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Full-time Campus Pastor debatable Responsibility of church or school?

by Angela Struyk

Pull the Dordt College Term Planner (the little pink calendar passed out at the beginning of the year) from your pocket, and look at the events which are scheduled for the next few weeks. Aside from regular classes, there is hardly a day where no basketball game, music concert, film, lecture or other activity is scheduled.

Are these sport, music, academic and entertainment activities fulfilling the need students have for spiritual growth? Could there be something missing from the schedule such as organized spiritual activities? Dordt students and faculty members are struggling with these questions. Specifically, they are wondering whether Dordt should have a full-time campus pastor who will organize student spiritual activities on a regular basis.

Pushing the idea that Dordt hire a Campus Pastor, is Dordt junior, Rick Ebbers. According to Ebbers, there is not a strong enough Christian fellowship at Dordt. Says Ebbers, "having a person whose full-time job would be to organize Bible studies, group activities, retreats, PLIA (Putting Love Into Action) project and other activities which are now separately organized, would strengthen Christian fellowship."

Presently there are student prepared Bible studies, but Ebbers believes that students who are taking five to six courses a semester plus their own extra curricular activities cannot be entirely responsible for fulfilling this need—they just don't have the time.

Ebbers realizes that the professors at Dordt are partially filling students' spiritual needs in the classroom by

teaching from Christian perspectives. However, as Ebbers explains, "You need more than what goes on in the classroom—only part of the learning is in class."

Ebbers believes that students are influenced as much by their classes as they are by their peers and their social lives outside of Dordt's academics. But he thinks that the social area of the students' lives is where an organizational pastor should be available.

One of the factors against creating a new faculty position is the problem of the budget. However, Ebbers believes that if Dordt can increase its tuition and budget for specialized areas such as the science department, the agriculture program, the engineering department, and the com-

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From left to right, Cathy Vander Well, Theresa Dykshorn, and Brent Disselkoen in the new "Informix" language. Many hours were spent on the program for the design and develop a computer program Sioux Center Food Co-op.

Students aid in programming for Food Co-op

by Wayne Spronk

Challenging three Dordt students last semester was the designing and implementation of a computer software system for the Sioux Center Food Co-op. Cathy Vander Well, Theresa Dykshorn and Brent Disselkoen created the software to replace an out-moded format which needed extensive editing before it could operate.

The new process was a project for Computer Science 120, a data-base programming course taught by students Jim Bos and Hilbert Vande Kamp. Vander Well, Dykshorn, and Disselkoen picked this idea from several options, and were guided to co-op treasurer Mr. Henry De Vries, who manages the co-op's computer programs. De Vries himself had done extensive remodeling of the out-moded format which was written in Basic Computer language. The old system was written by Dr. Elwell, a former Computer Science professor at Dordt.

Most of the system's improvement was the use of the Informix language instead of Basic. Informix is a data base systems language, referring to the central storage of data from which interrelated programs draw. "Informix is more complex than a basic program because you are using information from various fields," explains Disselkoen. "You must put it all together to make it generate the reports you want." The Informix system is actually completely different from the old one, though much data is the same.

Once the three students decided what was needed, most of their work was done individually. These tasks included programming to input product lists, member lists, prices, individual orders and total orders.

Simplification was the chief goal. As De Vries states, "With 350 products and 70 members, there is the possibility of 20-25,000 pieces of information. It was continued on page 3

Winter Seminar discusses Multi-cultural Education

by Jamie Moret

With an emphasis on Hispanic Culture, Dr. Antonio Flores led the Education Department's annual Winter Seminar on February 7, 8, and 9. Workshops were held on Dordt's campus and directed toward Education majors, student teachers, and in-service teachers.

Dr. Flores dealt with the topic of Multi-cultural Education. Since graduating from the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, Dr. Flores has had several years of experience in cross-cultural education. He has also served as Director of the Upward Bound program for disadvantaged youths. Presently he works for the Department of Education in the state of Michigan.

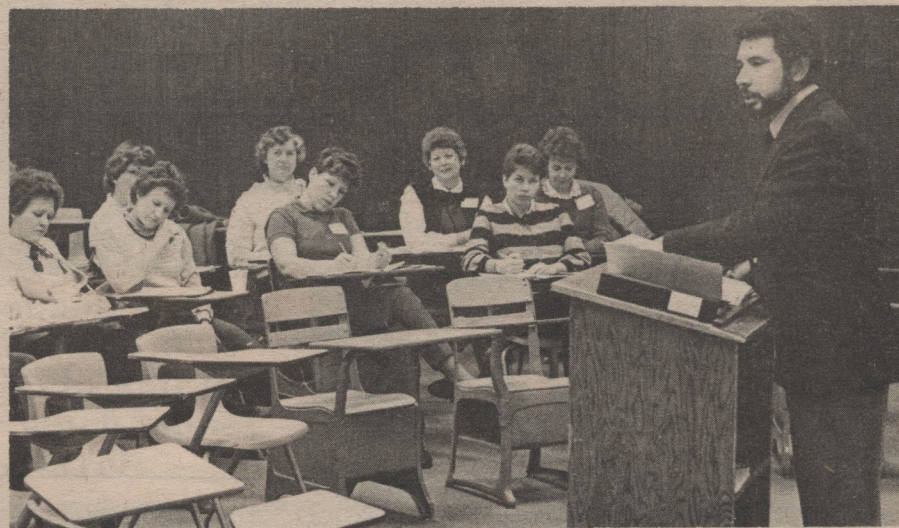
Dr. Flores began his workshops by providing factual information on the Hispanic minority; their present role in society and in education today. Because cultural conflicts and diversity are maintained particularly through language

and religion, Dr. Flores stressed the importance of preparing oneself for teaching in a multi-cultural situation.

He presented an alternative classical modification of cultural pluralism in which minority groups retain their cultural identification, but at the same are proficient in and participants of the larger society. As educators we can help this process by learning about the minority's culture, familiarizing ourselves with textbooks and other materials which may have racist language, and learning about the student's parent involvement in the school.

The second part of the lecture involved the audience. Participants were asked to recall and share experiences of their first day of school and play a role-game which illustrated the discomforts of cultural barriers.

Professors Gene Westra and Gloria Stronks, who coordinated this year's continued on page 5



Dr. Antonio Flores not only lectures but also responds to various questions from the Winter Seminar participants.

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The point of this editorial might seem of small significance to some, but if what is about to be said can cause some people to think, then I feel I have accomplished a small feat worthy an editorial.

The Dordt library, whether they are conscious of it or not, houses among other works of art, two pictures of Jesus Christ. One picture portrays a facial portrait of Christ and the other depicts Christ at the last supper.

Most students walk past these pictures without giving them a notice. Others glance at them intermittently when weary from long study hours. Whether these pictures are noticed by many or few is not the question here. The pertinent question is whether the library is correct in displaying pictorial representations of Christ.

I never became involved in this question until I sat down and really thought about it. John Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion" and scriptural authority guided me to what I feel is a true biblical conclusion: Use of images representing Christ in any manner, including pictures, is contrary to scripture.

First, we must realize that God strictly forbids any representation of him in Exodus 20:4. "You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor any likeness." By these words, according to Calvin, God restrains our waywardness from trying to represent him by any visible image.

We must realize that God is the sole and proper witness of himself. God's majesty which is far above the perception of the eyes, cannot be comprehended by any depraved human understanding. Therefore, any representation of him is a defacing and an insult to his majesty. It is clear that every statue man erects or every image he paints to represent God, simply displeases God as something dishonorable to His majesty. (Institutes of the Christian Religion I, p. 101.)

Some might claim that when or if they look at the pictures, they really don't think twice about them. But I can't agree with such a response. How are we then different from the Roman Catholics and their response to images. They claim that they worship God, not the images. But we must realize that God's glory, even when it is falsely portrayed in images, is such that in it he demands a worshipful response.

Calvin says that men are so stupid that they fashion God wherever they fashion him, and hence cannot but *adore*. He also goes on to say that it is always idolatry whenever divine honors are bestowed upon an idol, under whatever pretext this is done. (Institutes of the Christian Religion, p. 109)

Finally, I support my argument with two verses from John 4:23,24. In a response to a Samaritan woman, Jesus said, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." The next verse culminates what Jesus commands. "God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

"Surely, his infinity ought to make us afraid to try and measure him by our own senses," states Calvin. (Institutes of the Christian Religion, p. 121) "Indeed, his spiritual nature forbids our imagining anything earthly or carnal of him."

I cannot but come to the conclusion that the pictorial representation of Christ in the Dordt library is wrong. I hope the library staff at least rethinks their reasons for why they portray such pictures.

I hope that others with opinions on the issue, including professors, may also state their thoughts concerning this issue. pg

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Are you a conservative or a liberal (i.e. progressive)? Oh, well, naturally if you are CRC you're conservative, right? Wrong. Well then, if you're OPC then you're definitely conservative. Guess again.

All this nonsensical and ludicrous talk of right and left; conservative or liberal; moral or enlightened is not only an insult to oneself and ones tradition but it's just plain silly. Christianity is a truth so real and joyful, so much a part of our concrete day to day life, and yet so majestic and unexplainable in terms of the narrow limits of human rationality that those who allow themselves to be labeled are already limiting what they have gained in Christ.

This does not mean that one is not to value one's tradition. It does however mean that one should not let one's tradition determine his views and stance on specific issues. One's tradition gives a Christian spiritual direction.

If one tries to take a classic "conservative" or "liberal" stance on every issue he meets, he will often find that he has given into an unthoughtful and insensitive approach. With this, he is generalizing an answer to a problem rather than dealing with the issue specifically.

One example of such a thoughtless approach is on page four of the February

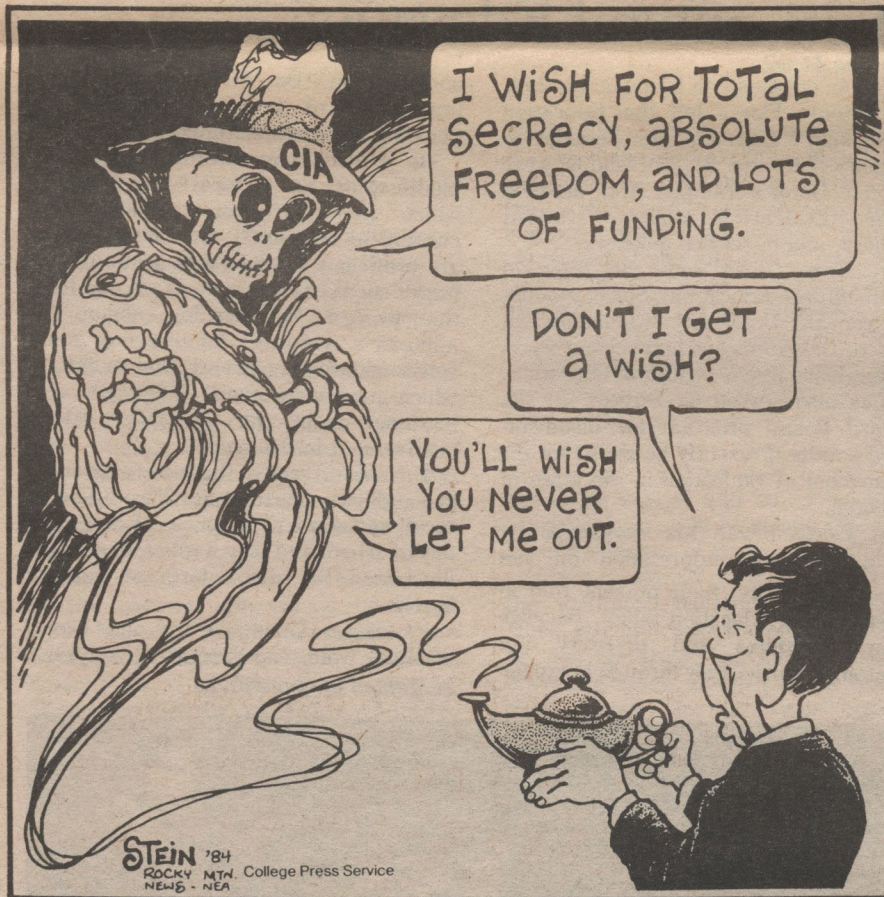
fourth issue of *Christian Renewal*; a regular column titled "Table Talk." Interestingly enough, the column's title is appropriate. Table talk is rude and it does not take into account the sentiments of its "would-be" opponents. But of course, it may be said that table talk encourages one to be an opponent.

In other words, John Hultink, the author of the column, makes an attempt to discredit the Institute for Christian Studies by generalizing about a group of issues and attributing them to one of its members, James Olthuis. Hultink does not deal with the context within which these issues are stated. Instead, he makes a personal attack on James Olthuis.

Is the attitude with which this column was written one of Christian admonition and reconciliation? As I read it, it is not. Rather, it cites a biography of Olthuis and generalizes his so-called "liberal" position by saying, "James Olthuis had disassociated himself from the Reformed confessions and that he had adopted many of the liberal views advocated by leaders within the United Church of Canada."

He goes on to ask his reader to "imagine" rather than to understand or to find out what is "fact". He sets up speculative arguments and does not relate them to an exact situation, time or place.

Yet aside from his questionable "facts," whether they are true or not he does not deal with the problems specifically. As far as my views are concerned I dare to question Olthuis as well, but if I choose to deal with the issues rather than argue ad hominem, perhaps by God's graciousness I may be able to promote admonition, reconciliation and understanding. I take the apostle Paul seriously (as I pray both Hultink and Olthuis do) when he appeals to the church at Corinth, "that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought (1 Cor. 1:10)." m-p v



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Food Co-op provides wholesale shipments

by Wayne Spronk

There is an alternative for those of you who occasionally despair at the supermarket cash register, prefer your diet without an excessive quantity of additives or just like to get out and work beside other people. That other choice is the Sioux Center Food Co-op. Although there is no vacancy now, there are waiting lists to which your name can be added.

The co-op is what treasurer Dordt Professor Henry De Vries describes as "a pre-order buying club." The approximately seventy members are subdivided into groups of eight households but they order food together for buying power.

One of each group is responsible for taking orders three weeks ahead of the delivery date. These orders are compiled and products which are wanted in sufficient quantities are ordered from a larger wholesale corporation.

Canned foods without additives, dried fruit, flours, pastas, spices, bottled fruit juices, raw milk and cheeses are ordered most often. De Vries claims that cheeses make up the "larger percentage of orders", since the cheeses and yogurts have no dyes, no additives and no pre-wrapping. Some cheeses come in a fifty-pound block, and are split up once the co-op receives the shipment.

Principally, two wholesalers supply the co-op. The major one is Blooming Prairie Warehouses, Incorporated, of Iowa City. They supply around two hundred similar co-ops according to De Vries. Blooming Prairie Warehouses is notable as a corporation due to its standards of business. It attempts to associate with suppliers who practice "fair-labor" ethics. As new suppliers enter into business relationships with Blooming Prairie, the company newsletter profiles the new associates for its consumers.

Frontier Herbs is the other main supplier. They supply mainly teas, spices and specific coffees. Both suppliers are located near each other and their shipments can be made on a single semi-trailer. Shipments usually arrive on Friday afternoons every eight weeks. The city hall basement is rented for the members to divide their supplies.

Excess products are auctioned off. For example, ten pound boxes are the usual shipping quantity. If someone ordered six pounds of whole wheat spaghetti noodles, the other four pounds would be sold as soon as possible. "98 percent of the shipped products are pre-ordered by the members", says De Vries "but sometimes out-of-stock replies occur."

All members help with the distribution, unless they have other jobs. Even if they have other tasks, such as coordinator, assistant coordinator, treasurer, keyboard operator or newsletter staffperson,

members still help every other shipment. The members with organizational duties are usually concentrated in one of the groups. After one year the group disbands and a new coordinating group forms.

The co-op began over two years ago when several interested people decided it was time to act. Mrs. Sal Jongsma, had experience with a co-op in St. Catherines, Ontario. Also Mrs. Laura Konkel King, a former member of a Massachusetts co-op and about four others initiated the movement. Soon the group had over eighty members. Due to physical constraints, Orange City members developed into a separate co-op about five months ago.

Mrs. Konkel King, present coordinator for the Sioux Center Food Co-op, noted that members "tried not to order things that they could buy in town." Honey is one example. Many products carried by the co-op would not be feasible for grocers to handle. That feasibility, along with the no-sugar, no-salt, no-preservative foods availability, and the reduction of packaging costs are the main services of the co-op.

Several Dordt professors use the co-op; Dordt students feel that they do not do enough cooking to benefit significantly. Despite that, the variety of offerings provided by the Food co-op could be such as even the enterprising Common's managers could employ.

Letter to the Editors

In response to Mr. De Groot's letter, January 31 issue of the *Diamond*, I feel it is important to present some widely accepted facts on alcoholism.

I accept alcoholism as a disease. In 1956, The American Medical Association labeled it a "chronic, progressive disease." This means it gets worse, never better, with time. Alcoholism involves the entire person; physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and socially. The cause is unknown and there is no known "cure." Alcoholism left untreated has three possible ends: insanity, institutionalization, and death. Alcoholism, however, can be arrested by total abstinence.

A distinction must be made between alcohol abuse and the disease, alcoholism. In the first instance, man uses his will and chooses a sinful act. In the second instance, something has happened, a line has been crossed and the alcoholic no longer has a choice. There are moral implications as to how the person became alcoholic. I believe, however, that once the line is crossed (disease), we shouldn't stand back and "morally judge" the person. Instead we should learn about alcoholism so we can be helpful to his or her recovery.

An analogy may emphasize this. A person with venereal disease goes to the doctor. There are moral implications about how he/she got it, but the doctor doesn't "morally judge" and say, "You have sinned, now go 'condemn yourself' and 'seek forgiveness!'" Instead, the doctor gives a prescription to hopefully take care of the disease.

Alcoholism is a disease by itself; it doesn't point to deeper problems. Accepting alcoholism as a disease doesn't put the "blame" on someone else. The alcoholic is responsible for his/her actions; when he/she accepts that responsibility he/she can recover.

I feel Mr. De Groot's letter morally condemns the alcoholic (although he says he doesn't), without adequate knowledge of the disease. I see his view as common among CRC circles. This view doesn't help the alcoholic and his/her family, and it can keep the alcoholic from getting the help he/she needs. Without help, those afflicted with the disease of alcoholism could die.

Howard TeBeest
Dordt student

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well-suited as a potential project involving the handling of large amounts of information."

The project began just before Thanksgiving break, and Dykshorn says that the last two big bugs were worked out around February 1. Improvements are now being incorporated into the system with C-language, another language of data-base systems that can be used alongside of Informix.

The student's opinions about the project varied. "Once you know the language," says Vander Well, "you get to a point where it really isn't hard." Computer Science major Disselkoen adds that he receives satisfaction from seeing the finished product. But Dykshorn sees farther. "The co-op's aren't that new an idea," she says with a smile. "Maybe we could sell some of them the system."

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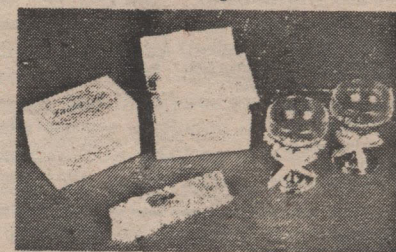
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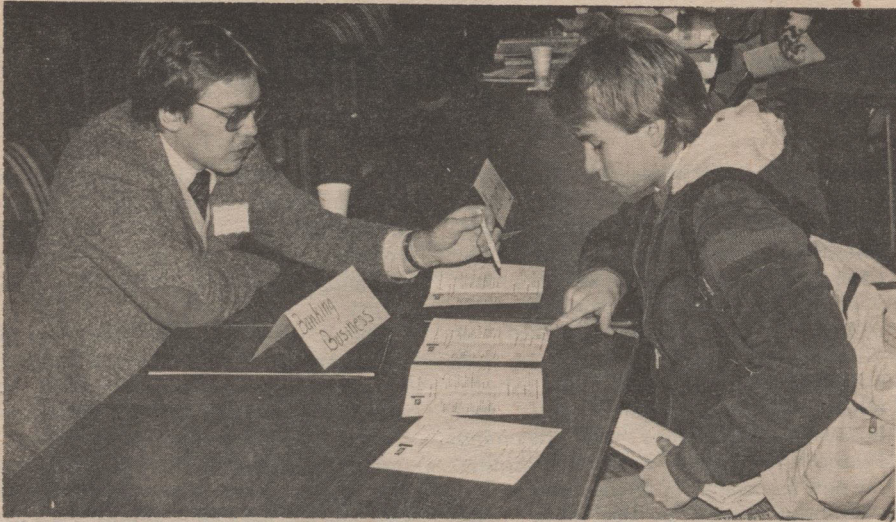
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A Career Day professional advises one of the many Dordt students curious about the present job market.

Students seek advice

by Melanie Ten Pas

"What's a typical day of a physical therapist like?"

"What are some hints about applying for an engineering position?"

"How much does your job influence your leisure time?"

These are a few questions which were answered on Career Day held February 8 by 35 professionals from 24 different career areas. Each professional gave up a day of work to answer and discuss any questions which students might have. "The main purpose of Career Day, according to Career Counselor Quentin Van Essen, is to inform undergraduates about various major possibilities, college education needed for these majors, and how a major applies to a specific type of work.

75 percent of the professionals were within a 60 mile radius of Sioux Center while the remaining 25 percent were from further distances. 16 participants were Dordt alumni. "They enjoy getting on campus," stated Van Essen, "because they know the struggles they went through and are therefore eager to give advice."

Unity, Western, and Sioux Center high schools were also invited to attend. Rick Dominowski from Sioux Center remarked, "Our whole accounting class was required to attend, but we all wanted to come. I really came to see what kind of career I'd like to start."

Students came for various reasons, but most were concerned about how the outlook on jobs will be in the future and if

there will be a demand for the job they are interested in. Many students were willing to voice their opinions about Career Day.

According to freshman Lyle Brouwer and Greg De Boer, they came to learn more about careers in engineering. Freshman Jolette Moeliker remarked, "I felt Career Day was very helpful because I was encouraged about women in the field of chemistry. I received clear information about the field and they (professionals) suggested more schools to attend after I finish at Dordt. I don't know what direction I'm heading in my major so this really helps."

Another freshman, Jim Vanden Heuvel said, "I'm really glad I came. I was encouraged about being an elementary major because I was told the market is going to look good in a few years. It was nice talking about kids and psychology with a professional." A sophomore Ann De Blaeys stated, "I came to see what the job market will be like after graduation. I want to know if there is a demand for math teachers in secondary education."

Professionals Gerald Isakson, Chiropractor, and Bethany Christian Service's representative, Adri Ruisch, both enjoyed being at Dordt. "I feel it is a good opportunity for college kids to find out information first hand," commented Isakson. "There has been a good turnout," remarked Ruisch. "I've had a lot of questions dealing with social work and how Bethany fits into the pro-life scene."

Van Essen estimated that 350 to 400 Dordt students and approximately 60 high school students attended. Four years ago Dordt had its first Career Day with approximately 450 students attending.

Club encourages letters to congressmen

The call, initiated by "Bread for the World," a world hunger agency, intends to inform citizens about the African hunger problem and rally support for positive political action. In November, 1984, 27 African nations had reported food shortages or famine. This crisis is still growing because of a combination of factors, including war, political instability, the international economic situation, population growth and climatic factors.

Dordt College, along with other college, university, and seminary campuses around the U.S., will be participating in "A Call to Action on the African Crisis" on Tuesday, February 26.

At Dordt, the "Call to Action" will be directed by the World Hunger Awareness Club. According to President Randy Klynsmas, the main emphasis is to encourage students to write their congressmen. The club will supply stationary, stamps, and addresses of congressmen at information tables around campus on the 26th so that students may send letters to the lawmakers.

In addition to the letter-writing, students are asked to follow their letters with a phone call two or three weeks later. Phone numbers of the congressmen will also be provided.

The World Hunger Awareness Club also plans to involve the local Christian Reformed churches in this campaign in a similar manner.

American policies must be made by legislators to help alleviate these dilemmas. By notifying legislators of the concern for these African nations, it is more likely that policies for emergency food aid, long-term development and trade be instigated.

Guard recruiter feels "well received"

by Mark Vis

Bob Holles is the type of salesman most people would like to meet more often. He doesn't plague customers with high-pressure sales techniques or smooth talking, and he doesn't even carry around a bag of sample products. He doesn't need to. What he sells is apparently too good for many people to pass up. Holles is a Staff Sergeant with the Iowa National Guard, and he "sells" opportunity.

Holles has spent 14 years with the Guard, the last three in full-time recruitment. He spends at least a few days a month at Dordt, usually discussing the military (or any other pertinent matters with anyone who's interested. Holles is obviously sincere when he says he likes coming to Dordt, and students who talk with Holles enjoy his discussions. But there is another reason Holles comes to Dordt, and that is to help college

students pay for their education via the National Guard.

Holles has no problem convincing students that the Guard has a lot to offer. According to Holles, during a six-year enlistment a student will put in 360 days of work and be paid approximately \$25,000, or about \$10.00 per hour. With the amount of financial aid most students must eventually repay, \$25,000 makes the Guard a real opportunity. And besides the money, there is a chance to learn strict discipline, physical fitness, and teamwork. There are about 13 Dordt students enlisted with the Guard.

Has Holles had problems with any anti-military sentiment at Dordt? No, he feels that he has been "well received" by students and other members of the community. As he sees it, Christianity and the military--Dordt and the Guard--

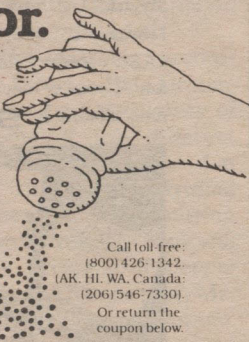
have some things in common, especially in that both work toward discipline and the betterment of the person. Guard member Rick Ebberts, a student at Dordt, fully agreed that "the military is pretty tolerant of your religious beliefs." Ebberts' long-term goal is a part-time job as a chaplain. Eighty-five percent of the Sheldon/Sioux Center unit are churchgoers, according to Holles.

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A great way of life

Vander Mey offers Dante

Hell, purgatory, heaven and back

by Phil Grotenhuis

For 13th century poet Alighieri Dante, a journey through the depths of hell and the different spheres of purgatory and heaven was more than an unforgettable experience. It was the illumination he received from his journey that provided him a chance for purification and a heavenly vision.

It is the scope of Dante's purification and vision that English Professor Randy Vander Mey aspires to give his students every Tuesday night.

"College students desperately are in need of a world vision," says Vander Mey. "I think Dante causes students to comprehend what it means to have a world vision by taking one small detail and being able to see it in terms of the whole."

Dante's journey through hell is found in his work *The Divine Comedy* which consists of three books: *The Inferno*, *The Purgatorio*, and *The Paradiso*. *The Divine Comedy* in short is a love poem where the poet Dante is alive but the woman he loves (Beatrice) has died. His infatuation with her takes him through the afterlife, but before they can meet, he must journey through the different divisions of hell in order to see not only Beatrice, but the heavenly vision.

Guided by the pagan/poet Virgil, Dante experiences the various divisions of hell where all hope is lost. He also journeys through purgatory where souls are working out their repentance. Through his entire quest, Dante himself experiences a certain process of purification.

At the top of the purgatorial mountain, Dante is left by Virgil and is guided by Beatrice through all the heavenly realms

and spheres of the blessed souls. Throughout his journey, Dante is thoroughly tested in his beliefs until ultimately he obtains much more than Beatrice—he sees a direct vision of God as a single burning light that physically blinds him.

The direct vision of God was so overwhelming for Dante that once he did return to the earthly world, he could never report it.

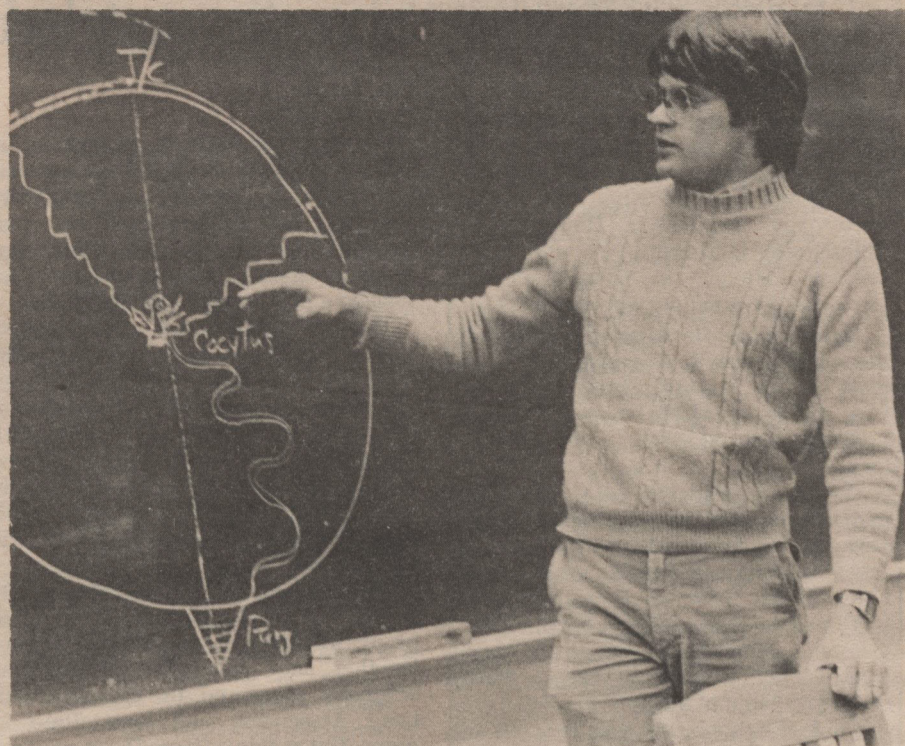
It's Dante's arduous quest and vision that excites Vander Mey.

"It's something when someone can cause you to think and feel differently," says Vander Mey. "You begin to know Dante through his writings. You also feel the internal struggles of Dante's spirit and therefore the internal struggles within yourself."

Despite Dante's Roman Catholic stance, Vander Mey believes the Calvinist can still learn much from Dante. "Even if the students disagree with Dante's scholasticism, they can still learn from his example of theological rigor and spiritual devotion," explains Vander Mey. "I want students to get involved spiritually, physically, and emotionally. I want to stimulate the whole of their mind. I don't want the study of Dante to be divorced from life."

Vander Mey also sees Dante as a foundation in literature and as of importance to history. "You really can't be well read until you've read Dante," says Vander Mey. "He has been referred to by so many artists that you can hardly get intimate with other artists until you know who they were intimate with."

In addition, Dante opens up the roots to protestantism. Like John Calvin, Dante wrote in exile hoping to change the



English professor Randy Vander Mey explains poet Dante's complex journey through hell, purgatory and heaven.

corruption of a city plagued by corrupt government and church officials. "Dante is such a wide open window to the Middle Ages," states Vander Mey. "After reading Dante, students have a firmer confidence in history and literature."

Vander Mey's own interest in Dante's works developed at the University of Iowa while he was working on his Master of Fine Arts degree. "It all started in a bathtub," says Vander Mey. "I decided every morning to read three cantos (brief chapters) in the bathtub until I eventually read the entire *Divine Comedy*." Vander Mey was so captivated that he later took a class in it while working on his Doctorate.

His second introduction to Dante was from a teacher who had previously been a nun, an opera singer in San Francisco, and a hula dancer. "She was steeped in Catholicism," explains Vander Mey, "and she knew her Italian; I thought she was an excellent teacher."

Vander Mey says he is introducing Dante to Dordt students as good medicine. A spiritual devotion, a knowledge and confidence of history and literature, and an overall world vision are just some of the medicine Dante offers. For those with an ailing world vision, a prescription of a canto a day might not be such a bad remedy.

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Ag Club hosts banquet

by Wayne Kroon

On the night of February 16, the Agriculture Club of Dordt hosted its second annual banquet in West Commons. The turnout included approximately fifty people who enjoyed a fine meal and great entertainment.

According to Agriculture Professor Duane Bajema, the Ag Club banquet provided a "getting together of alumni and students to have a time of celebration and learning." Its main purpose was to elect new officers to the board of directors and pay tribute to the outgoing officers. With a theme of "Serving God Through Agriculture," the Ag Club welcomed in the newly elected officers.

Among the new officers are: Albert Sebring as president; Mike Davelaar as vice president; Pete Boonstra as secretary; Keith Korthuis as treasurer, and

Helen De Jager as historian. Among the retiring officers are: Rick Poortinga-president; Rob De Haan-vice president; Herb Deelstra-secretary; Betty Noteboom-treasurer; and Dorene Kramer as historian. Mr. De Vries is again the advisor.

The special events at the banquet involved Anjo Norg as the Master of Ceremonies and Horace Autenreith from Paullina, Iowa, as the guest speaker. Even President J.B. Hulst was involved in an "Old McDonald's Farm" skit portrayed at the banquet.

The thirty-five or so members of the Ag Club would like to extend special thanks to Nelva Pennings, Rob De Haan, Dorene Kramer and Albert Sebring for their contributions to the banquet. The Ag Club members would also like to thank all those who support the club outside of the organization.

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seminars, felt that responses at the workshop were very positive. Input was made primarily by the women students. Though most students felt it was basically a review of their Education 201 studies, those who have had cross-cultural experiences themselves felt Dr. Flores to be right on target. "I could really relate to what he had to say," said Donna Vis, who had spent a semester interning in Humboldt Park, a predominately Hispanic ghetto in Chicago.

Students may feel issues such as cross-cultural education to be irrelevant to their present situation and may never have to deal with the barriers of a different culture. "However," says

Westra, "It would be ethnocentric to teach in isolation from all of God's children. Dordt College is committed to encourage our practicing teachers to teach in the inner city where there is cultural diversity. Bringing someone like Dr. Flores to campus is to vividly set the challenge in front of our students. Their teaching must be a striving for justice and mercy in our culture."

"The more we discussed the issues," says Dr. Flores, "the more responsive the students became." Dr. Flores was very satisfied with the response and feedback of the students, along with the gains toward exposure to cross-cultural situations.

Blades successful

by Jeff Plantinga

The Dordt Blades 1984-85 winter vacation hockey tour began December 31. They spent New Year's Eve either driving or flying to Sioux Center, only to spend New Year's Day traveling again. The Dordt van arrived in Bowmanville, Ontario after journeying 20 hours. Team members staying in Ontario during Christmas vacation arrived soon after.

Accommodations in Bowmanville (and on the entire tour) were provided for the most part by hosting teams, except for their stay in Brantford, where the Winter family housed and fed the entire team for two days.

The Dordt Blades played their first game January 2. Over the course of the next two weeks, the Blades played ten times, winning four games. According to Coach Bryan Hummel, he was pleased that Dordt had ten really good games. He also added that it was difficult to know what caliber of play to expect when setting up a tour of this sort.

The highlights of the tour in terms of games were the two victories against the Redeemer Royals. In the first game, a come-from-behind effort was capped off by a last-second slap shot by Pete Zwiers which gave the Blades a 5-4 win. The Royals set up a second game to redeem themselves, but found that they were a goal short. They again lost by a score of 5-4.

"The great feeling of having won came from seeing 250 fans, stone-cold in their seats," said Zwiers. Jubilant Dordt supporters, meanwhile, celebrated by extending congratulations to team members and by playing, "We are the Champions" on a portable tape player.

The other game of major news-worthiness was against Calvin College, but the Blades were not as successful stateside as they had been against Redeemer College.

The tour officially ended January 15. From all angles, the tour was a great success, and the Blades would like to thank Professor Nolan Van Gaalen for his "chaperoning" and public relations work. The Dordt Blades would also like to thank the fans for the support they provided throughout the tour.

The Blades will be in action this weekend (February 15 and 16). Games against S.D.S.U. at the Sioux City Ice Bubble begin at 9:15 p.m. Friday night, and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Dordt bus will be going to both games.

Smoking clinic doesn't smolder

by Jim Stryd

Smoking cigarettes is a pastime in which quite a few Dordt College students participate. Monday of this week, three students quit smoking and are now working together so they won't start smoking again. The program they are following is called the "Smoking Clinic."

The Smoking Clinic, which began several weeks ago, is being run by Mr. John De Jager the Director of Resident Life at Dordt College. It first consisted of nine members and now is operating with three. There is a variety of reasons why these people quit the clinic which begin from, "I don't have the time," to "I don't think that it'll (the smoking clinic) will work for me."

The Smoking Clinic, according to De Jager, is a service in which a group of people who want to stop smoking can get together and quit. The clinic was originally sponsored by the American Lung Association and Iowa State in Ames. But at this college, Dordt runs the program.

In order to participate there is a small fee of \$15. According to the Dordt

students involved, this fee is well worth the benefit. One member said that she had already saved that much money because she had cut down so much on her smoking.

The clinic is a ten week program. During the first three weeks the members will slowly cut down on the amount of nicotine that they smoke by purchasing lower nicotine brands of cigarettes each week. During the first two weeks the group will only meet one time each week. During these sessions, the members will slowly build an aversion to smoking by considering the negative aesthetic value of the cigarette, the cost of the cigarette both financially and physically, and by discussing each other's habit.

During the third week the group meets five times. During the 45 minutes that they meet, they will practice the "smoke holding technique." This technique consists of drawing smoke into your mouth and holding it there for 30 seconds. According to the group members, this technique is very effective. One member said this about the technique,

"Because of the bad taste, it makes me want to quit."

The fourth week is "quit week." Quit week also consists of writing up contracts which state that you will not smoke again for a specific time period, be that hours, days, or even weeks. The important thing to remember when you write up your contract according to De Jager "is to be realistic, not idealistic" or you will probably break your contract.

During the fifth week the group will meet twice and during the remaining five weeks they meet only once a week. This time period is important for the members to get together and discuss the problems they're facing.

Does the clinic work? The three members all believe it will. But like all other clinics of this sort, there are no guarantees. Nationwide though, this type of clinic is very successful. According to De Jager, after a one year period, 40 percent of the people that have participated in this program, are still non-smoking. That is the best record of any smoking clinic.

Lady Defenders victorious over both Northwestern and Briar Cliff

by Rhonda Doss

The team as a whole shot 62% from the field and 57% from the free throw line, comfortably outscoring their opponent per period. Dirksen said of their performance, "They knew what they had to do, and just did it."

Dordt then went on to face host Northwestern on February 7. Dordt defeated the Raiders 75-64 and improved their record to ten wins and nine losses.

Assistant Coach Dirksen (Rhoda was still out with the flu) ran the game very similar to the B.V. game by running the same offense. Defensively, the Lady Defenders stopped the fast break. Leading scorers were Vonda Broek and Linda Mabie, each with sixteen points, and Faye Woudstra sinking fifteen to lead Dordt to its third consecutive victory.

Leading in defensive rebounding were

Vonda with sixteen, Faye with fourteen and Jaque Van Leeuwen with nine. Again, the Defenders outscored their opponent by quarters and maintained an admirable offensive percentage by shooting 47% from the field and 70% from the line.

Dirksen commented that the key to the game was good defensive play and "patience with Northwestern's press." He consistently stressed: "It was a team win all the way around. We had good scoring out of everybody."

The Lady Defenders will again take on Northwestern at home on Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Having a height advantage and taking advantage of inside play, the Lady Defenders went on to capture an impressive win over Buena Vista (Feb. 5) by a score of 89-67. This was the Lady Defenders' second consecutive game

victory after dropping three games to Sioux City, Morningside, and Briar Cliff.

Although Coach Rhoda was unable to attend the game due to the flu, Assistant Coach, Joe Dirksen, commented that the Lady Defenders played a "solid forty minutes of good ball."

The strong point of the Buena Vista team was their running of the press, which was exemplified with good form. The Lady Defenders, however, were able to consistently break the press and turn it to their profit. This, in addition to few turnovers and strong offensive shooting, outmatched the Buena Vista team.

Faye Woudstra led the Defenders both offensively and defensively with thirty-two points and seventeen rebounds, followed by Vonda Broek with twenty-two points and nine rebounds, and Jaque Van Leeuwen with twenty-three points and eight rebounds.

Dordt College Concert Choir records 17 hymns

by Alicia Nugteren

The members of the Dordt College Concert Choir participated in an eight-hour recording session Saturday, February 2, in the chapel auditorium. Seventeen hymns of the revised Psalter Hymnal to be used by the Christian Reformed Church, were recorded.

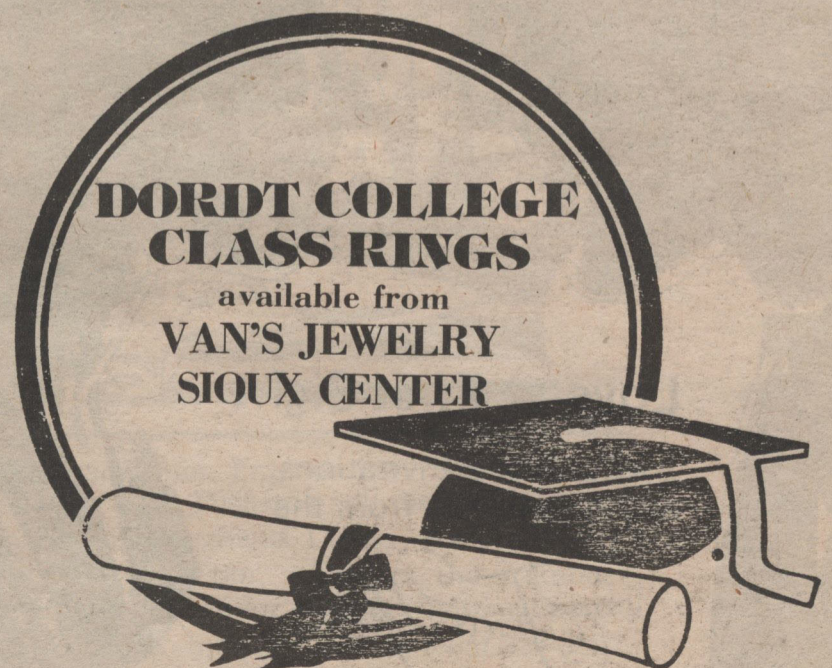
The purpose of the recording, according to Dordt Choir Director Dale Grotenhuis, is to familiarize the constituency of the CRC with some of the different musical selections that will be included in this new hymnal. The Psalter Hymnal Revision Committee, who is requesting the recording, believes that this book will be more generally accepted if people become familiar with the hymns now. Mr. Grotenhuis comments that he has witnessed proof of this theory among some of the choir members.

A professional recording company performed the recording. Emily Brink, editor of the revised Psalter Hymnal, is the producer, along with co-producers Hans Altena and James Ward. Chris Teeuwse, a Dordt alumnus, accom-

panied on organ, and a handbell choir and trumpet also assisted the choir. During the editing process other instrumentation may be added. The Calvin College Oratorio Society has made a similar recording of seventeen other hymns which will be serving the same purpose.

"The producers and performers were equally pleased with the results," says Grotenhuis. "Although the recording took a considerable amount of time, he feels that the choir members recognized the positive, far-reaching implications of their task."

The members themselves noted the privilege of working with such professional people as the sound technicians and James Ward, in particular. An additional benefit was learning how to get along as a choir. "On the whole," says Grotenhuis, "it was a great experience." Records and tapes of the recording should be available in April. The New Psalter Hymnal will be published in approximately two years.



Theater set captures mixed moods

by Ken Van Abbema

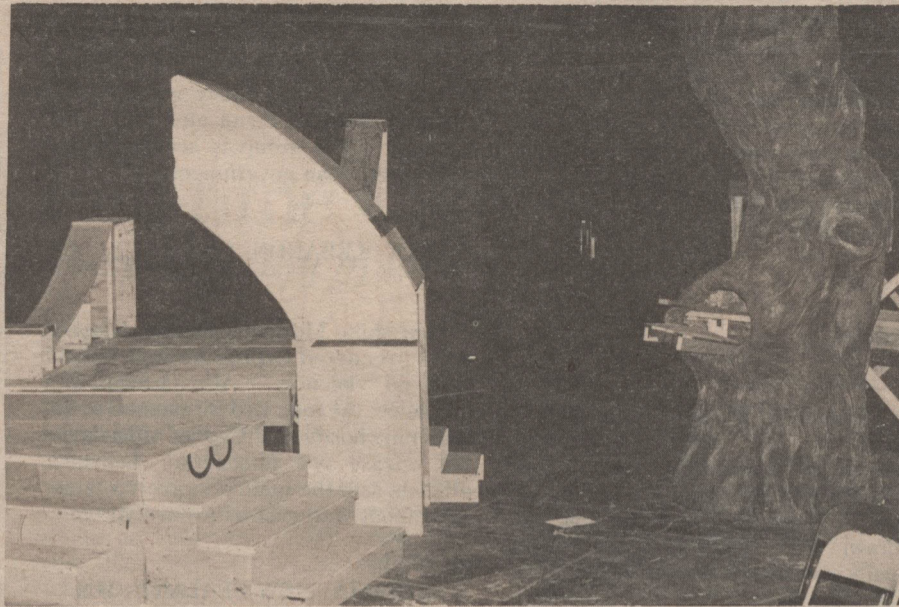
Huge. That's the word to describe the "Romeo and Juliet" set. The entire Te Paske theatre stage will be part of that set, which will include 14 foot pillars, a balcony rising 11 feet, and a tree four feet wide.

Set designer John Hofland wanted something that would express some aspects of the lyrical flow of the play, and he has been successful. "I wanted a lyrical flow, a sense of foreboding, and an almost dreamlike quality," says Hofland.

In the beginning stages of the design, Hofland read the script and drew abstract lines. The first image was that of "star-crossed lovers." From that Hofland got the idea of two ramps, which are included in the final design.

There is an attempt to express the overall sadness of the play through the set's images. Every scene seems to refer to death, and in the end the lovers die. Death is everpresent, therefore, a tomb will be on the stage at all times. The tomb is part of the final scene but it will be seen throughout the performance, becoming more prominent as the plot unfolds.

Another prominent image is that of the two houses that have been feuding for years--the Montague's and Capulet's. The fights between the houses give a fragmented feeling. Therefore, Hofland chose to include very few complete objects in the set. In fact, the only complete pieces are the tomb and plants. Pillars are left uncomplete, the balcony



Pictured is the brokenness of the "Romeo and Juliet" set which symbolizes the feuding between the Montague and Capulet families.

railing is broken off, and the arches eroded at the tops.

The set gives a feeling of fragile and beautiful life in a broken society. That beauty is the love between Romeo and Juliet, though it is easily broken. The flowers and other plants bring out this delicate beauty.

Hofland found it difficult to combine all these aspects, but found an answer to his problems while looking through Renaissance paintings. A painting by British

artist Johann Rottenhammer ("Diana and Callisto") captured the mood that Hofland was looking for. A lot of the colors and shapes of this work are incorporated in the final design. That painting has helped Hofland include hard and soft, happy and sad, and an enormous landscape with a street scene in the same stage area.

The color of the set will give a cold feeling. There will be an emphasis on pastels, but they will be "foreboding"--

heavy grays, greens, and blues. There will be some bright colors, which represent the fragile hope of the play's star-crossed lovers. These bright colors show up mostly in blossoming flowers on stage.

Aside from the actual set design is another important aspect of the production process. Mike Stair is the sound designer and Arlin De Groot is assistant designer and technician. According to Stair, a total of about 30 minutes of music will be used. Stair and De Groot have attempted to get as much authentic Elizabethan music as possible. Some will be recorded, but there will be some performed live by an Elizabethan Consort. The consort will be composed of five instruments including two recorders, a crum horn, lute and violin.

Much of the recorded music will be that of a 20th century Italian composer, Ottorino Respighi. This composer has arranged some music of the 16th century with authentic instruments from that period. De Groot points out that instruments of that period were very different from most instruments we know today. They had no valves and were far less complicated than today's.

Most of the music during the performance will be mood music. An example would be the funeral scene where gregorian chants will be used.

Dust bowl days revisited

by Ronald Thomas Nelson

(Titleless film)

Exterior: a San Joaquin Valley California day

Interior: 1953 GMC pick-up truck

Hitchhiker is riding with old man.

Old Man

Yes sir, I come out here 50 year ago with my folks. We left Okeemuh, Oklahoma October 25th and didn't get here till

near December. We had eight flats, ran out of gas and got ran out of town at least a dozen times. We dang near had to push that old Ford clear to the Colorado River.

(Eye level shot of hitchhiker)

But we made it okay, didn't we? Somebody wrote a book of us okies called the Grapes of Wrath. That book and the bible are the only two books I ever read.

(Pause)

I heard it was made into a movie too.

(fade into white)

The movie was made in 1940.

Director John Ford with a very young and unknown actor, Henry Fonda, transformed John Steinbeck's story of the struggles of dirt farmers being blown west by the disastrous drought/dust bowl of 1934.

Along the way they became migrant workers picking fruit, vegetables, and cotton. They spent their restless nights in make-shift roadside camps dreaming and later demanding a more equitable America. Dordt students have the opportunity to travel with the Joad family from

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Tom Joad and the preacher

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International News

ETHIOPIA

Rebels have begun to aid starving Ethiopians in the nation's two northern provinces according to a United Nations official. The Marxist government, declaring that it can no longer guarantee distribution of urgently needed food, has stopped sending food to this war-torn area. The guerillas have set up supply stations, feeding refugees that flee the famine.

NEW DELHI INDIA

The country's new government has proceeded to investigate alleged spy ring activity said to have penetrated the highest offices. The day after the government asked officials from the Polish and East German embassies to leave the country, it expelled a Soviet embassy official. The French government is also involved in a spy scandal with India in the sale of military equipment including 105 Howitzers.

EL SALVADOR

Political tensions are evident in the nation even with the moderate Jose Napoleon Duarte's efforts at stabilization. The U.S. embassy announced the delivery of three American Cessna A-37 "Dragonfly" jets. The jets, delivered to

the nation's right-wing military, are capable of carrying 500-pound bombs. Meanwhile, leftist rebels continue a military campaign of guerilla activity. After knocking out electrical power to four eastern provinces, the rebels took over seven radio stations. The next day, they announced the control of one-third of the country. In suburbs north of San Salvador, the rebels continued with their cause.

GRENADA

On Grenadian Independence Day, February 7, the State Department announced the withdrawal of the remaining 250 American troops on the Caribbean island. A spokesman declared that the withdrawal will begin in April and gradually give the Grenadian police force full control by September. The American government has been encouraging U.S. businesses to set up investment and entrepreneurial activity in Grenada through the federally-funded OPIC (Overseas Private Investment Corporation). American troops have occupied the island since the 1983 invasion.

SEOUL SOUTH KOREA

South Korean dissident leader Kim dae Jung, former U.S. Ambassador Robert White, and State Department Official Patricia Darian were beaten by police as Kim returned home from

self-imposed exile. Tens of thousands of supporters and thousands of police met the delegation at the airport. Kim, who resided in the United States for two years, was taken under heavy guard to his home in Western Seoul after the police brutality. The group is seeking dialog with the Korean government.

BEIRUT LEBANON

Four Shiite Moslem gunmen hijacked and surrendered Cyprus Airways jetliner with no violence. Also armed with grenades, the men had threatened to kill their nine hostages if Cypriot officials did not release two prisoners. Lebanese officials said the gunmen gave up under agreement with authorities in Cyprus.

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND U.S.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke says his country and the U.S. remain strong allies despite recent events. Hawke emphasized that problems between the U.S. and Australia over the monitoring of an MX missile test this summer are not serious since the U.S. has decided to do it alone. The two countries and New Zealand are linked by the 34-year-old Anzus Defense Treaty. New Zealand has recently banned any nuclear military power and technology, declaring itself a nuclear-free nation. American nuclear ships have been forced to leave and are banned from New

Zealand waters.

POLAND

Four members of the secret police have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from 14 to 25 years for the October kidnap-murder of Pro-Solidarity priest. The judge refused to sentence the police captain to death after the 43-day trial. The Soviet Union called the trial's outcome justified because it prevented unrest in Poland, whereas Polish citizens in the U.S. said the officers got off lightly.

ITALY

An apartment building in the hilltop village of Costellaneta collapsed after heavy rains. Police and rescue workers used dogs, picks, shovels, floodlights, and their hands to prevent harming the trapped. Thirty-four people were reported dead, while nine were injured.

SOVIET UNION

The Soviet Union is investigating two recent plane crashes that may have claimed up to 230 lives. Officials confirmed reports of an October crash involving an aeroflot jetliner in Omsk and another in Minsk. Several Soviet generals may have been killed in the Minsk accident.

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get allotment for a Campus Pastor would be a worthwhile endeavor.

Presently four Christian Reformed ministers from Sioux Center are meeting students regularly at Dordt. Each minister comes in for two and a half hours a week to talk with freshman, transfers, and other students who need counseling. These ministers are also advisory members to the Spiritual Activities (or Student Life) committee. In addition, they hold workshops, speak in chapel, and take part in a number of special programs on top of their regular task of preaching on Sunday.

According to Reverend Gil Kamps, one of the pastors who comes to Dordt, "I've had some great conversations with students concerning really key issues in their lives." Kamps doesn't believe Dordt necessarily needs a full-time Campus Pastor, but thinks that if the instituted church decided to call a campus pastor, that he should be sent to a secular university, and not to Dordt where the entire focus of education is Christ-centered.

Concerning the way professors at Dordt present a Christian perspective, Kamps says, "If that doesn't drive or motivate students to read and study scripture and discuss new things together with fellow students, I don't think that having a professional pastor to motivate students will help."

Several years ago, Reverend J. B. Hulst was Dordt's Campus Pastor. The issue of hiring a Campus Pastor has arisen since Hulst became Dordt's president. Hulst believes that Dordt would benefit from having a Campus Pastor. He says, however, that some of the areas which a pastor would be responsible for are already being taken care of by other departments. Explains

Hulst, "In more recent years our whole Student Personnel Department has grown to the point where some of the things that were previously done by the Campus Pastor are being done by members of the personnel department staff." The department consists of John De Jager, Lori Holquest, Marion Van Soelen and Quinten Van Essen.

Although Hulst stated that Dordt would benefit from a full-time pastor he believes that the instituted church should be responsible for calling this person. Says Hulst, "I think it is important to recognize that if and when we call a campus pastor, that he should be seen as a representative of the instituted church and that he should come or be called by the instituted church." According to Hulst, students have the physical need to be fed, so Dordt provides meals, but providing meals doesn't make Dordt a food service. In the same manner, although Dordt should provide the spiritual needs of the students, Hulst stressed that Dordt may not take on the task of the church.

The subject of hiring a pastor has been brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees by Dr. Hulst upon request by the Student Affairs Committee. "Recently the Board of Trustees authorized an evaluation of our current situation regarding the need of a Campus Pastor," says Hulst. "That evaluation took place and we have come to the conclusion that we should not appoint a campus pastor at this time."

Hulst explained that, there were several reasons why this decision was made, and he listed the following reasons. One reason was that the local pastor and churches were willing to serve the needs of the students. Another reason was that the counseling done by the Student Personnel Department touches on a wide variety of spiritual needs and

issues. The third reason, was the financial situation of Dordt this coming school year.

Hulst added a fourth reason to why a pastor was not hired. "In some instances there's a tendency to say that by having a Campus Pastor, you Christianize the academic program," says Hulst. He says that this belief would be a false one because Dordt's basic perspective is Christian in the entirety of its academic program. Although the Board has not approved of calling a pastor for the upcoming year, the issue will continue to receive their attention.

Marion Van Soelen is chairman of the Student Life Committee which takes care of many of the spiritual activities that go on presently at Dordt. This committee organizes activities that would be organized by a Campus Pastor.

According to Van Soelen, the committee's main responsibilities are to establish and administer policies governing conduct of chapel, to develop and administer a complete program of spiritual activities like Bible studies, Sunday evening activities, and pastoral office hours.

Another function Van Soelen listed was that the committee acts as a liaison between a student's home church and Sioux Center church. The committee promotes hiring a Campus Pastor, and believes he would help them to do a better job. Van Soelen realizes realistically, that even if Dordt would get a Campus Pastor, that the needs of all the students couldn't be met and there would still be problems in the total system.

The struggle to find the perfect system for complete spiritual, mental and physical growth for students at Dordt College, will probably never be over. However, the issue of a Campus Pastor is one example of Christians working to develop the best system possible.

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