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Leading Luther Scholar Visits Dordt

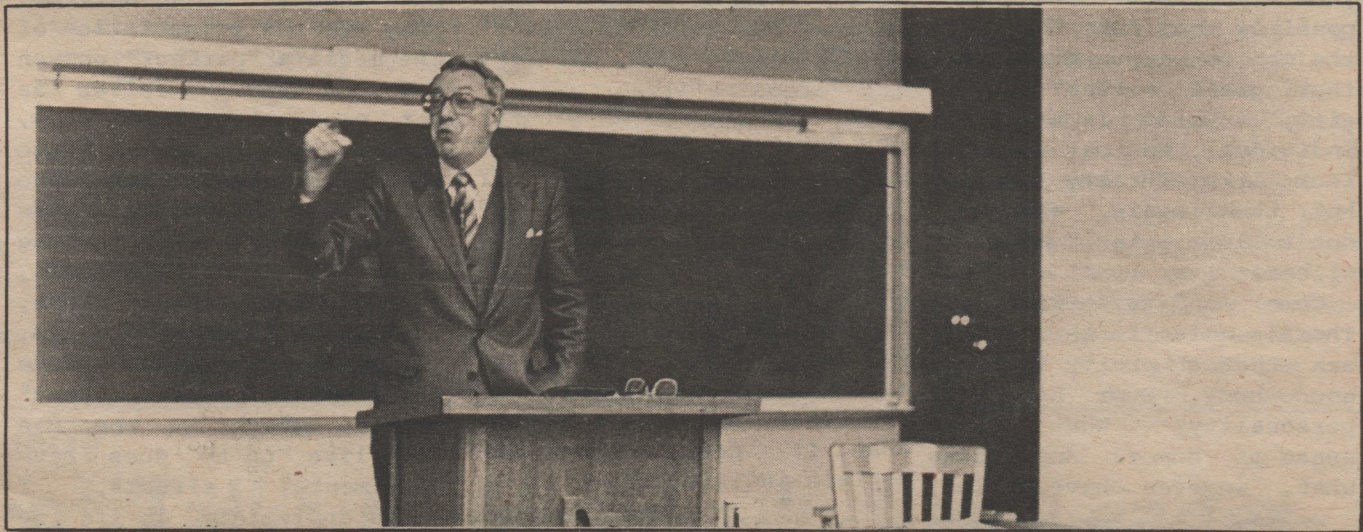
by William Meyerhoff

On Monday November 17, and Tuesday November 18, Dordt had the privilege of having Dr. Heiko A. Oberman, Prof. for Medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation History at the University of Arizona, on campus. Dr. Oberman is recognized as one of the leading Luther scholars in the world and gave a chapel speech, as well as two lectures as part of the Staley Lecture Series.

Dr. Oberman is from the Netherlands, and comes from a family which has an unbroken ministerial tradition dating back to the 16th century. Dr. Oberman's family was of German nobility in Selisia until they left Germany for Holland, giving up their nobility. The family remained in Holland, and that is where Dr. Oberman was born.

Dr. Oberman grew up in an atmosphere in which the Christian saints of the past were an important part of his family tradition. His father was a minister, and Dr. Oberman recalls that his library was filled with the works of Augustine, Luther, Calvin and other reformed giants of the faith. He also recalls that his father was interested in going to the past to hear the voices of the saints and to stand in the cloud of witnesses that had gone before him. By recovering the past and fusing it with the present, his father avoided preaching an individualistic sermon. He had a deep respect for the witness of the holy scriptures.

Dr. Oberman attended the Gymnasium and studied math, Latin, and physics to prepare for a career in medicine. But World War II intervened, and at the age of 19 he became a war correspondent in Indonesia. While reporting on the war there, he became interested in theology, particularly



Dr. Heiko Oberman lectures on Calvin last Tuesday. Oberman was this year's Staley lecturer. He teaches at the University of Arizona.

because the war experience led Protestants and Catholics to work together under extreme pressure. This theme of the church working best under pressure and conflict led him in the direction of Reformation studies.

After returning from Indonesia, he took up theological studies at the University of Utrecht for six years and obtained his Doctorate. He also studied at Oxford for two years, and it was there that he claims he became a scholar.

In 1959 he went to Harvard to teach, and in 1960 he became a Professor of History and Theology. He stayed at Harvard until 1966, when he returned to Europe to the University of Tübingen.

During his time at Tübingen he founded the Institute for Reformation Studies which became the leading center for Reformation studies in Europe and the world. He also lectured in the United States four times a year, and this kept him in touch with what was happening in America.

In 1984 he took a position at the University of Arizona because his wife needed to live in a desert climate due to an arthritic condition.

Dr. Oberman is presently working on a book on John

Calvin. He says that Calvin is presenting more of a challenge than Luther due to the difference in their writing styles. According to Dr. Oberman, Calvin is more subtle. In fact, Calvin has been such a challenge that Oberman recently ripped up 24 of the 25 chapters that he had written for the book. He is now starting all over.

Both of Dr. Oberman's lectures, "Luther: Man Between God and the Devil" and "Calvin: A Challenge to Contemporary Theology" were inspirational. They brought Luther and Calvin and the history of the Reformation together with the present. They also showed that Calvinism is not a doctrine of fatalism, but a doctrine of joy, assurance, and faith that can electrify the life of the Christian.



Media Promote Eating Disorders

by Angela Struyk

A woman's self image is seriously affected by the media, was the main theme of the November five film "Killing Us Softly," shown in C160 and hosted by Jeanie Kruger, an RN from St. Luke's Medical Hospital.

The film was shown with the intent of demonstrating why so many young women (and a few men) are being seriously affected by eating disorders. According to the film, the media implies that only thin and beautiful women are successful; an image sold in advertisements from cigarettes to auto parts.

A result of using beautiful women in advertisements, explained Kruger, is that women begin to believe that if they were thinner, they would be happier. But, says Kruger, once the first ten pounds are gone, these people find they are no happier, and

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Editorial

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

by Julie Handlogten
and Jan DeWeerd

We are writing in regard to the cartoon that featured the women of Dordt College. Not only was the cartoon done in poor taste but you don't seem to realize how downgrading it is to constantly be referred to as heifers. Did it ever occur to you how a girl with a poor self-image would view your cartoon? Or even possibly consider that all the men on campus aren't all that great either? Every girl at Dordt is a special individual, we may not all look like Christy Brinkley but then again, all men don't look like Tom Cruise either!

Come on guys--wake up! There's more to the female sex than a pretty face and good body. Ever hear of personality? What about sense of humor? And guess what, we even have brains!

Surprised? Well, if you are then it's about time you grew up and started looking at us as the people we are--real people who care about others and have feelings.

As long as we're classified as "husband hunters" or compared to cows we don't have a chance. We're really not all that bad! Why don't you put your stereotype to rest and get to know us for the people that we are! Believe it or not the majority of us are looking for friendships--not wedding rings!

As editors of the diamond why don't you help break the stereotype of women by printing positive things about women. Rather than a negative one? We realize that by initially printing the cartoon you ment no harm but in the future please put more thought behind what is published and the effects that it could have on certain individuals.

by Sandra DeJager

Regarding the comic in the last issue of the Dordt Diamond. I did not appreciate how it puts down the girls of Dordt College. This comic strip tells us that we need to be better than what we are, (in other words perfect) because we are not good the way we are, we must improve ourselves in order to be "it". People take the types of media in many different ways. One type of person with a low self-esteem will see this comic strip on other types and take it to an extreme. They see the presentation of the media's "perfect" person and then see themselves as not good, terrible, ugly, unperfect, etc. These people can easily fall into diseases such as alcoholism, eating disorders, depression, psychological problems, which may lead to suicide. The media bombardment of the portrayal of the "perfect" person, which no one can ever live up to does have detrimental effects. I would appreciate it if the Dordt Diamond would do all they can to promote a positive self-image, rather than the negative. We as a team at Dordt need to do all we can to reverse the adverse affects the media plays in influencing self-image at Dordt and the total society. We are all made perfect in God's image and we are unique and special in our own ways. I request you to promote the positive self-image to show the way we are perfect in God's sight.



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often an abusive dieting cycle begins. Eating disorders which can result from compulsive dieting are anorexia nervosa, or bulimia. According to Kroger, 10% of college aged women suffer from bulimia.

These people "need to be shown that others care" is the most important way to help those with eating disorders, says Krugar, and she stressed the importance of a support group.

Dordt has not been unaffected by these eating disorders. An active support group for those with eating disorders is now in its second year of existence at Dordt. According to one member of the group, the

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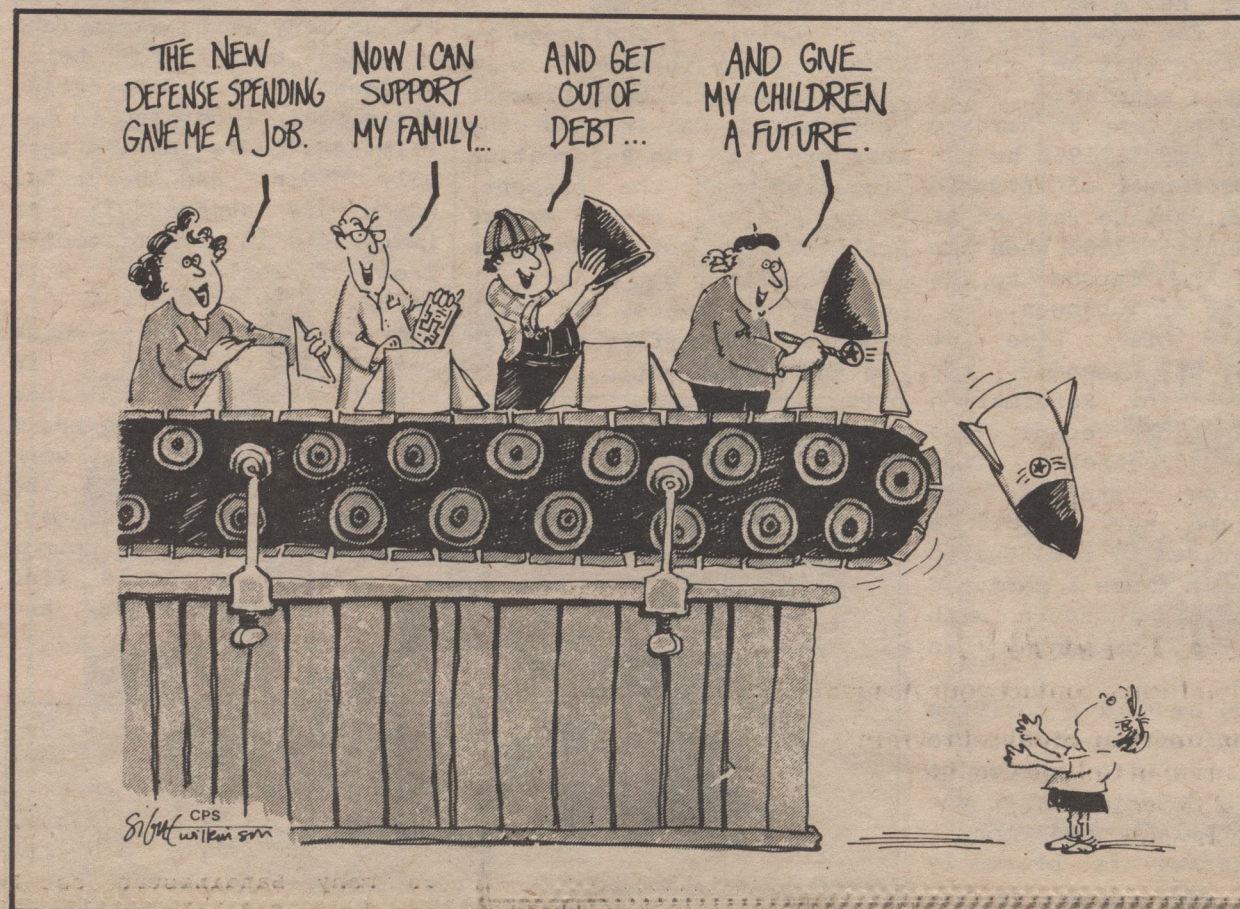
group has grown substantially since the beginning of the year. She believes that eating disorders are a real problem at colleges, and thinks that there are probably quite a number of people suffering from bolemia at Dordt.

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U.S. Remains the Caffienated Republic

by Michael Turner

Coffee is second only to tea as the leading hot drink in the world. Producing over 3.5 billion pounds annually, Brazil is the world's largest producer of coffee, while the United States, consuming about 400 million cups a day, is the leading coffee consumer. The U.S. can clearly be called the "Caffeinated Republic."

Legend ascribes the discovery of coffee's stimulating properties to an Ethiopian goatherd who, after watching his flock consume the leaves and berries of the unfamiliar coffee tree, observed their excited activity and inability to sleep at night.

Coffee, as a drink made from roasted coffee beans, was discovered in 13th century Arabia. The beverage was then brought to Turkey in 1554, to Italy in 1615, and to France in 1664. The Dutch in Java were the first non-Arabs to cultivate



coffee, beginning in 1690. The plant next found its way to the West Indies and then to the South American mainland.

For many people today coffee consumption is a daily affair. The average American ten years of age and older drinks 2.5 to 3 cups per day. There is a lot of caffeine in all that hot brew Americans consume. Each morning literally millions of people wake up only with the help of a hot mug of liquid enlightenment.

How has the Christian church responded to this mass consumption of coffee? Around the turn of the 16th century Pope Clement VIII

Christianized coffee, which was earlier viewed as a drink of Italian infidels. In more recent times the church has used the coffeehouse as a tool for evangelism, especially in the inner city. Churches have also established coffee time as a regular conclusion to the Sunday morning service, to encourage fellowship and re-awaken nodding parishoners. It looks as if the church has made its statement concerning coffee drinking: "Refill, please."

Is the church, then, following after the world's godless ways? Is coffee one of the devil's tools used for sending man into the abyss? Is Juan Valdez going to be out of a job after this article is published? No! Make mine French Roast with a little light cream. Moderation and appreciation --that's the ticket!

First of all, hang on to your ticket - it is as good as cash. If lost, you will have to buy a new ticket temporarily, until you can get a refund for the old one. Make sure that your luggage has baggage tags with your name, phone number and address, just in case there is a problem.

And, please save a little money for the trip home. The airlines are not as accomodating as they used to be when it comes to weather, and usually will not provide you with a hotel room if your flight is cancelled, or if you miss your flight. (You might get a little sympathy, but that's about it.) So be prepared with some pocket money (enough for food, lodging and phone calls, if necessary), and phone numbers of someone you know will be there to answer your call. This applies to those who are driving home also.

From the staff at the Travel Center

My Interview with a Contra

Dordt Student Talks to Miskito Indian Leader

by Dave Van Heemst

Dave Van Heemst is the first Dordt student to participate in the Christian College Coalition's Latin American Studies Program. He is in Costa Rica this semester studying the Spanish language and culture. This special report to the Diamond arrived this week.

"My people and I are between a rock and a hard place. We shall win or we shall be killed. We shall fight with every drop of blood in our bodies and we shall not stop fighting

until the last drop of blood has been shed. We will fight for a 100 years and we shall win."

Modesto Watson, one of four military leaders of the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua, told me this in my October 27 interview with him at his home in Costa Rica. Modesto explained many things to me that day and it was a day in which my eyes wer greatly opened.

Modesto explained the plight of the largest group of Indians in Eastern Nicaragua. He told me that the Miskitos had lived in

Eastern Nicaragua for thousands of years unmolested, left alone. They were humble, gentle fishermen who lived in peace and happiness within their community.

But then came the July 19, 1979, revolution with the overthrow of the Somoza regime and the implementation of the new government, the Sandinistas. This change has caused great trouble and heartache for the Miskitos, forcing them to take up arms and fight.

The Sandinistas are committed to creating a new

man. They have mandated the Miskitos to change in order to comply with their wishes. Because they were met with resistance the Sandinistan army has gone in and maliciously tortured the Indians, burning whole towns in an attempt to force them to comply.

The Sandinistas are also concerned about securing the Eastern boarder, where the Miskitos live. They have barged right into the Miskitos' land and have forced the people out, moving them with grueling walks and conveniently placing them in concentration camps.

Modesto closed the interview with this: "They're people; we're people; why must they do this to us?" Modesto feels he could get the Sandinistas out of Eastern Nicaragua if the U.S. would give him a loan of \$15 million (he got none of the \$100 million since the Miskitos are not aligned with ARDE, FDN, UNO, etc.)

I left the interview pondering the question, "Where is God in this unjust situation? How can I help?" I pray to God the answer is not what one missionary ready to go work with the Miskitos told me: "I'm gonna go to Nicaragua, preach the gospel, and kill as many Sandinistas as I can." May God help us.

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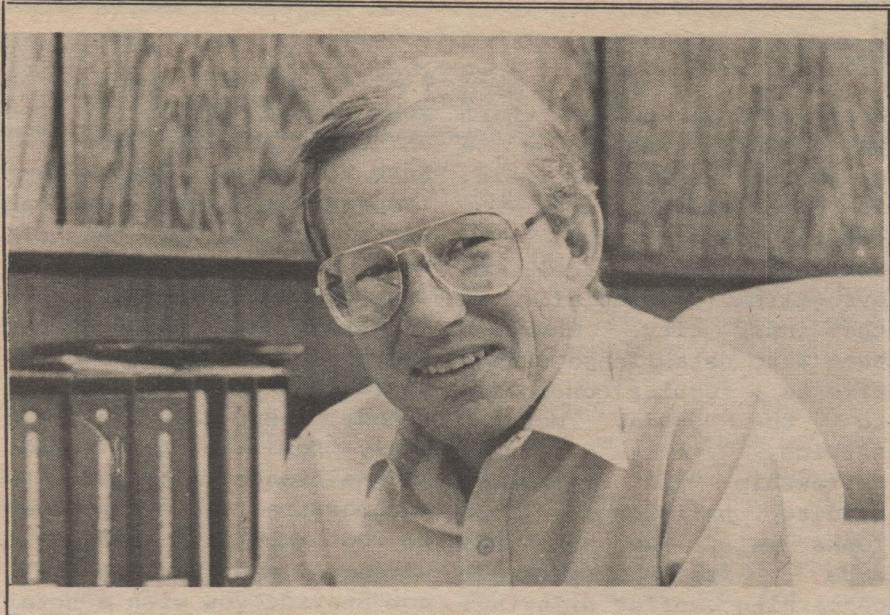
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Students Work in Fall Phonathon

by Melanie Ten Pas

For the first time this year Dordt employed students to work on the annual Fall Foundation Drive. Seventeen students telephoned alumni, parents, new and previous donors, asking for pledges for the drive. Last fall Verlyn De Witt, Director of Financial Planning, attended a conference which discussed phonathons. Administration in the Advancement Office decided that Dordt needed a new plan. Conducting the drive only through Christian Reformed Churches was inadequate. Members of other denominations who were willing to give were not being contacted. Last April the Advancement Office started designing scripts, printing calling cards, and making test contacts for the

telethon drive of 1986.

After an initial seven hour training session, students began calling supporters across the U.S. and Canada. Tosha Ringler, one of the callers, commented, "I enjoyed talking with a variety of people."

Most calls were completed by Nov. 10. As of Nov. 17, \$252,000 was pledged. De Witt projects that at least \$375,000 will be raised this year.

In 1985 \$276,000 was raised for operational support. 1990 marks the end of a five year plan to increase the goal from \$276,000 to \$500,000. The purpose of all of this is to maintain high quality, affordable Christian education.

Addition To Heating Plant Saves Fuel

by Melanie Ten Pas

Dordt College has received a \$63,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), for an addition to the central heating plant on the west side of campus. Bernie De Witt, Vice President for Business, stated that this addition will save Dordt \$20,000 per year on fuel costs. On Thursday, Nov. 21 the grant papers will be signed; work on the project will then begin.

Last year Dordt spent \$108,000 on fuel. Natural gas prices have declined since last year; therefore Dordt's fuel bills will probably total less than \$88,000 this year. Further funding will be made by Dordt's Plant Fund.

An RDF (Refuse Devised Fuel) burner will be installed on a large boiler. Instead of burning natural gas, the RDF burner uses cardboard and plastic waste in pellet form. The 780 sq. ft. addition provides room

for the RDF burner and for the pellets. Natural gas, fuel oil, and pellets are the three resources that Dordt can now use to run the boilers.

E-Z Fuels, a Sioux Center industry, will be making and transporting pellets to Dordt. De Witt commented that this project is "ecologically sound" and that we are fortunate to have a distributor located so near to Dordt. No longer will Dordt's waste be brought to landfill, but it will be put to use.

E-Z Fuel Co. guarantees a certain amount of energy per pound of pellets. Since this is one of the first installations in Iowa, many tests must be done and given to the IDNR. Engineering professor Charles Adams said that senior engineering students will be testing the energy content of the fuel pellets. Engineering students will also be determining the overall efficiency of the new burner.

Dordt College Employs 3/4 of its own students

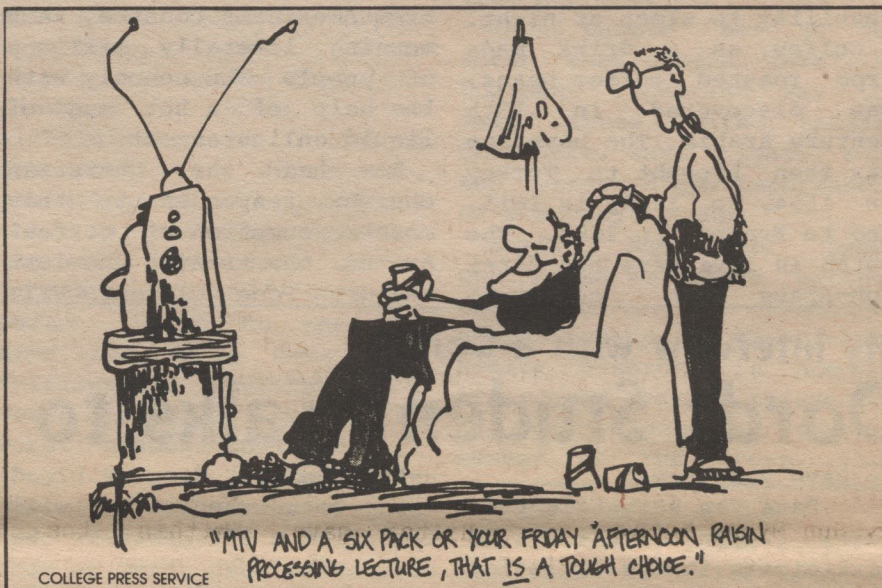
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76% of Dordt's 971 students are employed at Dordt and an additional 11% have received jobs in the community through Mike Epema, Director of Financial Aid. The percentage of students who have found employment on their own is unknown.

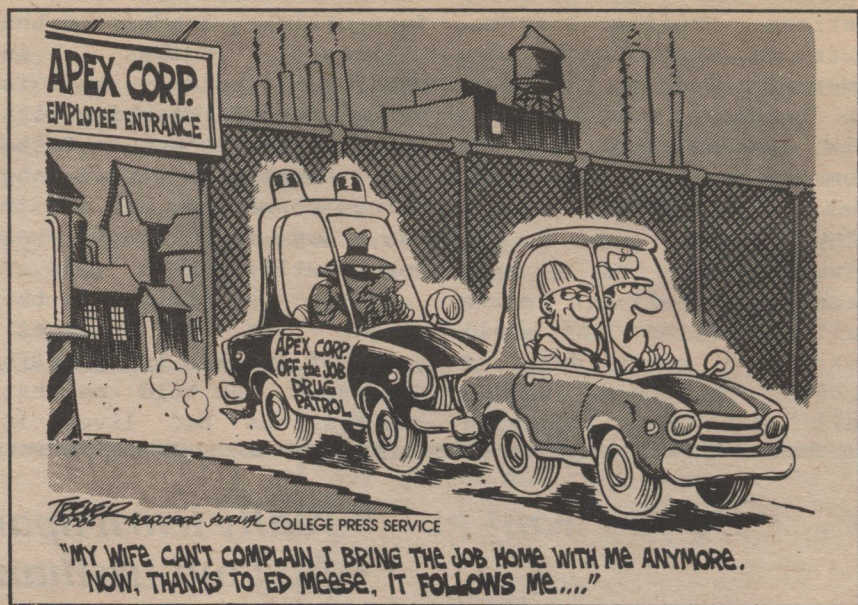
The commons and house-keeping divisions employ almost 100 students each. Epema considers three things when he places students in a job. First, he tries to honor a supervisor's request. Second, he tries to determine whether a student's abilities meet the job requirements. Third, he

tries to honor a student's request.

Epema also determines who receives work study and who receives work-for-institution based on the FAF. Those who qualify for work study (pink time card) are paid 20% by Dordt and 80% by the federal government. Those who qualify for work-for-institution (yellow time card) are paid entirely by Dordt. All Canadians receive work-for-institution because it is impossible for them to receive money from the U.S. government. Epema noted that next year recruitment efforts can't be paid by work-study because of a new law passed by the federal government.



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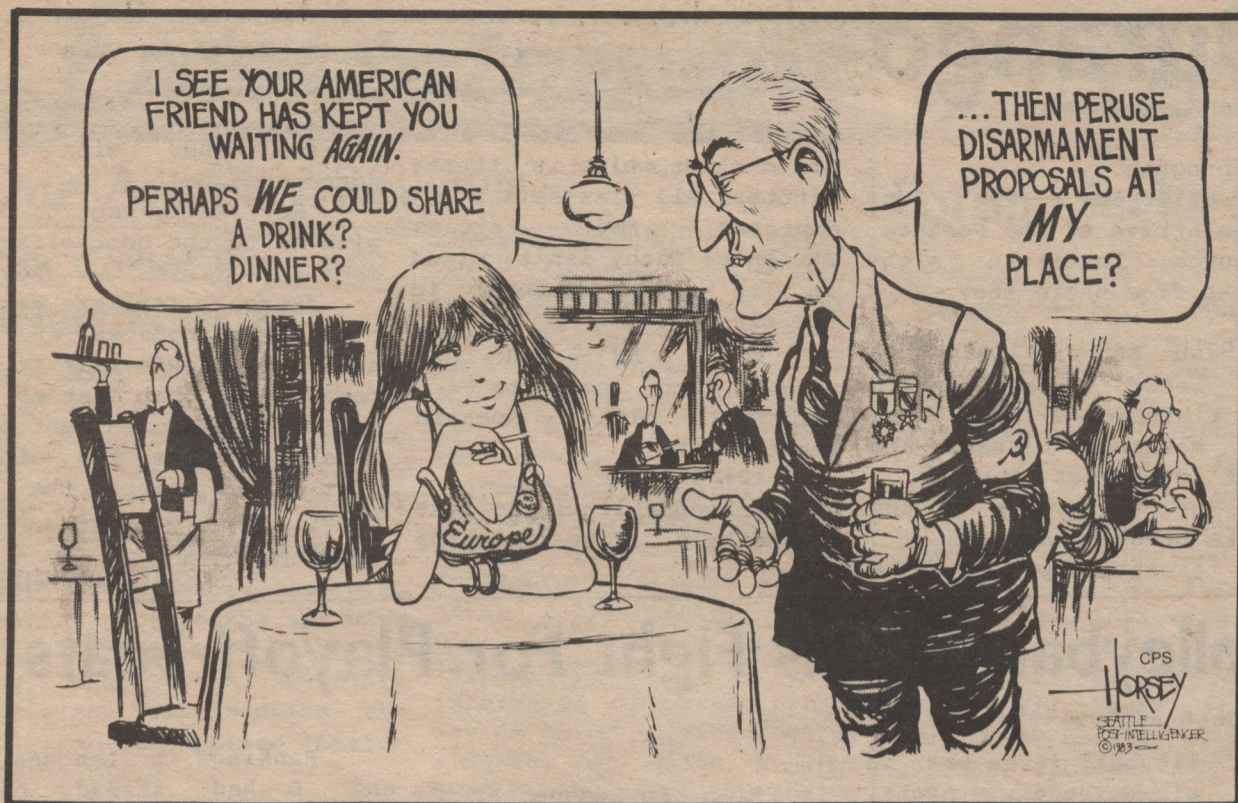
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I.C.S. Approves Ph.D. Changes

Opportunities for Christian graduate education in North America have been enriched by developments at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ont. ICS's senate and trustees recently approved changes to the Ph.D. program which promise to clarify both curriculum and credit transfer to the sponsoring Free University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Under a newly standardized format, doctoral studies in eight distinct areas of philosophy can now be completed through ICS.

The standardization of a program of studies was the work of Dr. Hendrik Hart, professor of systematic philosophy and director of doctoral studies at ICS. Hart took advantage of a parallel structure at the Free University to devise a complementary curriculum for ICS students.

His work establishes a format for doctoral students to pursue programs in systematic philosophy, history of philosophy, political philosophy, aesthetics, philosophy of religion, philosophical theology, philosophical anthropology, philosophy of education, and philosophy of history.

The four-year doctorate builds on the Institute's own Master of Philosophical Foundations degree. While most or all of the work is undertaken in Toronto, the degree itself is awarded by the Free University. Given appropriate preparation, masters graduates from other schools can also be accepted into the program.

Moonies on U.S. Campuses

by Karen L. Ziebell (CPS)--A group called CAUSA USA has begun circulating petitions on campuses across the nation in recent weeks, but some critics think it's a recruiting front for the Unification Church and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

CAUSA--The Confederation of the Association for the Unity of the Societies of the Americas -- usually circulates petitions asking signers to "agree" there should be a God-centered morality in the U.S., that all people should be free, and that communism is dangerous.

On some campuses, however, students are asked to sign to "promote" the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Since September, CAUSA petitions have shown up at Utah, Ohio State, Monmouth in New Jersey, Alabama, Nebraska, Minnesota, Winona State, Brookdale Community College and Queens College, among dozens of others.

Students at the above schools have complained CAUSA members belatedly inform them they're followers of Rev. Moon, while others charge the group is just gathering names of students to recruit for the Unification Church.

CAUSA officials emphatically deny it.

"This is not some sort of tricky recruiting drive," says CAUSA USA President Joseph Sanchez. "We're not asking for donations."

"Frankly, you don't have any proof (of any CAUSA ties to the Unification Church),"

CAUSA publicist Joy Garratt told a College Press Service reporter who asked.

Sanchez adds, "CAUSA is not affiliated with the Rev. Moon. I'm a Roman Catholic."

But Ronald Hilton, professor emeritus at Stanford and editor of "World Affairs Report," contends CAUSA is a Moon organization.

"Moon has a very complex network of organizations," Hilton says. "Within the network of Moon organizations, there is one called CAUSA International, which promotes the anti-communist cause."

At the University of Utah, student coordinator Virginia Peterson, who believes CAUSA is in the network, says Moon-affiliated groups have "been here under several different names. They've been here at least three times that I can recall."

Hilton charges Moon's ties to American campuses "are far more numerous than the academic world suspects," adding they have "reached a degree of intellectual respectability which is quite surprising."

Sanchez says his group only has gotten campus "help" from CARP--the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles --which makes no secret of its ties to the Unification Church.

"Some of our volunteers are CARP Moonies," Sanchez notes, "and they identify themselves as being with CARP. I am really grateful for the help."

But CAUSA, he says, just wants to get people to say they don't like communism.

"Who could argue with that? Virtually everyone who was asked did they agree to the Unification Church," said "Yes," Sanchez says.

"Over seven million people have signed." Hilton agrees.

"Who indeed could argue (with such sentiments)?" Hilton echoes. "In theory, that's all very noble and profound."

But he suspects the group ultimately will use the names and addresses it's gathered to recruit. "I'm wondering if they're trying to get one to join the organization."

Garratt explains signees will get more information about the organization, including a "sample copy" of CAUSA's newsletter. Later, those people will be asked to subscribe to the \$18 a year letter.

Sanchez says he has yet to decide what to do with the seven million signatures he's collected. CAUSA, he explains, may let the "leaders and politicians-- people who communicate-- know that seven million people believe this (or that) way."

Despite complaints of misrepresentation, most schools say they will keep their campuses open to the group.

"I suppose any group should be treated with courtesy and respect," Hilton says.

"I remember when the group first came, some questions were raised about what rights they had," recalls University of Alabama President Joab Thomas. "But I don't see any clear and present danger (from CAUSA's presence on campus). I don't think our students will be swayed or fooled by this."

"We are a very open college and strongly committed to the right of free speech," he adds.

Puzzle

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Down in Durango

by Jeff Burghraef

This article is PART II of a two part series examining what it is like to go on a foreign study program. Last issue we examined the Netherlands Program, this issue will examine the summer study program at the Romance Language Institute in Durango, Mexico. The dialogue in the article has been inserted to approximate what happened. All events are factual but did not occur on the same day. The content is taken from Kathy Vanden Berg's experiences while she was on the program from August 2 through 23 of this year.

In another part of the globe time ticks to a different pace, the pace of a Mexican lifestyle.

Ling-a-ling-a.....
CRASH!!!

Kathy Vanden Berg a Dordt junior on the Mexican Studies Program, realizes it's 7:00 AM; a new day has begun.

7:30 AM - A plate of fresh fruit is given to Kathy by the house cook. She sits eating in the open-roof patio area.

"Hola Kathy!" (Hi Kathy) says Mrs. Huisman, a Spanish teacher at Dordt.

"Como estás?" (how are you?) asks Marie Levie, a highschool student on the program from Window Rock, Arizona.

"Muy bien gracias" (very well, thankyou)

In walks Katie Haan, a fifth grade teacher at Sioux Center Christian School.

"What a day!" says Katie, "What is the temperature?"

(Just then Maria Luisa Garcinava Veyan walks in and replies)

"It is very cold today, it's only 35 Celsius which is 75 degrees Fahrenheit."

How peculiar, thinks Kathy. Here she is a Dordt student from Northwest Iowa, where temperatures can easily drop below zero.

Her concept of cold is quite different than Maria's.

All four women Marie Levie, Katie Haan, Corinne Huisman, and Kathy Vanden Berg lived in the host home of Beatriz and Maria Garcinava Veyan while on

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the program.

8:10 AM - The four women arrive at the Romance Language Institute eight blocks from where they live.

9:50- Kathy walks out of her second class which just finished. Each of her morning classes are about 50 minutes long.

Most of them have a ten minute break in-between with exception to the break

between her second and third class, which is twenty minutes. All classes are designed for foreign students; Kathy isn't mixed in with Mexican students in her classes.

10:10 AM - A bell rings. Kathy goes to her next class, Spanish translation.

12:00- Ding-a-ling-a-ling! The last of Kathy's four morning

classes ends with the sound of a bell.

"Hey, Kathy want to come with me to the post office?" asks Marie Levie.

"Sure," replies Kathy. Kathy notices as her and Marie Levie walk to the post office that most of the mail in Durango is sent and received from the city's post office, since the sight of a mail box doesn't exist.

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Volleyball Teams Fight For Playoff Seats

by Jeff Burghraef

Volleyball fever was in the air Tuesday night, November 18 in the gym where some of Dordt's coed intramural teams qualified for the playoffs while others were eliminated. The top four teams from each of the four leagues qualify for a seats in the playoffs. The Coed Intramural playoffs are scheduled to start Thursday night, November 20

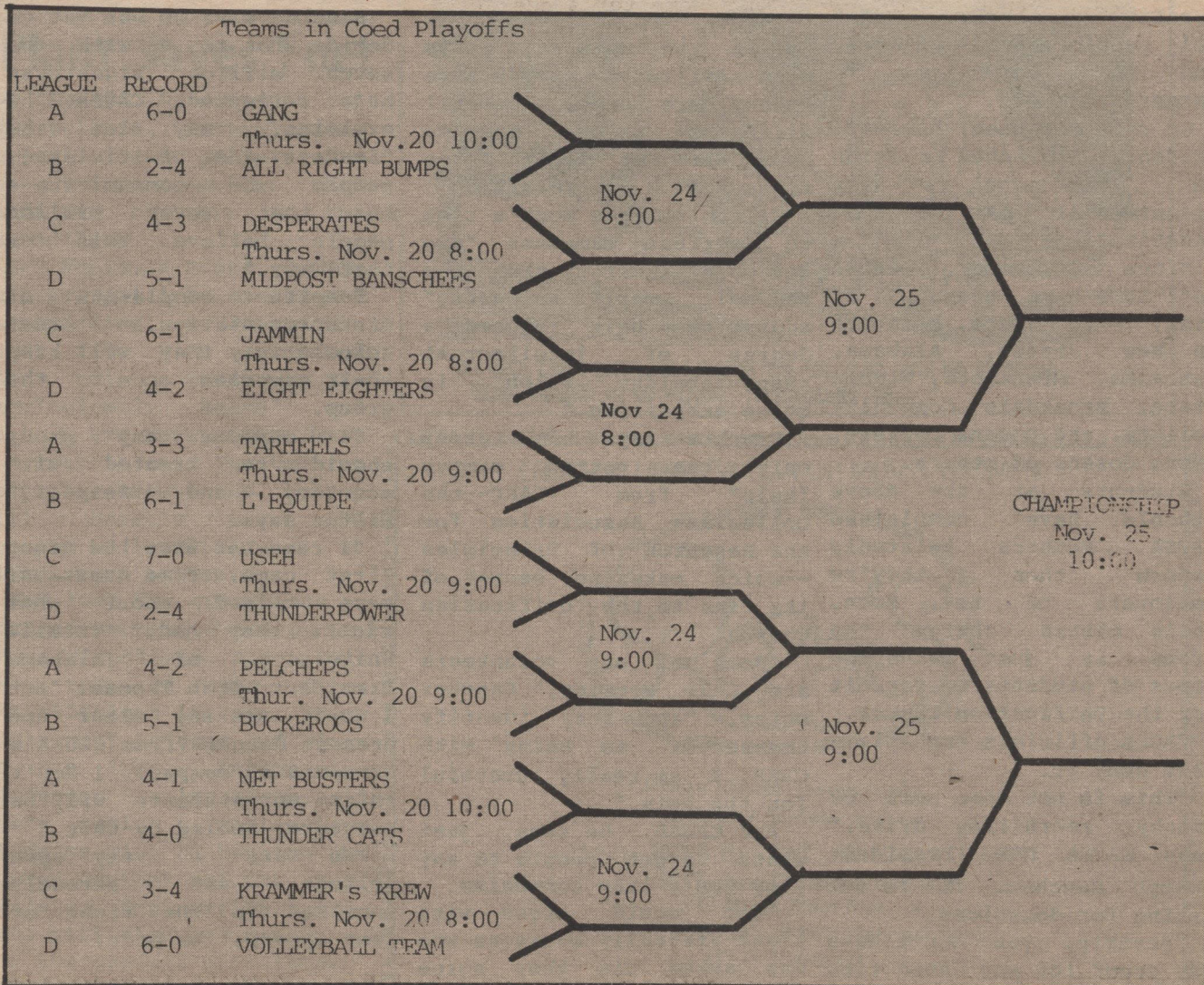
In League A "The Gang" swept a victory from "Third Stage" to maintain their unblemished record of 6-0. "Gang" player Scott Vander Maaten voiced his playoff thoughts, "We're a closeknit team and it has helped us ... we just want to do our best in the playoffs and have

fun." Also in League A, the "Tar Heels" squeezed into the playoffs when "Knapper's Knockout" forfeited a match. "The Winning Combination" wasn't so winning Tuesday night; they lost to the "Net Busters"(League A).

An exciting match took place between the "Desperates" and "Spiked Bunch." Both League C teams battled for a playoff seat. The "Desperates" captured the seat winning the match 15-8, 14-16, 15-10. Another League C team, "The U.S. Eh Team", enters the playoffs with a perfect 7-0 record; they stomped the "Krammer Krew" Tuesday 15-2, 15-9

Rankings in Leagues B and D had already been finalized before Tuesday night's games. First place in League B is held by "L'equipe" with a 6-0 record. In League D a 6-0 record has given "The Volleyball Team" a strong hold on first place in this league. Jannette Bakker, a player on "The Volleyball Team" says, "we usually do well so it wasn't a surprise to us that we made it to the playoffs ... we expect to do well in the playoffs."

Each league has at least one undefeated team entering the playoffs which should make for some interesting volleyball games.



Entertainment

School News

One Act Play Reviews

Tish Collins Rises to 'Before Breakfast'

by William Meyerhoff

On Dec. 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the New World Theater, Tish Collins will be performing Eugene O'Neil's one act play Before Breakfast.

Tish, who will be doing a solo performance, is also helping design the set with John Hofland and directing the play. Vern Meyer is advising. Tish is doing the play for her Applied Theater Acting class.

Tish had to decide between several plays, and the choice was a difficult one to make. She rejected a play by Brecht because it was difficult to understand. She also passed up Bag Lady because of excessive swearing in the play. According to Tish, she chose to do O'Neil's play because "I could do a better job of portraying Mrs. Roland than the characters in the other plays I was looking into."

The focus of the play is a woman, Mrs. Roland, who is getting ready for work. As she prepares for her day, she talks with her husband, Alfred, who is in another room. Alfred is an artist and a poet who has yet to be published. Mrs. Roland complains about her husband's laziness and drinking problem. She is miserable, and gripes about having to do all the work. She also bitches about her husband's affair with another woman. Throughout the play she nags and nags her husband.

The play ends on a bizarre twist, but you will have to go see it to find out what happens between Mrs. Roland and her husband.

Tish says that the play is challenging her as an actress. She is making progress, despite the difficulties. Tish says that the "hardest thing to relate to is that she (Mrs. Roland) is married and a nag, but I'm neither, so I can't relate to her circumstances. I'm relying on acting technique to find something within myself to portray her character." She also says "it's a challenge to be on stage alone with no one to interact with or respond to."

Before Breakfast, like many of O'Neil's plays, is

autobiographical. O'Neil wrote the play shortly after he deserted the first of his three wives. The depth of emotion and intensity that the play has is largely due to O'Neil's personal experience.

Immediately following the performance, there will be a short discussion, then refreshments will be served. After refreshments, there will be a time of audience improvisations. Those interested in participating may do so by reading poetry, singing, or doing a skit. Support the arts by coming to the play and enjoy an evening of worthwhile entertainment.

Folkerts, Huisman Direct Canadian Drama

On Nov. 20 and 22 the Theater Arts 310 directing class will present "a great Canadian one-act." Eloise Folkerts and Clarke Huisman are teamed to direct "Still Stands the House" by Gwen Pharis Ringwood, to be presented in the New World Theater at 8:00 P.M. Eloise is doing most of the acting direction and Clarke is directing the technical aspects of the play.

This semester's one-act is concerned with the theme of isolation. Set on a farm in rural Alberta, Canada, the play centers around a brother and sister, Bruce and Hester, and Bruce's wife Ruth. The farm they run has been in Bruce and Hester's family for generations and they are struggling to make ends meet. Conflict arises between the three over an offer they receive to sell the farm and move to a better one. All three in their ways feel very much alone. Tension rises as a blizzard rages outside, isolating the three still further. This play promises a surprise ending.

One-Act plays are presented each semester by the Theater Arts directing class to provide students with practical experience in directing. The class draws on the acting skills of the whole college. "Still Stands the House" has as cast one freshman, two sophomores, and one senior. It costs only \$1.00 to see the creative results of the hard work of... a few of Dordt's talented students.

Forum Seeks Student Response

by Galen Sinkey

Student Forum is currently busy working on a number of projects. A particularly important one is a presentation the Forum will make to the faculty concerning testing.

The Academic Policies committee is concerned about students who study for their tests by borrowing test copies from previous semesters. Faculty members feel that these students have an unfair advantage over the students who can't get their hands on these old test copies. The academic policies committee is actually asking students, via Student Forum, for suggestions on how they should approach this problem. During the semester break on January 9, 1987, Student Forum will be giving their suggestions at the faculty meeting.

Student Forum will begin actively looking for suggestions from the student body, and may even ask a

couple of students that are not Forum members to assist them in the presentation. If you have any comments or ideas, brilliant or otherwise, please bring them to a Forum member!

As a spokesman for Student Forum, I am honored that the faculty would look to the students for suggestions in making a policy. By doing this, the faculty is helping Forum become a more active body, and helping us in our task as representatives of the student body by giving us a job to do. Along the same line, I appreciated the way the faculty responded to our prayer recommendation by taking the time to discuss it among themselves and bringing their feedback to the students.

I hope that any students who read this will take the time to give this testing issue some thought, and then bring their comments to a Forum member.

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Right Stuff	January 31 (S)	2:00/8:00
Witness	February 7 (F)	3:00/6:30/9:00
West Side Story	February 14 (S)	3:00/6:00/9:00
Marjoe	February 20 (F)	6:30/9:00
American Graffiti	February 27 (S)	3:00/6:30/9:00
The New Land	March 7 (S)	3:00/6:00/9:00
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