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Alternative Seminary Proposed

by Gary Duim

The Grand Rapids Press in a story published last Friday disclosed that an unnamed group of Christian Reformed pastors from Iowa are "trying to drum up support for an alternative seminary to Calvin." According to the Press, a letter was sent to selected area (Grand Rapids) Christian Reformed pastors in which vague complaints were made against Calvin Seminary, and the need for a new seminary was proposed. The letter contained the names of Dr. Peter Y. De Jong, Rev. John Piersma, Rev. Henry Vander Kam, Rev. Edward J. Knott, Rev. Thomas Vanden Heuvel, Rev. C. Erie Fennema, and Rev. John R. Sittema.

WOMEN IN OFFICE

The Grand Rapids Press story portrays the movement for a new seminary as a reaction to the "women in office" controversy. The Press questioned Dr. John H. Kromminga, president of Calvin Seminary, about the alternative seminary proposal. He said, "An alternative seminary only means Calvin is not doing its job." Some people "perhaps feel that whenever there is a movement in the wrong direction, Calvin is to blame." He cited the debate over allowing women to become deacons and the controversies over biblical interpretation that have come before Synod in recent years. Both Kromminga and Rev. William B. Brink, denominational stated clerk, say they will not be concerned unless the group is recognized by a classis or Synod.

Rev. Nelson D. Kloosterman of Sheldon, Iowa, is secretary of the group suggesting the need for an alternative seminary. When contacted by both the Grand Rapids Press and the Diamond he responded with a "no comment." But Kloosterman told the Diamond he expects an official news release by the group late this week. After that is released he will be more open to answering questions. The Diamond hopes to report on this press release in the next issue.

The Diamond asked Rev. John Piersma of Sioux Center, a supporter of an alternative seminary, to comment on the Press article. He responded that the article is basically correct. He pointed out that a new seminary can be started without getting official church approval right away, but he cautioned that the proposal is still highly tentative.

Asked if the "women issue" is the reason for the proposal, Piersma responded "women-in-office is a part of it. The whole matter of women in office is a radical question that goes to the root of many problems and issues." For Piersma, women in office would be a "radical change in tradition" and is "a real threat to the CRC." But at the base "biblical interpretation is the whole problem" according to Piersma. "Some people are now completely abandoning the idea that the Bible is to be read literally."

Asked why he and others are convinced an alternative to Calvin is needed, Piersma said there is a "different idea of what sem-

inary training should be. We think seminary training ought to be more fundamental in character. There needs to be more emphasis on mastery of basic Reformed theology, and classical languages. The present scattered curriculum (at Calvin) does not serve the church well and is not producing the kind of candidate who can satisfactorily sustain classical examinations. Recent candidates often demonstrate glaring weakness in their training."

EMPHASIS ON PREACHING

Piersma continued, "Therefore we are considering establishing a very modest institution, two or three profs, that will gear the whole program to the confessional character of the church. There would be a heavy emphasis on preaching."

Piersma said the idea of an alternative seminary is "nothing new except some people are standing up now." Rev. John Vander Ploeg, a past editor of the Banner, was convinced we needed, as he said, "a new school of the prophets," as far back as 1970. The recently retired Banner editor, Lester De Koster, also supports such a seminary, according to Piersma.

Asked what effect such an institution might have on Dordt if it were located in the Sioux Center area, Piersma responded that there would be problems and tensions but when "Dordt itself started out there was criticism of it as a threat to Calvin."

At least two Dordt students have considered or are considering attending such a seminary if it comes about. We hope to publish articles on interviews with them in a subsequent issue of the Diamond.



photo by Henry Reyenga

Prospective Seminary Students? or just another Psych experiment?

Students and Professors to Attend 'Jubilee'

by Brenda Reiter

Everybody knows what C.C.O. is. No, it's not a new music group or the latest government agency—it is the Coalition for Christian Outreach. The Coalition is a ministry to post-high students within a 200 mile radius of Pittsburgh. This includes 92 four-year schools with 350,000 students in northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, and western Pennsylvania.

The C.C.O. ministers to these students by placing staff members in jobs on campus so that they can reach out to students. These staff members include coaches, resident hall directors, and counselors in both Christian and non-Christian schools. These positions enable the staff members to acquire personal rela-

tionships with the students, a very effective way to proclaim the gospel.

Each year the Coalition sponsors a conference for college students from throughout the continent. The 1981 conference, called "Jubilee", will be at the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 7, and 8. 2,500 to 3,000 students will meet to attempt to work out a Christian perspective. In other words, the hotel will become a Christian university for one weekend.

Speakers, as well as entertainment will be featured. Seminars will be held on a wide variety of subjects including arts, Biblical studies, business, education, history-philosophy,

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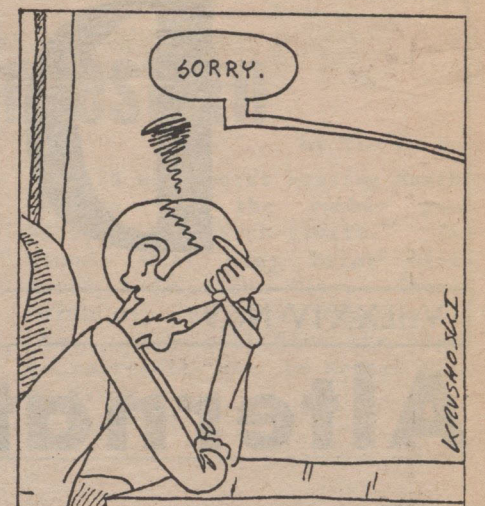
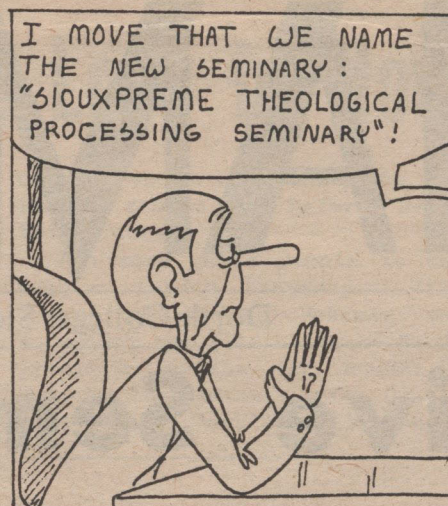
Dr. Calvin Seerveld, a professor at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, and Dr. H. Evan Runner, Philosophy professor at Calvin College, are two seminar speakers familiar to the Dordt College community.

20 Dordt students will attend the conference this year, and this number may still increase. Three students representing Dordt attended the conference last year, which was Dordt's first participation. This increase in attendance this year is more than 600 percent.

The students attending "Jubilee" plan to use a Dordt van and as many cars as are nec-

essary. Cost for transportation will be shared and therefore will be minimal. The cost for registration and lodging is \$40. Rev. John B. Hulst, who with Professors Henry DeVries, James Skillen, and Rockne McCarthy will be attending, said the conference is good because Dordt students will be in contact and can communicate with other Christians. The students will be exposed to the Jubilee program as well as the Coalition. Dordt will also have exposure to the evangelical community, and students from other schools can become acquainted with Dordt College.

Students may contact Hulst's office for more information and registration materials.



Editorial

Not All Television is Bad

"Is TV Really So Bad?" asked a tract distributed on campus recently. In the tract the Reverend J. R. Beeke urges the reader to dispose immediately of his television set.

Beeke believes television is for amusement and entertainment. He says it keeps us "busy avoiding the realities of life and truth as set down in God's Holy Word." Because of this, he claims, man is restless, dissatisfied, and unhappy.

According to Beeke, television is "bad" for us for three basic reasons: (1) we love sin, (2) we can't keep sin from flashing up on the screen, and (3) television hardens our hearts toward sin. In addition to this, the pastor says viewers are not only wasting God-given time but are missing family life and fellowship with others. For these reasons, television (the devil's classroom, as Beeke calls it) must be taken out of our homes.

Maybe Pastor Beeke should read the February 2 issue of *The Banner*. In it there are two articles on Christian television. One is entitled "Evaluating the Electronic Church," by Dr. Joel Nederhood and the other is "How Should the Church Use Television?" by Gerrit Verstraete.

Verstraete's main argument is that television can be used to inform and educate. He sees religious programming being produced by Christians and distributed by satellite and cable.

With the continuing development of cable television, cable systems could have up to 60 stations beamed to them by satellite. Because of this vast number of stations, much programming will be needed. Economically speaking, this is an excellent opportunity for Christian programming.

This type of programming could be used to introduce unbelievers to fellowship, says Verstraete. It could motivate them to worship and fellowship. He believes it can be a way of carrying out our cultural mandate to bring the gospel to all corners of the world.

Nederhood also sees television as an excellent opportunity for Christian educating and awareness. He says pay television and video cassettes offer "limitless possibilities for teaching, preaching, and counseling."

According to Nederhood, there is a widespread hunger for religious truth, and television can communicate that religious truth. He says... "we are living in an age in which the people of God must now communicate the message of the Scripture to the entire world by means of the electronic media."

While television is perverted in many aspects, it should not be disposed of. Not all television is bad! In fact, Christian programming has limitless possibilities in spreading the word of God. If more Christians would be involved with television, these possibilities can become realities. Just as we need Christians in politics, education, fine arts, and business, we need Christians in television.

Television is a reality that we cannot ignore. As Beeke explains, we cannot ignore the realities of life. A Christian perspective is needed in television; Nederhood and Verstraete provide some of that perspective.

But even more, we must deal with television in our daily lives. We must deal with television, not "cop-out" as Beeke suggests.

Television is one of the most influential forces in the world today, if not the most influential. To that extent actors, directors writers, and producers are needed in this field. Christians are needed not only in the religious aspect of television, but also in every other aspect of television. Who will these people be? And who will teach them?

To apply the principles of Scripture to all areas of life, Dordt College is developing a perspective in television also. But for financial reasons, that perspective includes neither a television studio nor professors with advance degrees in television to teach in this discipline. For financial reasons, to what extent will Dordt's perspective be stymied?

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The Diamond is published by the students at Dordt College. These students are part of a wider Christian community which looks to Jesus as the Truth. We are striving to develop journalism which proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Individual opinions may vary, but we hope that the communication of these ideas will stimulate growth in the Christian community.

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Fewer Concerts Possible

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Social Activities Committee, organized last semester at the request of the Dean of Students, Marion Van Soelen. The Committee is made up of four Student Forum members and Van Soelen. This year's Student Forum members include Corrine Van Horsen, Lyle Huisman, Denny Kroll, and myself. The Committee's function is to schedule performances and activities for those times when little else is being planned on campus for student entertainment. Upcoming events include a concert by Ray Williams on Feb. 21, a talent extravaganza on March 7, and a concert by the James Ward Band on March 14.

Last semester, the results of the Committee's efforts were somewhat discouraging. Two examples are the Bix Phillips and William David Romanowski con-

certs, which drew very poor attendance despite adequate publicity. Because the Committee does not have any kind of a budget, it is necessary to charge admission to these concerts. Despite the fact that ticket prices were kept at a minimum, a substantial amount of money was lost. We feel it necessary to warn students that continuing instances of poor attendance could threaten the existence of the Social Activities Committee, which would result in fewer concerts and other events on campus. Please try to attend these activities. Those who have done so in the past will tell you that they have been worthwhile. Ticket costs will be kept as low as possible, and in the future, prices will be lower for tickets purchased at the box office in advance. Thank-you.

Clarence Deelstra

Sophomore Class Representative

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Interest Lacking in Signet

by Harvey Voogd

The Signet may not be published next year because of a lack of student interest.

According to Caryl DeVries, chief editor of the Signet, not even 50% of the students bought books for this year's issue. Just below 600 Signets have been sold, but 800 had to be sold to break even. As a result, the Signet will probably go in the red for this year.

"The lack of student interest has made the long hours the members of the Signet put into the yearbook seem useless," says Mrs. Lillian Grissen, faculty adviser to the Signet. "The students volunteer their time to produce the Signet and then added to this they must beg the student body to buy a copy. It just doesn't add up!"

The financial problems are only an added burden to the Signet's organizational problems. At present the staff numbers approximately 25, but all the members are new and inexperienced. "The work is so much and so frustrating," says DeVries, "that people don't return. Besides myself, none of last year's staff returned."

Grissen and DeVries both agree that there have been problems with the photography club. Says Grissen, "The snag has been the photography club. But there is no frustration or annoyance on my part. We're experimenting with the system."

"It's not working too good," admitted Clarence Deelstra, president of the photography club. He added, "The photography club is a new idea. Diamond and Signet would order pictures and we would produce them."

"The problem is we haven't found the right type of organization to carry out our assignments. The Signet works under deadlines so when photographers don't get their photos in on time the whole operation grinds to a halt."

"Also, a good number of our photographers don't know enough about photography to shoot the quality needed for the Signet. We are training them and have had one training seminar already and will have another in the near future. We've also tried having inexperienced photographers work with experienced photographers but because of the schedule conflicts this hasn't worked out too well."

When asked what he thought was the problem with the Signet, Deelstra replied, "As with any organization the problem is it always turns out to be a little more work than people expect. Also, you don't see results right away. It is a volunteer situation, so when things get heavy or hectic it is easier for people to drop out. The main thing for next year though is a financial problem."



Stage Band Wows Upper Crust Crowd

by Henry Reyenga

Band Plays Big Time

by Cathy Ross

"The crowds went wild; they loved it, especially the solos!" These and many other compliments followed the Dordt College stage band's performance at The Upper Crust, Friday, January 30. Dennis Heifner, owner of The Upper Crust, said his establishment was filled with people. "The place isn't usually filled by 6 p.m." Parents, students, faculty and town residents came, interested in hearing the band.

The stage band played at three different times, 6:15, 8 and 9:30. Each program lasted approximately 45 minutes. The songs included "Dialogue I" which contained a back and forth answering between trumpet and trombone; "Dialogue II" featuring Pam Grotenhuis on alto saxophone; and "Fluters' Ball" spotlighting flutists Lou De Young, Leisha Eiten, Carla Dorhout and Lynette Pennings. The program was concluded with "BBC I" with Harry Veenstra on trombone, Pam Gro-

tenhuis on alto saxophone, Bev Van Gelder on piano and Kel Blom on drums.

Heifner said he had thought of using the stage band for entertainment at The Upper Crust for a long time. When Gerald Bouma, band director approached him, Heifner decided to try it. This was not a promotion for the business, said Heifner, "I came out a little ahead of the previous Friday but I don't do it for that. I evaluate it in the dollar sign somewhat, but I feel the benefit goes beyond the dollar sign. It comes with the sharing of the high quality talent that was displayed."

Heifner said Theatre 3 (modified mime) will perform in late February. He said he looks forward to a time when he can have entertainment every weekend. "I'm trying to develop a place where people can come to try an act out."

Rumorism Runs Rampant around Dordt College

Are you suffering from Rumorism? It's a terrible and common disease; it has been going around Dordt's campus almost since the day school began.

Who first contracted the disease or how it began to spread so rapidly cannot be pinpointed. It is too bad it could not have been stopped at the source because by the time the bacteria get to the third or fourth person, the situation is usually much worse and the disease is

out of control.

The symptoms of Rumorism are few but they can easily be detected. A victim of the disease usually has frequent spasms of running words of the mouth. What might these words include? Although sometimes the words may be true, most often they combine to make untrue statements or confidential information about another person's personal or private life, information he would rather keep to himself. The

words are appealing because they catch the listener's curiosity and they sometimes help the speaker look better, at least so he thinks.

Rumorism may also be identified by an undercurrent to the words being spoken. Or, the words may have an underlying tone of bitterness or jealousy; this is not as easily detected.

Although Rumorism does not hurt while it is being experienced or happening, the long-term

by Jacqueline Lenderink

effects are very painful. A victim may feel guilty, especially when he is alone with no one to listen or help him. Unfortunately, in many cases, the person who may get hurt the worst is not the victim himself, but the one who never comes in contact with the disease and resists it. By trying to avoid Rumorism one may have to stay away from those who are contagious, thus making one even more susceptible.

Science has not found a cure for Rumorism. No vaccine prevents it; no prescription slows its contagion. The cure must come from the victims themselves. They are the only source for their own recovery. They must recognize the disease and be willing to ask God for the strength to overcome it. He is the Source of strength for all who allow Him to be. If anyone asks God for help, He will give the power to resist the temptation to spread rumors that hurt and belittle others, and often, ultimately, make the rumor-spreader look bad.

Spreading rumors is wrong. Rumors hurt people and at best do no more than temporary good for anyone. They are unnecessary and promote no good on our campus. Help put an end to Rumorism at Dordt.

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Dordt College Offers Cultural Experience in Mexico

Imagine yourself in a foreign country. You know the language enough to understand a little, but the customs and culture of the natives around you are different from your own, and you're a little anxious about being in this new land.

Mike Van Dyke, Diane Dodd, Judy Kleene and thirteen other students traveled to Mexico this past summer to study at the University of Durango. The program includes high school as well as College and post-college students. According to Dallas Apol, Spanish professor and Foreign Study Advisor, the idea for the program originated four years ago when Apol studied for the first time at the Romance Language Institute in the University of Durango, Mexico.

Mike Van Dyke, a 1980 graduate of Dordt, left two weeks early for the trip to Mexico. He said he wanted to be there a little longer in order to absorb more of the culture and to become more 'Mexican'.

Van Dyke said that classes were from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoon activities included the "comida" or early afternoon dinner and an hour and a half session with a private tutor. Students and their tutors usually traveled or walked around the town of Durango, speaking in Spanish and learning about the Mexican culture.

The Institute, said Van Dyke, also sponsored various weekend activities such as trips to either Mexico City or Mazatlan.

Judy Kleene, who went to Mexico City, said she saw many things not usually seen in the United States. She saw, among other things, an 80-year-old man playing a harp and singing, women washing their clothes in a stream, and a bullfight.

"Some people thought the bullfights were bloody and inhumane,"

Kleene said, "but when you go down there you have to change your mind and see why they really have such different ideas."

At the Institute, students took a variety of courses ranging from beginning to intermediate classes. "All the people who came from Dordt had at least one year of Spanish," said Apol. "We were at various levels. At times I was in class with Mike and at times I was in class with Diane and Judy."

The various courses offered include Spanish pronunciation, grammar, conversation, vocabulary and writing, Mexican Folklore, and History of the Mexican Revolution.

Kleene said most of her classes were taught in Spanish. "It sounds terrible," she said, "but they'd realize when you weren't understanding. They usually went at a pace that you could understand because there also were high school students in there with only two years of Spanish."

Said Van Dyke, "When people talk at normal speed with their normal dialect, it's really frustrating, but after two weeks, I began to pick up more expressions."

Each student stayed with a Mexican family. Families were chosen by the Romance Language Institute according to their ability to provide sanitary conditions for the Americans, said Apol.

Diane said she felt that living with a family was the most meaningful part of the trip. "We had a lot of fun with the family and I was really sorry to go," she said. "The one thing that really struck me was that you weren't allowed to do anything. We wanted to help clear the dishes, but they wouldn't let us."

Said Dodd, "I felt that what I learned from the family was

more worthwhile than what I learned at school. It's something that I'll never regret doing."

For the summer of 1981, Apol said he hopes to take 30 students to Mexico for three weeks of learning the Spanish culture and attending classes at the Romance Language Institute.

Apol said the program is open to high school students, college students and teachers. The cost is \$390 and that includes tuition, room and board with a Mexican family, a private tutor/guide

for six hours a week, optional cultural classes, Saturday excursions, and social activities.

Dordt College offers transportation for \$250 round trip. Apol said students may either find their own transportation or arrange to be picked up anywhere along the way to Mexico.

Students interested in the 1981 program should refer to posters found inside various campus buildings or else they can talk to Apol, who is in charge of the program.

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Ultra-Modern Telephone System Now Humming

The telephone system installed at Dordt during Christmas vacation is now complete. According to Len Van Noord, the system was functional when the spring semester began but additional equipment was installed last week.

The total cost of the system isn't known yet, Van Noord said, but the basic equipment price is \$150 thousand.

Though the college will not pay for the entire system immediately, it will be paying "high phone bills for the next ten years." At that time Dordt will become sole owner of the system.

So far, Van Noord said, he has not heard of any problems users may have with the system. Except, of course, everyone has to learn new extension numbers!

John Peterson, a General Telephone Company technician, super-

vised final installation and the training of local personnel. Peterson said Dordt's new telephone system is the first of this new model to be installed anywhere.

Peterson said the system can handle more than 600 telephones and has additional capabilities such as speed calling (having one button programmed to dial a full phone number), conference calling (having up to eight persons on different lines able to talk to one another at one time), and coding a telephone to ring on another telephone while one is away.

This digital, computerized system out-performs the almost twenty-year-old former system in every way. The system gives greatest relief to the switchboard operator. Nancy Groen, the

present operator, said long-distance calls, which were formerly handled through the office, are now made through the switchboard only after 5 p.m.

Many of the offices can be called directly from off-campus telephones, but if the call is made through the switchboard and the caller happens to be put on hold, he will hear music from radio station KDCR. Generally the new system enables Groen to be more efficient and therefore able to do a faster job with less waiting for those who call Dordt College.

But how can Dordt tell whether or not this system is being used to capacity, or when it will be profitable to add more features? By monitoring the number and types of calls that are made and the times at which they are made.

This is being done by a teletype hooked to the system. Every hour the teletype prints out the number of on campus calls, campus to off-campus calls, off-campus to campus calls, and long-distance calls.

For example, the college will monitor the number of long-distance calls made by the faculty and staff to see whether or not a "Wats" line is practical. The Wats line would then be rented on a monthly basis at a set rate no matter how many long-distance calls are made. Dordt then would probably pay less for long-distance calls.

Though the new telephone system is costly, Van Noord said, it was badly needed and it should last for more than its scheduled ten years.

by Debbie Butler

by Tim Goslinga

Quest Commentary

National Security Includes Concern for Human Needs

Lately a "plethora of talk" has emanated from President Ronald Reagan's Administration about cuts that will be made in the 1981 and 1982 fiscal year budgets. Members of the Reagan Administration have proposed that expenditures be closely examined in, among others, programs aiding foreign countries, farmers, and the poor. According to the Administration, the net result of these budget cuts would be the elimination of the looming deficits in fiscal years 1981 and 1982 and a reduction in the rate of inflation, all of which might be considered as admirable goals.

CUTTING "FAT"

These budget-cutting proposals, made by members of the Reagan Administration, supposedly reflect Reagan's campaign vows to get the federal government off the back of the people and to restore fiscal responsibility to the federal government. But in spite of the Administration's daily vows that it will cut the "fat" from government spending, thereby fulfilling Reagan's campaign vows, its willingness to do so must be seriously questioned since it has yet to suggest cuts in the largest expenditure in the 1981 and 1982 budgets, Defense spending.

It is rather unlikely that the Reagan Administration or, for that matter, Congress, will cut much from the proposed expenditures for Defense. During a time when there is a threat of Soviet invasion in Poland, a war in the Middle East between Iraq and Iran, and the continuing occupation of Afghanistan by Russian troops, it is widely be-

lieved that a reduction in Defense expenditures would weaken the "national security" of the United States. Such an idea reflects the belief that the security of the United States as a nation, can be both measured and achieved in terms of the military hardware, e.g., MX missiles, it possesses.

As such, the concept of national security has usually been relegated to the realm of foreign affairs where it has been thought of in terms of the relative military strength of the United States vis-a-vis the other nations of the world. Little attention has been paid to the implications of national security in terms of the United States' domestic or internal affairs. The question must be asked, "Can the United States achieve national security in the realm of foreign affairs and at the same time ignore the many human needs and societal problems within it which demand both the attention and correction?"

Presently, many Americans are finding it either increasingly difficult or impossible to secure for themselves basic human needs, i.e., adequate housing, employment, and health care. Until very recently, the federal government has at least attempted to address human needs and to help those persons who have been disadvantaged by our capitalistic system to secure these needs. But in the name of balancing the budget, getting government off the backs of the people, and restoring fiscal responsibility, cuts are being made in programs which have attempted to address human needs and societal problems.

If the Reagan Administration's cuts in federal expenditures were

to include the expenditures for Defense, the importance of examining the concept of national security might be diminished. However, when one recalls that the fiscal year 1982 budget submitted by former President Jimmy Carter (who Reagan tried to paint as soft on defense) called for a 5% real increase in Defense spending, reasons do exist for scrutinizing the position the concept has enjoyed when it comes to determining federal government expenditures.

The argument that the government should assume responsibility in securing human needs and resolving societal problems has been termed "socialistic" or, even worse, "communistic." This presupposes a specific role of the government with regard to the establishment of a strong state, i.e., a public legal community.

PROTECTION SEEN
AS INTERVENTION

This position reflects the classical Liberal conception of government as the product of the interaction of sovereign, autonomous individuals. This line of thinking limits the task of the government to protecting the rights of individuals, particularly their property rights. All government action, even that done to protect the rights of an individual, is conceived of

as "intervention," something which ideally should not occur. People holding to a classical Liberal conception of government have stressed the importance of the existence of human rights—freedom of speech, press, and religion—in the state.

Historically both the people and government of the United States have emphasized individual rights at the expense of social rights. i.e., the provision of adequate health care, food, education, and housing for the state's citizens. Christians have been among the many Americans terming the provision of these social rights as "socialistic" or "communistic." These Christians have failed to recognize that both the state and the government are God-given and God-ordained institutions. Imbued with the classical Liberal conception of the role of governments, these Christians have neither realized nor admitted that the government has the responsibility to establish a public legal community (the state) in which justice exists. The *raison d'être* of the government is the keeping of order and doing of justice in the state. It is these foundational principles which determine the actions which the government should or should not take with respect to the distribution of income, the formulation of tax structures, the provision of public goods and services, etc.

Bible and Curriculum

DeMoor Speaks on Teaching

by Martha Eringa

"Jesus demands faithfulness—not success," explained Ary DeMoor to Dordt College students who attended his workshop on Bible, the teaching of Bible, and its relationship to the curriculum.

Tuesday evening, January 27, was reserved for student teachers, while Wednesday and Thursday workshops were open to anyone who was interested. On Friday, both teachers and principals from the surrounding area attended; some came from as far as Pella, Iowa.

DeMoor teaches tenth grade Bible and "Man in Society" at Edmonton (Alberta) Christian High School. He is also the curriculum coordinator for three Edmonton junior high schools and the high school. Previously he taught junior high in Chatham, Ontario, for six years. DeMoor, in collaboration with other Christian educators, spent five summers preparing and writing *Man In Society—A Study in Hope*, which is now the textbook used in many Christian high schools throughout Canada and the United States.

DeMoor was sponsored at Dordt College by Phi Kappa Sigma the Dordt chapter of the students-in-education fraternity. Phi Kappa

Sigma is sponsored by Gloria Stronks, professor of education.

DeMoor demonstrated "how to read a text" and spoke about available resources for, and methods of, teaching Bible. He stressed the importance of teachers developing the students' ability to read the Bible properly in school and later in life, at work, in order to give them a method of using their Bibles to grow and learn. "Students," he said, "should be able to carry their Bibles around as easily as they carry their lunch pails." DeMoor also pointed out to teachers that they "are teaching a world and life view which, first of all, is not anything academic." He also emphasized that "all scripture is profitable for teaching, refuting error, guiding lives and inducing holiness to fully equip the child for every good work."

In addition, DeMoor presented "tips" for education students suggesting that teachers should remember that while theory, philosophy, and pedagogical discussions are important, schools are for the students' education. College students too can learn by doing.

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- lasagna noodles
- macaroni noodles
- spaghetti noodles
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Housing Policy Toward Homeowners Changed

by Anya Seerveld

Dordt's housing program is being revamped for next semester. It looks like the student will be paying more; a tentative \$40, said Bernie De Wit, vice-president for Business in the January 29 *Diamond*; in some cases the homeowner will receive less; and Dordt will receive more.

The Student Personnel Committee (Chairperson Marion Van Soelen, Rich Buckham, Louise Hulst, Dallas Apol, Brenda Kuipers, Tina Huizing and Greg Vander Kieft) unanimously passed a new leasing policy for off-campus housing. "Instead of the homeowner receiving a fixed rate per student, the homeowner will be paid a flat rate for his apartment per semester," said Dean of Students Van Soelen.

Contracts were sent to homeowners in early February to be signed and returned by February

15," said Gene Hiemstra, homeowner. "We've never had to sign contracts before."

"People in general, balk at change," added Hiemstra, "but people (homeowners) wouldn't be so upset if Dordt had dealt with the situation differently. In only two weeks we have to sign contracts that have requirements we haven't heard of before. There was no personal contact."

Van Soelen said that the housing staff, himself, Karen Helder, and Jay Van Groningen, estimated off-campus residences as to their fair-market rental, as well as to the number of students recommended to live in it. These recommendations were shown to the Business Office, some homeowners, and was passed by the Personnel Committee.

According to Hiemstra, "the rates were distributed according

to a point system. The distance from campus, the age and condition of the apartment, were some factors that determined the rental fee Dordt set on the apartment."

Dr. B. C. Hagen hopes to set up a housing committee for the apartment owners. He wants to discuss the "fixed rates" for the apartments. Hiemstra adds, "many people are dissatisfied because their rent went down. For example: The owner of one apartment for five students received \$2,580 last year. Next year his flat rate will be \$2,250, while utilities are going up."

"I know some people who won't rent to Dordt next year," said Hiemstra. He said he feared that Dordt may get the less-marketable apartments because the nicer ones are easier to rent out privately.

Andriette Pieren, junior, at Dordt College, says, "Students haven't been fairly represented in this whole situation. There was no poll taken or form to be filled out." She adds, "I think housing should be provided as a service through Dordt, and not made mandatory. But in the proposed system, there will be a healthy competition created between homeowners to make better living conditions for the student."

Hiemstra added when asked if homeowners would rent directly to students, "I don't think there would be any problem." Pieren said, "If students would be able to rent their own housing they could try to fulfill their own demands, price and living conditions, rather than Dordt's demands."

Lectureship Center Active

by Lyle Breems

Have you wondered who arranges for political speakers, economists or philosophers from Canada, Europe or Africa to speak at Dordt? The Lectureship Center will claim credit.

The Lectureship Center is comprised of faculty members, long-term appointees and visiting lecturers.

The Institute's aim is to broaden the influence of the perspectives of Christian higher education, serving the Christian community at large.

"The idea behind the Lectureship Center," says Rev. J.B. Hulst, director and Perspectives Chairholder of the Institute, "is to achieve two things: First, to deepen the insight of Perspectives. Secondly, to disseminate, or share with others, Christian higher education and the different aspects of it."

Perhaps a majority of students assume that lectures held on campus are the single involvement of the Lectureship Institute.

The Center conducts workshops, directs student independent studies, teaches courses, researches, participates in seminars and radio programming.

The purpose of bringing lecturers from other areas to our campus, said Rev. Hulst, is to discuss problems and situations which can expand the student's academic outlook.

The Institute is trying to develop a closer relationship between the faculty and the Center.

The Center and the faculty are working together toward three goals. First, to bring lecturers to campus to aid in a particular discipline. Second, to encourage student participation and attendance. Finally, to provide opportunity for students to expand their education "perspectively."

The Center attempts to maintain balance in academic areas. Rev. Hulst added, "You can't please everyone all of the time."

In addition, the Lectureship is involved in many off-campus activities throughout the nation.

Lectureship activities have included economic speeches by Dr. James Skillen, the Institute's Political Theory Chairholder. Correlating Chairholder with Skillen is Dr. Rockne McCarthy. Both men have lectured at evangelical conferences. In March, Skillen will lecture at the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh.

Certain criteria qualify Center Chairholders, that is, "They must," Hulst said, "be sensitive to Dordt's purpose and standards set by the Center. Hulst said, "Though not all (speakers) wholeheartedly believe what Dordt stands for, we choose those who contribute to our purpose here at Dordt."

Funding has also been a factor for the Lectureship Center. Limited by finances, the Center must make restrictions. "We

can't finance speakers from the Free University of Amsterdam specifically, but we get them when they are here," said Hulst.

Working with other colleges and institutions, the Center can host a speaker and share expense.

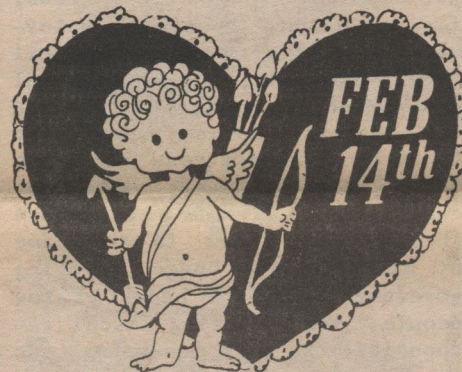
Funding has primarily been met by donations and existing money. Money is received from those who wish to donate to a single organization at Dordt. Hopes are for the Center to be entirely dependent on separate gifts.

Future lectures scheduled for Dordt included:

- Dr. Elaine Botha, March 4 & 5
- Dr. Allen Boesak, a black Theological and Political analyst from the Reformed church in South Africa. Dr. Boesak is lecturing March 10.
- April 14, 15, and 16, Alan Keith-Lucas is scheduled to speak

In addition, Trinity church in Rock Valley, Iowa will sponsor Tommy Williams and the Communication Dept. at Dordt has arranged for Wayne Vreesman to lecture on campus.

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Try the Writing Center

by Norlan De Groot

Not many students are using the Writing Center, according to Keith Petersen, an assistant who works at the center. He said some students probably do not come because they do not like to admit they have a problem; others are not aware of the varied services offered by the Center.

Another problem, Petersen said, might be that some people do not know the location of the Center. Previously it was located in L109 but it has been moved to the classroom building, Room C111.

The Writing Center, under the direction of Lillian V. Grissen, has four assistants: Dan Zinkand, Keith Petersen, Judy Hilbelink, and Deb Fischer. The assistants will help students with both grammar and writing problems. "We don't encourage proofreading," said Grissen. The assistants would rather help individuals

with problems in specific areas, for example, problems in punctuation or sentence structure, paragraph formation or topic sentences.

Tutoring is also available at the Writing Center; Dan Zinkand and Deb Fischer are currently involved in the tutor program. Keith Petersen teaches grammar one-half hour per week to a class-group and Judy Hilbelink prepares single-concept worksheets for students who come to the Writing Center with specific problems in grammar or writing.

Anyone who has a problem with grammar or writing is encouraged to come to the Writing Center. The hours are:

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
2:00 - 4:30	2:00 - 4:30	2:00 - 4:30	2:00 - 4:30
	7:00 - 9:00	7:00 - 9:15	7:00 - 9:00

Winter Dreamer's 'Wonder'land

A Prayer in Spring

by Jim Bouma

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;

And give us not to think so far away

As the uncertain harvest; keep us here

All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,

Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;

And make us happy in the happy bees,

The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird

That suddenly above the bees is heard,

The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,

And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

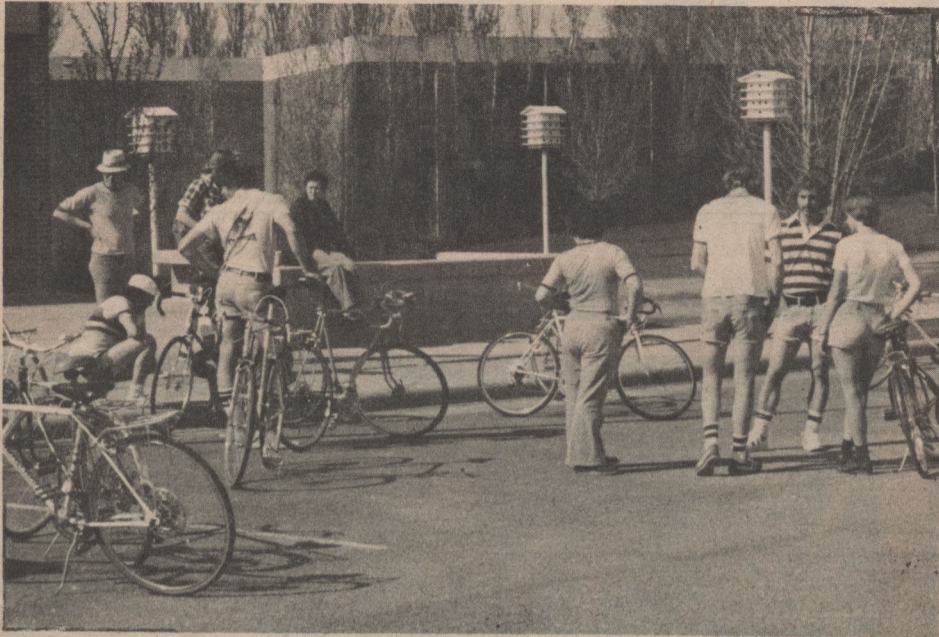
For this is love and nothing else is love,

The which it is reserved for God above

To sanctify to what far ends He will,

But which it only needs that we fulfil.

By Robert Frost



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Defenders Edge Dakota State; Lose to Northwestern

by Tim P. Vos

The Dordt Defender Express may have been slow last week, but it certainly was not derailed. Monday, Feb. 2, Dordt nearly lost the game to Dakota State Trojans when they forfeited a 12 point lead but a 22-foot shot by Kevin Vande Streek in the last 30 seconds assured a victory of 72-69. Kevin Wolterstorff and Dayton Vogel gave a steady performance but the guards may have been responsible for the winning edge-- Vande Streek had a career high 21 points and Wes Fopma had 12 points, 9 rebounds, and 6 assists. The Defenders who are second in the nation for feild-goal accuracy at 55%, shot only 50% and matched in overtime and notched an eight point win. Besides Dayton's outstanding performance, Wolterstorff

Dakota State in rebounds. The win was the 16th for Dordt, which adds to the school record already broken this season.

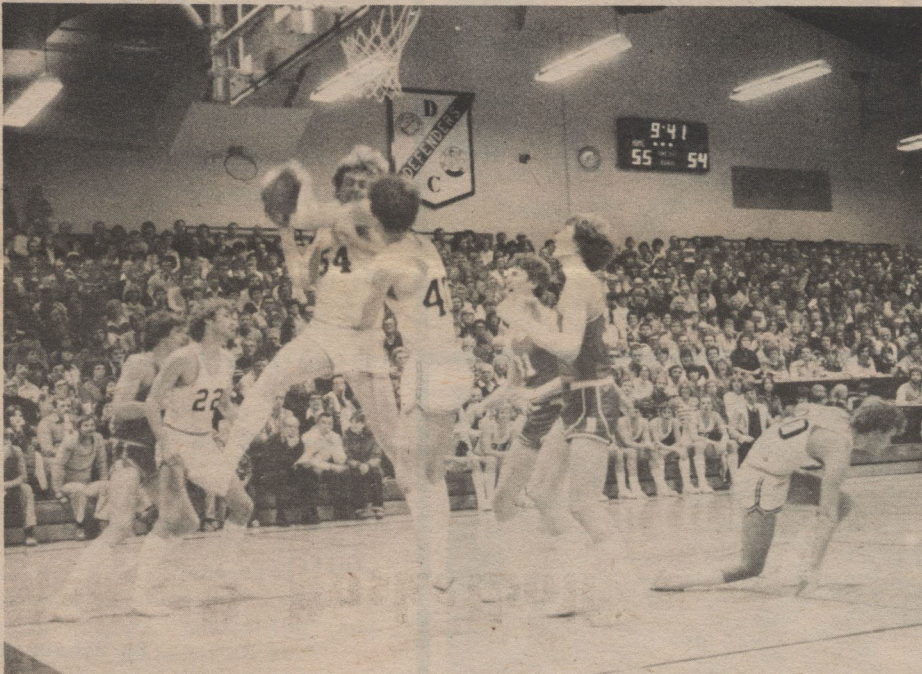
Saturday Feb. 7 Northwestern snapped Dordt's four-game winning streak with a 88-80 overtime win on Dordt's floor. Once again the Defenders were guilty of letting a 12-point lead disappear. The game appeared over when Jim Boeve, Red Rider forward, stepped to the free throw line with 2 seconds remaining. However, after missing the free throw Boeve fouled Dayton Vogel on the rebound and Dayton added to his career high (28 points) by sinking both free throws. The game went into overtime tied at 72. Kirk Te Grootenhuis (27 pts.) and John Vandekamp (23 points) gave Northwestern the early lead

tallied 16 points and Denny Van Zanten scored 13 before being fouled out.

Two more games remain in the regular season--Saturday a Tri-State contest at Westmar and Wednesday the finale in the Dordt gymnasium versus the number 1 team in the nation, Briar Cliff. Post season action will begin

Feb. 28 with Dordt hosting Northwestern for the rubber game between the arch-rivals. The winner will play Briar Cliff March 2 in Sioux City. Should Dordt win the first two playoff games, they will have the right to represent Iowa in Kansas City on March 4.

Men's JV Basketball



Women's Basketball



Intramural Basketball

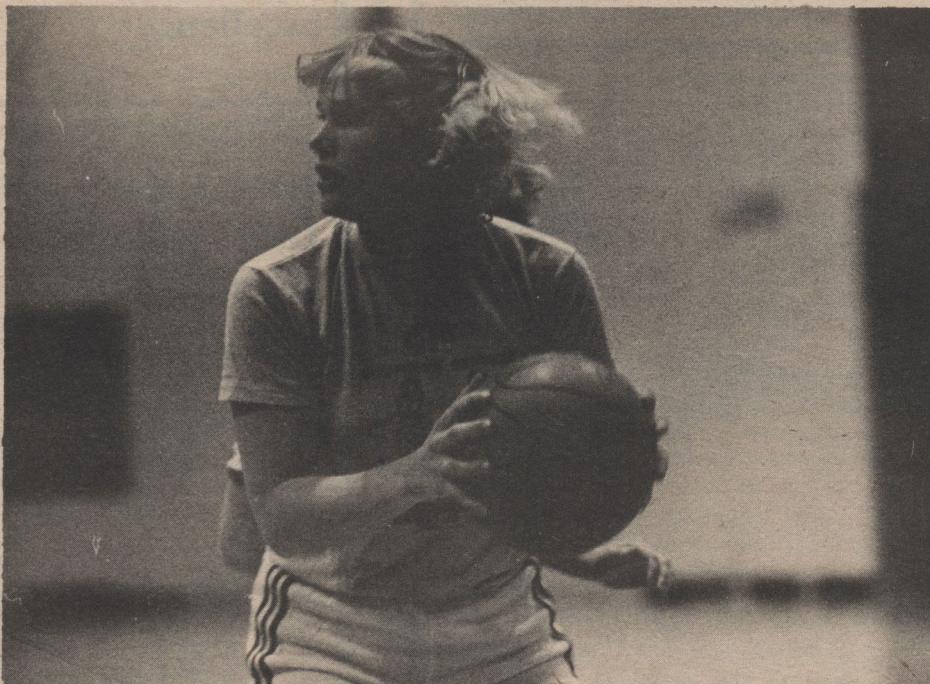
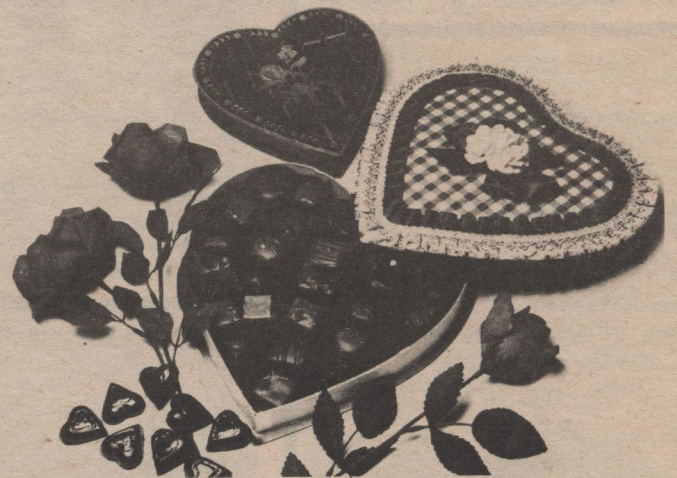


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