say "Why, Lord?" we must portray different aspects of life in order to reform theater. All playwrights, Christian or not, and, for that matter, all people have been given the common grace of God to say, "The Lord, the Creator of the heaven and earth, is Almighty," even when he says, "Damn you, God! I don't want anything to do with you."

Christians must realize this. They must also realize that when an actor, even a Christian actor, says, "O My God!" on stage he is not saying that personally, but the character is doing the talking. It is not just the words that carry this point, but also the actions. Now, the extent to which the actor goes is up to his or her relationship to God.

A case in point, during the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a fellow actor of mine received a phone call about the character that he portrayed. The call was brief, but it summed up the caller's own ignorance and rudeness by the name(s) he called the actor, not being able to distinguish the actor from the character. I know that this upset the actor as well as many other people in the company. I find it rude and ignorant that people cannot accept theater as a part of this creation that God made.

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Students concerned about ag center's future

Dear Editor,

I come from the eastern side of Michigan where there are no Dutchmen nor Christian Reformed churches. I had called and visited several different colleges looking for one with a Christian agricultural program. One day, I called a college and the admissions person there told me to call this Dordt College way out in Iowa. I did just that and had a long visit with Bill Elgersma, who told me all about the agriculture program and Stewardship Center. That fall, my parents and I visited Dordt and learned about the great educational program here. I also toured the dairy farm.

This fall I started here at Dordt and I have learned a lot. The agriculture classes have taught me many things, but I have also learned much from field trips to farms, especially Dordt's. Last semester I was able to work on the college farm, feeding many different dairy rations as well as milking. These were new for even

me, who comes from a dairy farm. The hands-on experiences are a great benefit to the classes.

Upon my return after Christmas, I learned that the hog farm has been leased and that student labor at the dairy has been nearly eliminated. This decision ruined many of my hopes of learning and working regularly at these places.

Even though the decisions about the farm are already made, I have two suggestions. If at all possible, Dordt should provide hands-on experience. One way to do so is through local farmers. But as I have experienced, such work is not always steady and is often hard to get.

I would also suggest that Dordt make better use of the dairy facility they still have. One way to do this is to try to increase the herd to full capacity—at least 120 cows. The present number of 57 is too few for the currently empty tie stall barn and the big double six parlor.

Christopher Shupe

Dear Editor,

As a current employee at the swine and beef facility, I am concerned about the direction of the Dordt farms, not only because I am going to lose my job, but also in the interest of future agriculture students.

Dr. Alberda, President Hulst, and a few professors had a meeting for those who wanted to know what was going on. At the meeting we were told that the college is going to lease out the present hog and beef facility to make a better learning facility.

If that is the case, good—but there is talk that says otherwise. One thing I heard directly relates the lease to a huge debt the school has from buying the farm. I realize that we as students can't and don't need to know the reasoning behind everything the college does, but I think if a debt played a major part in the decision to lease then we

should have been informed at the meeting.

Another important point that was discussed is that the present hog farm is very labor intensive. That is a fact, but I think since it requires more labor, it gives more students an opportunity to work with and learn about hogs. I came from a dairy background and knew nothing about hogs. Working at Dordt's hog farm under experienced manager Mike Schouten has taught me a lot about hogs.

We were told at the meeting that eventually there would be no work-study students working at either the swine facilities or the dairy farm. Future students are going to miss out on a great opportunity for experience and learning in both these areas.

Timothy Stetson

Christian response to curfew?

Dear Editor,

When I picked up a copy of the *Diamond* today, I picked up a copy that, unknown to you or me, had a very telling statement in it about, where at least some of Dordt's students are at spiritually.

About a half hour after I picked it up, I had an opportunity to read it. When I opened it to page two, to my surprise, I found that someone had already read that copy and provided some comments scribbled in the margin.

In response to the question you raised about whether unrestricted freshman curfew was a privilege or right, someone had written, "I agree. Send the bastards out on the street. They make too much noise in North." Just below the article were the responses from a few students

about how well Dordt meets students' spiritual needs. Some thought it was adequate and that there was a lot of spiritual growth. Others felt the situation could be improved.

The statement penned by the unknown student indicates to me that quite a bit of spiritual growth is needed. The statement reflects an un-Christian, unloving response to an annoying situation, to say nothing of the foul language.

Perhaps this reflects the spiritual well-being of just one student. But I doubt it. Instead I see it as a symptom of a deeper problem. We all need to prayerfully consider what it really means to be a Christian.

Pamela Veltkamp

Why are you in the library, anyway?

Dear Editor,

I am usually a fairly tolerant person, but the noise and talking in the library this semester is outrageous!

The library has become a busy place of social bees buzzing from one table to the next, noisily chit-chatting about non-school related studies.

I myself don't mind a little break now and then, maybe to go and say hi to a friend and see how their studies are going. But there are the choice few (it never fails) who

choose to stand around talking and laughing for not five minutes but for 25 minutes! They bother almost everyone around them. Did they ever stop and think that others are in the library to study and not to listen to them talk?

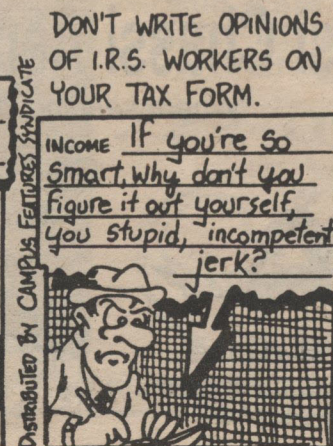
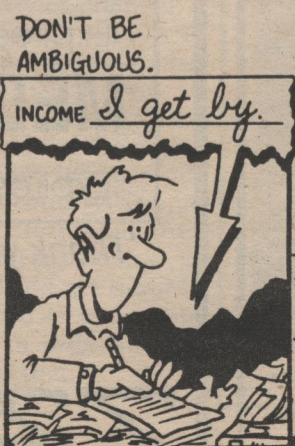
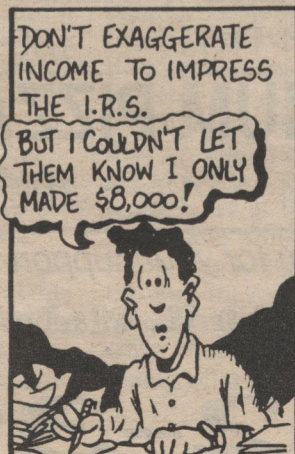
If they (those who talk) want to chat and have tea, they can take it to the lobby or the SUB. They should have a bit of common courtesy and respect for those of us who are in the library to study!

Kara Den Bleyker

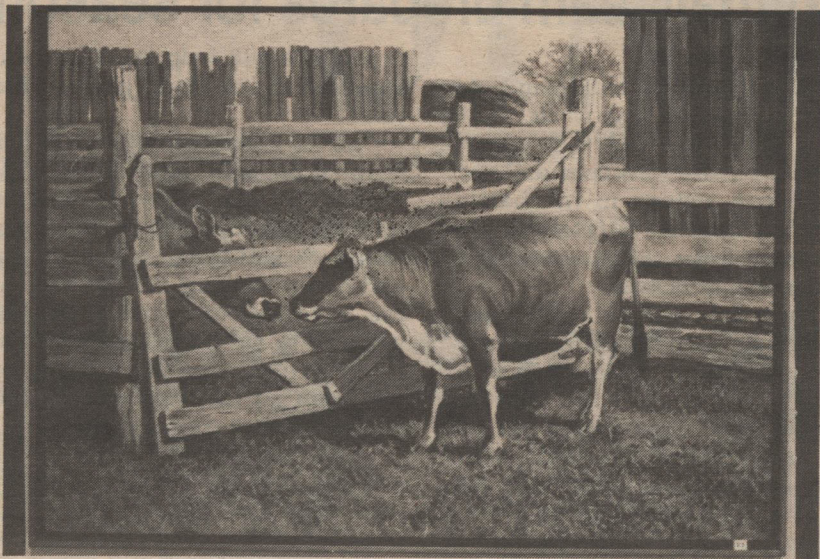
Faux pas

Friends, *Diamond* readers, countrymen, lend me your ears: Tim Antonides hath been ill-correctly titled "Theseus" in the *Diamond*'s last issue. In sooth, Randy Boer portrayed Theseus; hence, Antonides representeth Lysander. Our intent was not to offend; "if we offended, it was with our good will. That you should think, we come not to offend, but with good will."

HELPFUL TAX TIPS



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"Hi Mom," an acrylic on canvas, will be on display until March 21 in the art gallery.

"Mostly Sioux" pictures Iowa

By Angela Medenblik

Dordt College is presenting an exhibit of Sioux County landscapes painted by Norman Matheis.

Matheis, a Sioux Center resident, received a B.S.D. and a M.F.A. from the University of Michigan. Throughout most of his career he was a teacher of art. He taught at the Kendall School of Design and at Calvin College for eleven years. After retirement from teaching in 1988, he set up a studio in his garage where he enjoys his retirement by continuing to paint.

In his landscapes, Matheis not only expresses the beauty of Iowa, but also shows the mark of man on the environment. In the

Old Oak Tree, a sturdy oak becomes a symbol for life. Another painting, *Wildlife Refuge*, expresses the cold gray winters of Iowa. Farm scenes, gravel roads, brilliant sunsets and colorful skies are represented in many of his landscapes. All of these paintings contain an abundant use of color that appeals to many of our emotions.

The exhibit will remain in the Dordt Gallery until March 21, 1991. The gallery is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays and evenings when performances are scheduled in the chapel.

Take a study break and experience the impact of art by viewing Matheis's wonderful landscapes!

Dordt vocal groups perform *Elijah*

On Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m., the Dordt College Chapel will be filled with the sound of more than 100 singing voices. The Dordt College Concert Choir and Chorale, along with guest soloists, accompanied by organ and piano, will perform *Elijah*, a famous oratorio composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1845.

The text of the oratorio is based on the Old Testament account of Elijah's life and conflicts with the

sinful Israelites and their wicked rulers, Ahab and Jezebel.

Guest soloists include alumni Pam De Haan and Joan Van Holland as sopranos, Julie Hofland as alto, Jim Bolkema for the tenor roles of Ahab and Obediah, and Scott Visser, bass, as Elijah.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.



The Dordt College Chamber Orchestra finished their annual tour with a concert in the chapel on March 10.



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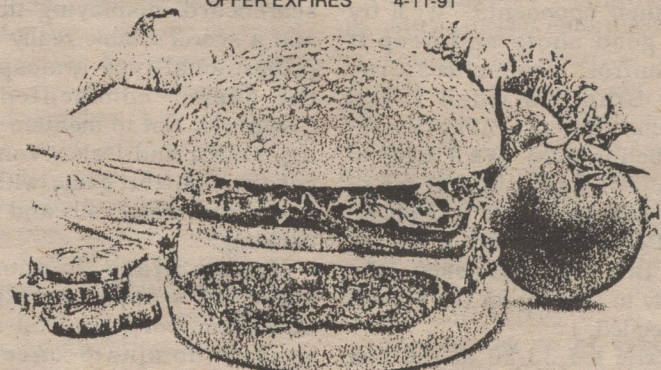
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Track men and women begin yesterday's practice with high knee-lift drills.

PTPer's prevail

by Pam De Boer

The Crue. Sophomores. Starting front line: 6'7", 6'6", 6'3" (Troy Kooima, Jeff Kollbaum, Cal De Jong). Champions of the competitive League A. Run and gun, offensive board vacuums. The Runnin' Rebs, if you will.

The PTPer's (Prime Time Players). Seniors. Everyone 6'2" (Randy Brouwer, Rick Vander Haar, Bruce Disselkoen, Jeff Nibbelink, Kendal Kaemingk, Steve Kort... well, maybe not Steve). Tough defense, good passing. The Hoosiers, if you still will.

Both played tough semifinal games on Monday night to reach the intramural championship. The Crue beat another sophomore team, Young Guns II, last year's runners-up. The PTPer's, down by 14 at the half, came back to beat Lethal Weapon II, a junior team. This set the stage for last night's senior-sophomore basketball battle extraordinaire.

Both teams showed up early to size up their opponents. "We'll try to take good shots and keep it under control," commented Crue captain Brad Vis when asked about game strategy. PTPer captain Jeff Nibbelink said "We'll have to board awful hard, and if we're shooting well we'll have a chance." The PTPer's also had a secret weapon, Buc (Chris) Huisken, who was ready to suit up for the second half, if needed.

The Crue led 33-29 at the half after two quick buckets late in the first half. The lead changed hands many time in the second half before the PTPer's went up for good

PTPer's got ahead by as much as nine late in the game, and the Crue couldn't get back in without a 3-point line. The final score was 61-56, with the PTPer's making it three years in a row that a senior team has been IM champion. Randy Brouwer threw in 14 points for the winners, and Brad Vis scored 21 for the Crue.

"I thought we were going to lose," said a confident Kendal Kaemingk afterwards. "We're short and lucky. What can I say?" Rick Vander Haar explained the win this way: "I wore my lucky shorts and I said 'Let's win.'"

"When I showed up they were tied at 39. But I knew they were going to win," commented PTPer fan Bret Dorhout. "Of course I'm good luck." Another of the 67 unofficial fans said "It was a wonderful display of sportsmanship." Yet another observed, rather surprised, "There's a lot of talent out there!"

"The added features such as the scoreboard, displaying the fouls, and a scorer's table really added a professional-type atmosphere to the game," commented Loren Greenfield. Not to mention the reffing. Green and Galen Van Roekel got through the game with just a few controversial calls and minimal heckling.

So this wraps up another IM basketball season. The experience and team work paid off and the seniors dominate once again. Intramural action now shifts to floor hockey and co-ed softball, keeping the sports scene at Dordt College new and interesting as

Softball team prepares for season

by Pam De Boer

The women's softball team began indoor practice last week. While snow covers the field, they practice defense on the gym floor and their home run swings in the batting cage. Vonda De Stigter coaches the team once again, assisted by senior Joel Haveman.

Their first games will be next Tuesday, when they meet Wayne State, a team ranked 15th in an NAIA preseason poll. On Thursday Bemidji State (Minnesota) will visit for another doubleheader, beginning at noon. Then the team goes on the road over spring break, playing various schools in Kansas. They'll also participate in a big tournament at Emporia State in Kansas, facing opponents such as St. Mary's-Plains (Kansas) and Dana College (Nebraska).

This year's team is led by two seniors, shortstop Patty Boer and right fielder Lynn Van Heyst, and junior Renee Miedema. Also returning are six sophomores, giving the team a lot of college experience, something they lacked last year. Coach De Stigter hopes this

experience will help the team win some of those close games this year.

One big advantage this team has is three pitchers, after having just one last year. Kristi Terpstra returns, accompanied by freshmen Donna Rickett from Kingsley, Iowa, and Karen Limberg. All three pitchers have looked excellent in the preseason. De Stigter commented that having three pitchers helps the team all the way around and makes practice go much smoother.

The team's strength is its defense, says De Stigter, especially since they have three pitchers. The left side may be virtually impenetrable, with Patty Boer at short and Rhonda Haagsma at third. Freshman speedster Steph Van Maanen, from Pella, is expected to do a good job in center field. The catching position remains a question mark, with those duties probably going to Sheri Schuring, Lori Klein, or Patty Boer. De Stigter anticipates that the team's hitting skills will improve as they learn to be more selective and to swing only at strikes.

Schedule

Men's Tennis

Thursday, Apr. 4, 3:00
Home vs. Teikyo-Westmar

Women's Softball

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 3:30
Home vs. Wayne State
Thursday, Mar. 21, noon
Bemidji State

Baseball

Monday, Mar. 25
Minneapolis, MN.
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