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## PLIA In Chicago: Repairing Houses, Pizza At Gino's & Meeting 'Cool' People



Georgia Sjaardema installs a backboard at Roseland. Photo by Chuck Adams

by Eve Spykman

Both thumbs up--that's the signal Georgia Sjaardema gives when asked about her spring break. She and 25 other Dordt students spent it in Chicago working at the Roseland Christian Ministries Center (RCMC).

### Students Lobby For Tuition Grant

by Alicia Nugteren

On Wednesday, March 19, five Dordt students and Associate Director of Financial Aid Mike Epema boarded a van and left for Des Moines. Soon they were joined by five students and two admissions counselors from Northwestern College. Together the two groups made the five-hour trip to the Iowa Statehouse.

Their mission? To join other Iowa private college students in thanking their legislators for the Iowa Tuition Grant and to encourage their support for Governor Branstad's proposal to increase the grant fund.

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These volunteers to RCMC, along with 45 others who travelled to ministry centers in Cary and Mendenhall, Mississippi, were participants in the PLIA project. 1987 is the fifth year in a row that PLIA (Putting Love Into Action) has organized service projects for students.

RCMC will celebrate its tenth birthday on Palm Sunday. Started in a solid brick building on a corner in the heart of Roseland, RCMC was established by Rev. Tony Van Zanten who still serves as its director and pastor.

Over the past decade RCMC has developed many services to meet urban needs: a daily lunch line, clubs meeting twice a week for children and teens, a second-hand store, and a drop-in center open evenings for the homeless. The cement "gym" contains two basketball hoops which are in almost constant use.

Adjacent to the gym is the worship center, where the congregation meets for church. During their stay at RCMC the Dordt students attended the lively church services and a gospel choir concert. Their schedule also included an all-church "soul

food" potluck supper complete with barbecued ribs.

The students cooked most meals themselves in a kitchen on the second floor of the center. At night they slept in the thrift shop on couches and mattresses laid out on the floor. These beds proved to be temporary, though; a mattress and one of the sofas sold midweek, leaving a couple of people to sleep on the floor.

On most days the 26 volunteers split up into work crews. They worked on several projects arranged by RCMC staff members in cooperation with PLIA leaders Gwen Burggraaf and Rick Ebbers. Repairs were made on houses in the Roseland community and at the center itself.

Those who stayed at the center to work installed new basketball backboards, repainted a stairwell, and made plumbing repairs. At the home of Miss Foreman, a member of the church, workers replaced the front porch and made repairs on the house's interior. Other groups reshingled a roof, replaced steps, and repaired bathrooms.

One crew worked across the street from RCMC for a family living with four

generations under one roof. They repaired a fence, repainted the garage, and were also able to talk with the family. Sophomore Louis Atsma commented, "I had a lot of fun with the kids in the neighborhood. They liked to follow and learn how to do things."

Along with working and taking part in church activities, students took time to relax. They spent the evenings playing cards or hide-and-go-seek, and exploring the city. Time for sightseeing was set aside on the weekends. Following tradition, the group ate supper at Gino's East pizzeria and visited the John Hancock building observation deck. One afternoon they barbecued on the shore of Lake Michigan below the towering skyline.

Most of this year's PLIA participants, whether they went to Chicago or Mississippi, seem to agree that the relationships

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### Jesse Jackson To Speak Candidate Will Visit Campus

by Angela Struyk

As part of broader voter education on issues and candidates for 1988, the Association for Public Justice (APJ) is sponsoring the possible democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson as a guest in Sioux Center.

Jackson will be arriving in Sioux Center on Tuesday night, April 14, after a conference in Sioux Falls. On Wednesday, April 15, Jackson will have a 10:30 a.m. meeting at the Holland

House restaurant with a select group from Dordt and Sioux Center. A press conference is scheduled for 11:45 in the SUB. At noon Jackson will give a public address in the Dordt College chapel. "I hope people take the opportunity to hear a major political figure," said local APJ board member and Dordt professor, Don King.

Jackson is advocating a "save the family" movement, focusing on family farms, businesses, and other family-related issues.



# Can Money Changers Be Preachers?

by Angela Struyk

Something is rotten in the business of electronic evangelism. The almighty dollar seems to be competing with the Almighty God, and the latter may be falling behind.

Less than two weeks ago, "PTL Club" (which stands for "Praise the Lord" or "People that Love") founder Jim Bakker was charged with sexual misconduct in a scandal which has severed already shaky relationships among television evangelists. In fact, this scandal has created warring crusaders out of televangelists, with Assemblies of God preacher Jimmy Swaggart on one side and Oral Roberts and Bakker on the other side. Fundamentalists Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson are stuck somewhere in between.

It looks as though Swaggart was instrumental in exposing Bakker's six-year-old sin. Bakker does not deny that he had a one-night stand with former church secretary Jessica Hahn six years ago, although who in this soap opera-like situation did the actual

seducing is not clear. Swaggart uncovered the details of this lawsuit involving a \$263,000 settlement to Hahn, which more than likely came from "PTL Club" donations.

Swaggart has not only been exposing the flaws of Bakker, but in the April 6 *Newsweek* feature Swaggart also criticizes Robert's vigil to raise \$8 million in ransom money while supposedly held hostage by God. Some accuse Swaggart of trying to become the king of televangelists by conquering the others' empires. Swaggart, however, believes he is doing all of them good by "cutting the cancer from 'the body of Christ.'"

Of course the unbelievers are having a heyday, saying "PTL" stands for "Pay the Lady," "People that Lie," or "Praise the Lust." Saturday Night Live comedians are suddenly donning pancake Tammy Faye Bakker faces with streaming mascara, and popping pills (she recently admitted to being hooked on prescription drugs). The religious world now sounds so much like a soap opera with the downfall of its self-righteous--everyone

is interested.

For believers, especially those who are supporting the televangelists, this crisis has been a tragic letdown. Suddenly the issues such as feeding the hungry, striving for peace, and reaching out to unbelievers are being overlooked.

The reason why Bakker's downfall has caused such a stink is that if he is going to preach and be an example, he must be just that. I remember when a similar sex scandal arose in the CRC, involving two prominent church leaders. People were shocked, hurt, and disillusioned. The issue of money, however, was not involved in the CRC incident, but once again man's fallibility was shown.

What it all boils down to is this: can a television or radio preacher be both a businessman and a minister?

Many of these Christian programs are businesses when their money goes back into the show or to build a cathedral or to produce books. All of these components of the business are meant to spiritually benefit those who send in money. A study conducted in the early 1980's by the

Annenberg School of Communication and the Gallup organization found that the emphasis on curing personal problems by supporting the electronic church business is advocated by at least one-fourth of prominent electronic church programs. Another study revealed that millions of dollars donated for specific causes did not reach their destination. One has only to see the lavish homes of these preachers to know where a good portion of the money goes.

Personally I think each of these famous, money-making televangelists needs to take a good look at Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She does not plead for money, but lives a saintly life and is well supported by her admirers. She is the greatest example of selflessness and outpouring of love today, I believe. And if each of the televangelists would inspire as many followers in the U.S. as Mother Teresa has in India, there would be no thought of competition or hanging out someone else's "dirty laundry." These "Holy Wars," which are definitely not holy, would not exist.

## Campus Footprints with

*Jeff Burghgraef*



The closing remarks of *The Price is Right*, "have your pets spayed and neutered," may change to "a condom a day keeps AIDS away." It is becoming obvious to Americans that the media are the only means that the Surgeon General uses to get his message across about condoms. So far, about fifty stations nationwide broadcast condom ads. As Christians it is important for us to understand what is behind the condom message and how it affects us as Christians.

## Condom Ads: Sex Sans Consequences

A British condom commercial begins, "If you must sleep with more than one partner, then..." That strikes me as ironic. If people must sleep with more than one person, then why did God give Adam only one woman? According to secularists, God didn't know what he was doing.

If the British commercial is any indication of what future condom ads will be like, a new front will be introduced in the war between Christians and the media.

If AIDS had been an epidemic in the time of King Solomon, half of Israel's budget probably would have gone for condoms.

History is repeating itself, only this time with a new twist. The sexual acts committed by Babylonians are done today in the U.S. The main difference between then and now is that, according to the media, "sexual sins

are okay if you use a condom."

The promotion of sexual sins by the media is nothing new. Planned Parenthood reports that there are 20,000 sexual scenes per year on T.V., yet no one gets pregnant. The soap opera message of sex without consequences is definitely one of the reasons the government spends 17 million dollars a year to care for unwed mothers.

The idea of sex without consequences found in commercials and programs is a lie. The Bible makes it clear that sex outside of marriage has certain moral consequences. It should be noted that condoms in themselves are not evil; it's how people use them. Other sexual acts can inflict emotional and physical consequences. By airing this message the media are promoting the secularization of our

society. As Christians we have a responsibility to let stations know how we feel about the airing of such material. Failure to do so will make us partners in a crime that will lead to our destruction as a nation.

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## Sundays Should Be A Day Set Apart

I have seen some disturbing things taking place on Dordt's campus on the Lord's Day. Students frequently study and write papers on Sunday, wash their clothes and cars on Sunday, and attend church only once. The beautiful weather we are having makes the temptation to skip the evening service even stronger.

However, the Bible tells us in Exodus 20:8-11 that we must "Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work....

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (NIV)

These verses clearly point out the purpose of the Sunday. It is a day set apart from the rest of the

week for our rest and spiritual growth, not for us to do what we want. We confess that it is both our duty and privilege "especially on the Sabbath, that is, the day of rest, [to] diligently attend the church of God, to learn God's Word, to use the sacraments, to call publicly upon the Lord, and to give Christian alms" (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 103).

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us "... not [to] give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

The consistory calls the congregation to worship not once, but twice on Sunday. Johan D. Tangelder makes some important reflections on the second service in a recent article in Christian Renewal: "A generation ago, in many places, the Christian Reformed Church still had three worship services each Lord's Day....

"Whether a third service was necessary is not the point of discussion at the

moment. But why the increased tendency to worship only once? Some say, 'we are so busy during the week, we need extra time at home.' Others feel that two sermons in one day is a bit much. I wonder about those reasons. The past generation had no forty hour work week. They had much less leisure time as compared to our generation. The sermons were much longer. I am grateful that times have become much easier. But should not this welcome change make it easier to attend the second service? I believe it does....As a church we believe that the Lord's Day should be kept, not as a matter of convenience or tradition, but by the commandment of God."

Why must we go to church twice? Tangelder states: "There are basically two reasons. Sunday is not our day but the Lord's Day. This day is set aside for worship.... 'Those who hold two services each Sunday do so, not only because they feel this is proper and to the welfare of God's be-

lieving people, in order that they may be the more built up in the faith, but also because they believe that the fourth commandment is still in force as to its essence and core, and that therefore Christians should consecrate the whole day to His special service, and hold if at all possible at least two services each Lord's Day.'

"Systematic instruction in Scripture has always been the strength of the Church. We need to know the Word and its content, especially in our bewildering and confusing times....

"As we watch the developments in our society, the increasing secularization and lowering of moral standards, we need to stand together as God's people, encouraging one another in the faith."

Let us all do our best to observe the Lord's Day as a day of spiritual growth and rest from our labors. Without the Lord's blessing on our studies and weekly activities our work is done in vain.

Submitted by Thelma Tuininga

## Committee Asks For Song Suggestions

To the Student Body:

The Spiritual Activities Committee is considering a variety of songbooks and hymnals to replace the Jubilee hymnal we currently use in chapel. To make a good choice, we need to know what your opinions are and what books you would suggest. What favorite songs would you like to see included in our chapel worship? Lively, hearty singing is a vital, yet sometimes lacking, part of our chapels. Your input can make it a better, more meaningful aspect of our worship reflection when we gather for chapel.

An open forum is being planned--the date will be announced soon. Meanwhile, please favor our following people with your written and verbal suggestions:

- Galen Sinkey
- Tom Knapper
- Kandace Kooiker
- Glenda Droogsma
- Nolan Van Gaalen
- Dale Grotenhuis
- Marion Van Soelen
- James Mahaffy
- Duane Plantinga

The Spiritual Activities Committee

## Rushdoony, Skillen To Discuss Theonomy

by Michael Turner

"Biblical Living in Today's World": that will be the topic of this year's Spring Ministers Conference (April 20, 21). Area pastors from the CRC, OPC, and RCUS denominations have been invited to attend the discussion to be held in the West Commons. Dordt students are also welcome and even encouraged to attend and observe these sessions.

The speakers invited to lead the discussion are Dr. Rousas John Rushdoony of Chalcedon in Vallecito, California, and Dr. James Skillen, Executive Director of the Association for Public Justice.

This will not be an ordinary discussion on how the Bible applies to our lives today. Specifically, the pastors will be examining the validity of the theonomic position concerning biblical law. Theonomists believe that all of the Bible, including Old Testament law, is to be

taken as the guide for living in the world today under God. Not only is the Christian responsible to live according to biblical law, but he or she is also responsible to work for institutionalization in every societal structure (family, education, government, business, law, etc.).

Much misunderstanding surrounds the theonomic debate. Dr. Rushdoony, probably the leading theonomic thinker and writer in America today, should make a very valuable contribution to the discussion of the topic, being able to answer questions and clarify just what exactly theonomists believe and teach.

Theonomy also raises some very important questions for all concerned Christians. Dr. Skillen will raise and address the question of "Who should enforce God's law?"

This year's ministers conference should prove to

be very interesting not only for the ministers involved, but also for all members of the faculty and the student body who are concerned with what it means to live in today's world as biblical Christians.

### 1987 SPRING MINISTERS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 20  
 7:00 pm Welcome...Dr. J.B. Hulst  
 7:30 pm "The Bible and Political Philosophy"... Dr. James Skillen  
 9:00 pm Discussion Session

Tuesday, April 21  
 8:30 am Opening Devotions  
 9:00 am "The Relevance of Scripture"...Dr. Rousas Rushdoony  
 10:00 am "Who Should Enforce God's Laws?"...Dr. James Skillen  
 10:45 am Discussion Session  
 1:30 pm Panel Discussion  
 3:00 pm Adjournment

# Dordt's Repertory Theater To Tour

by Alicia Nugteren

One of the more unusual courses available at Dordt is the Repertory Theatre. Currently Dr. Verne Meyer teaches the biweekly two-hour sessions. This course in practical theatre is an elective performance course offered in the spring and has no prerequisites. Members of the class may be invited to tour their work for the benefit of the college, after completion of the course.

Senior Georgia Sjaardema noted that the course includes activities in mime, mask and makeup, as well as a more extensive production project. She commented that, because of the touring opportunity, she has been given the "chance to do performance in a different way" by getting involved in the various aspects of production such as lighting and sound. The class must really "work together as a group," she said.

Meyer revealed that Repertory Theatre is not an entirely new concept at Dordt this year. For seven years such a group was active primarily for touring purposes; last year it was discontinued. This year, Meyer stated, is the first time Repertory Theatre has been offered in a course format. Advantages of this strategy, as Meyer sees them, are that it provides a structure allowing for a "cohesive educational experience to more students," as well as "academic credit for legitimate academic work in the arts." In addition, the option of touring, not as part of the course but after it has been completed, allows students to "benefit from academic work without being required to invest time in touring responsibilities."

The nine members of the class will be taking three trips this spring, Meyer

said. On April 29 they will travel to Prinsburg, MN, where they will participate in a high school arts festival. The group will also conduct a workshop on drama. On May 9 they leave on a two-week trip through Illinois, Michigan, and Ontario, where they will perform and hold workshops in high schools and churches. Topics for the workshops include makeup, acting, and adapting Scripture for performance.

Meyer indicated that seven members of the class will also make a trip in August to Flagstaff, AZ, for the Young Calvinist Federation convention. There they will perform "coffee-house" programs on three evenings and assist Meyer in conducting two afternoon workshops.

Sjaardema added that the Repertory Theatre group will perform in chapel at Dordt on April 16. They will also do a presentation for church

liturgical committees sometime in April.

The Repertory Theatre's major production is a new play by James Schaap, "Partly to Know Something About Love." Sjaardema explained that the story focuses on a group of high school seniors who are taking a marriage and family class, and on their teacher, a twenty-eight year-old divorcee and mother. This forty-five minute play will be presented for the Dordt College community on May 2 in the New World Theatre at 7 and 8 p.m.



# Resident Life Director De Jager To Leave

by Chuck Adams

A number of new faces will occupy student personnel staff positions next year. Not only will the new R.A.'s and R.D.'s begin their jobs when classes resume after summer vacation, but a new Director of Resident Life will also begin work in the fall.

John De Jager, Director of Resident Life for the past four school years, is leaving to begin work with the Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI. His replacement is Jan Schregardus, the Dean of Women at Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids. De Jager says he has been extremely pleased with the past four years spent at Dordt. De Jager, a former missionary in Nigeria, says "I cannot imagine a better situation for myself in my transition from Africa to the United States." He says his job taught him a great deal about how to deal with people. He also adds that he was "stretched intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally" in his work at Dordt.

Dordt College does a good job of dealing with individuals, in De Jager's opinion. "A Dordt student is not a number, he is treated

as an individual with needs," says De Jager. However, Dordt can still improve in De Jager's eyes. He emphasizes that Dordt should "expand its vision in terms of reaching people with backgrounds outside the Christian Reformed Church." He says that the Dordt community would profit from sharing the experiences of a broader community.

De Jager emphasizes that he is "appreciative to God for the opportunity to respond to His call for the past four years." Although De Jager says he has occasionally been disappointed when students reject his attempts to create and maintain a creative learning environment, he adds that he has been pleased with many aspects of his work at Dordt. De Jager says his time spent training the new Residence Life Staff each year, especially the summer orientation sessions at Lake Okoboji, is among the highlights of his time at Dordt.

De Jager, along with other members of the Student Personnel Staff chose the new Resident Directors and Resident Assistants for the 1987-88 school year. Brent and Paula Nymeyer will be

returning as the West Hall R.D.'s next year. R.A.'s in West Hall will be Robert Van Kooten, Marc Renkema, Linda Vanden Bos, and Sharon Bosch. Dave Tiemersma and Sheldon Schelling will both be moving downstairs to the R.D. apartment after a year as North Hall R.A.'s. North Hall R.A.'s for 1987-88 are Shon Heersink, Steve Renkema, Walter Meyer, Dave Tebben, Craig Heynen, Bruce Kuiper, and Steven Zwart.

East Hall R.D.'s next year will be Mike and Stephanie Wyatt. R.A.'s in East Hall will be Dawn Ledebor, Sharon Elgersma, Kristine Soodsma, Faith Riffert, Shelly Altena, Julie Iedema, and Jana Sjaardema. East Campus R.D.'s will be Richard and Patsy de Lange. Their assistants on the East Campus Council will be Jim Vanden Heuvel, Lisa De Boer, Dan Bootsma, Kristin Hommes, Connie Klomp, and Betsy Van Gunst.

When the new R.D.'s and R.A.'s are orientated for their job at the end of the summer, they will discuss the nature of their jobs. According to De Jager, students are an integral part of the Student Personnel Staff. He says that the R.D. and R.A. is his "right arm."

R.A.'s and R.D.'s are responsible for student development in the wing or building they are located in and must create "an environment where learning can take place in the best possible manner," a job that De Jager says must not be underestimated. De Jager says that because there are times when students rebel against the rules set up to maintain such an environment, R.A.'s and R.D.'s must be willing to make confrontations, in addition to being able to communicate well with people.

De Jager says that working with the students on the Student Personnel Staff has been one of the highlights of his four years at Dordt. Now as he prepares to leave Dordt for his new work in Grand Rapids, he says he will look back at his experience here as beneficial in helping him relate to people in the context of American life over against a missionary context. He emphasizes appreciation to God for the transition from Africa to North America, and for having been stretched in many ways during his four years at Dordt.

# Lectures Focus On Teaching For Discipleship

by Angela Struyk

Former president of Dordt College, Rev. B.J. Haan, decided to devote his life to furthering Christian education. One of the results of this commitment is the annual B.J. Haan Lecture Series, which focus on educating.

Dr. John Van Dyk spoke on Monday at 4:00 p.m. on the topic "Teaching as Enabling for Discipleship: Contours and Perspective." At the beginning of his lecture Van Dyk defined teaching, a formative activity consisting of three functions--guiding, unfolding and enabling--and explained each of these functions. The focus of his speech was on the third of these functions, enabling, specifically for discipleship.

Van Dyk is the head of the new Center for Educational Services at Dordt, and has been traveling to different Christian schools around the country to observe their methods of teaching and to speak with teachers about

teaching as enabling.

In his talks with teachers, he has been told that the phrase "teaching as enabling" is easy to say but difficult to understand. Van Dyk explained that it consists of two dimensions, hearing and doing. Hearing, he explained, means having a "wholistic awareness of God's presence, love and will." Doing relates to "grateful servanthood"--encouraging the teachers to think, "Lord, we are going to teach today," not "I am going to teach today." Van Dyk said that a teacher has not completed his or her duty as a teacher by teaching skills, if the kids don't know who God is.

On Tuesday night Elaine Brower, from the Covenant Christian School in Seattle, WA, spoke of the implications of teaching as enabling for discipleship. The school where she teaches is a three-year-old project which educates 38 students, in kindergarten through ninth grade. This school system is something entirely

new--instead of separate grades in each subject, students are placed according to their level of capability. Relationships are emphasized: relationships between a student and God, a student and fellow students, a student and teachers, a student and the world, and the student to himself. Brower explained how they tried to work consciously on each of these relationships. She believes that by working structurally on these relationships, discipleship can take place.

The curriculum does not include a specific Bible class or a time for prayer. Although the administration believes teaching the Bible is important, they believe this is the task of the home and church. Although there is no set time for prayer, the students are encouraged to pray whenever they feel the need to thank God, praise Him, or ask Him for help. The school is fully qualified and recognized in good standing.

It is not, however, easy for a student to become part of the system since students and parents must be interviewed. Parents must be willing to volunteer their own time and help with teaching, janitorial work, and so forth at the school which meets in a church basement. Currently 25 families support the school; one of them belongs to the Christian Reformed Church. Brower also spoke to the Education 364 Issues in Education class and to senior elementary education students. In response to this lecture student Doreen Wynia said, "It's very impressive--she's an excellent teacher. What she really struggles with is how to teach Christianly--that's what's so excellent about her school." Wynia also stated that she did not think she would teach in this type of system because of the methods of education she's been taught.

## Students Spend Break On Texas Island

### "Sun Is Just As Bright - It's Not So Far Away"

by Julie Peterson

Spring break is a time to renew ourselves for the remaining school weeks. For many it is a time to make some money, provide a service by participating in the PLIA projects, go home, catch up on homework, or to just "get away from it all."

For some this year getting away meant travelling 25 hours to Texas...the big

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formed and developed over spring break are what made it exciting. "The best part was all the cool people that I meet there [in Roseland]," said freshman Dori Kooistra. Ken Vandendool, also a freshman, agreed: "I want to go back. I liked working with the people. Never did they make me feel like the visitor. They accepted me right away. ... I made two really good friends, Ducky and Mario."

The PLIA participants who visited Cary Christian Health Center and Mendenhall Ministries Center worked on projects like those in Chicago and had similar experiences, but their setting was the rural South rather than the urban North.

country. Dallas, ranch houses and longhorns all reside here. Not well-known to many are the Texas beaches. Located on the southernmost tip of what is called the "Texas Riviera" is South Padre Island, which measures 37 miles long and only a half mile wide.

Time magazine referred to this narrow island as the "newest spot on the spring-break circuit", boasting a fivefold increase in student vacationers from five years ago. Along with nearly 200,000 students from all over the U.S., 62 Dordt students decided to hit the beach, Texas style.

There were many reasons for going to Padre instead of the traditional Florida beaches. One Dordt student

said, "The sun is just as bright there and not quite so far away." South Padre has a relatively unexploited and less commercialized environment, which many Dordt students came to appreciate.

Students agreed that Texas hospitality may give them incentive to return next year. The local economy needs the boost it gets from spring break tourism, so merchants have a positive attitude toward the influx of students.

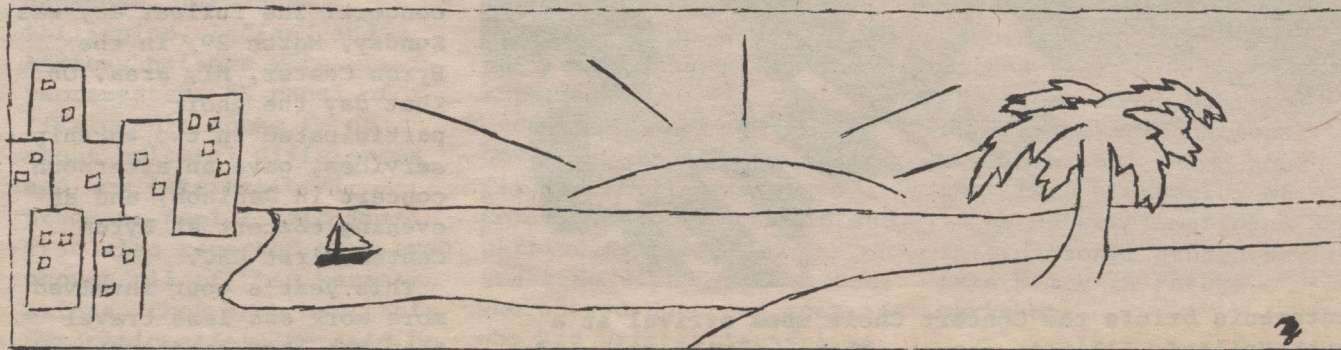
Another draw to the Texas coast is its close proximity to Mexico, with its distinctive culture, marketplaces, restaurants, and cantinas.

While many students stayed in condos and hotels on the

island, sometimes thirteen to a room, others hit the campgrounds. These featured a more down-to-earth lifestyle with sand and seagulls.

Students got to know people from all over the country by chatting around campfires or mingling at beach parties. The hotels also kept many students busy by hosting various contests: castle building, body building, and the famed belly-flop contest.

But the most popular sport was catching sun rays on the beach and forgetting upcoming tests and papers, enabling students to return to school refreshed and renewed for the weeks ahead.



## Film Committee Aims To Please & Broaden Awareness

by Galen Sinkey

Dordt students will probably never have the opportunity to see movies like "Mannequin," "Top Gun," or "Police Academy" in the campus film series. That's because the Dordt College film committee has some specific objectives in mind as they select films for the following years' series.

The film committee does not include many of the box office smashes in the series because the students have already seen many of these films, often several times. "There has to be some justification for showing a film," says Dr. Don King, chairman of the film committee. "We are trying not to be like the theaters in Sioux City or Le Mars, but to provide alternatives. We try to bring in high quality films that the students haven't had a chance to see, not films that they wouldn't like."

The committee does include films that are highly requested by students. Resulting from a questionnaire distributed across campus earlier this

year, the films "The Color Purple," "The Gods Must Be Crazy," and "Out of Africa" are on the schedule for next year's series. According to King, the committee has to be quite selective since there is only time for about twenty showings a year.

King says, "We want to communicate that we have films that are popular, yet significant. Also, we are

always open to suggestions; we welcome input from the students."

The committee does try to reflect a Reformed perspective in the overall series. "Since we're college supported we have to be sensitive to the needs of our constituency, and not show films some would find offensive."

Considering the films

chosen for next year, King feels that the series has a good mix to "broaden awareness." The series contains films that emphasize music, films that are light, and films that deal with more serious issues.

### Next Year's Films Take You Abroad, Introduce Mozart, Lewis

by Galen Sinkey

Here is the tentative line-up of films for the 1987-88 school year:

"Out of Africa"  
 "The Color Purple"  
 "The Mission"  
 "The Gods Must Be Crazy"  
 "Amadeus"  
 "Trip to Bountiful"  
 "Educating Rita"  
 "From Mao to Mozart"  
 "Eye of the Needle"  
 "Nosferatu"  
 "Stone Boy"  
 "Singing in the Rain"  
 "A Man For All Seasons"

"Through the Shadowlands"  
 "Mr. Hulot's Holiday"  
 "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"  
 "The Official Story"  
 "Watership Down"

The film committee is also checking into the possibility of getting "Hoosiers" to show as the opening film of the year.

This series contains a subtheme of films from different nations and cultures, along with a couple biographical films and a comedy. The films "Out

of Africa" and "Mission" take the viewer into new continents, and "The Color Purple" and "From Mao to Mozart" explore different lifestyles. "Amadeus" is an award-winning biography of the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and "Through the Shadowlands" is a biography of C.S. Lewis.

Overall, the series represents a broad variety of films, including an old classic "Singing in the Rain," and recent films like "The Mission," "Nosferatu," and "The Color Purple."

## Choir Works More, Travels Less On This Tour

by Steve Mulder

At 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, when most students were eagerly loading their cars to go home for spring break, the Concert Choir was climbing aboard their Jack Rabbit Bus, preparing to

leave Sioux Center on a tour that would take them to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan.

The choir was greeted at every stop by many alumni who were excited to have the choir performing in their

area. The choir found the greeting especially warm in Hudsonville, MI, where the Western Michigan Alumni Association had sponsored a reception preceding the concert. About fifty alumni gathered to fellowship with the present choir members and reflect on past choirs and tours.

The choir also visited the Cedar Grove/Sheboygan area of Wisconsin, where director Dale Grotenhuis spent his childhood.

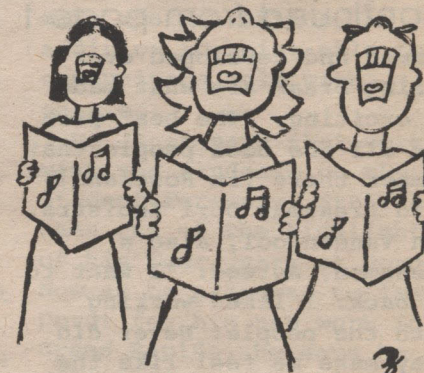
The tour schedule this year included some strenuous days. On a few days the choir sang in two high school assemblies during the day, and then travelled to a church for a full evening concert. The fullest day was Sunday, March 29, in the Byron Center, MI, area. On that day the choir participated in two worship services, gave an afternoon concert in Jenison, and an evening concert at Byron Center First CRC.

This year's tour involved more work and less travel than the last few tours

have. The choir performed every night. Because of this, a large number of people were able to hear the choir and the message they brought. The choir believes they were very effective this year; response to the concerts was very positive.



Grotenhuis briefs the Concert Choir upon arrival at a South Holland, Illinois church. Photo by Mike Krommendyk



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