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Tragic plane crash kills four



Marjorie Vander Weide

A memorial service for Rita Vander Weele, Marjorie Vander Weide, and Jim Van Drunen was



Rita Vander Weele

held on January 29 in the Dordt College Chapel.

The service began with reading of



Jim Van Drunen

scripture by Verlan Van Ee, Van Drunen's Resident Assistant in North Hall. The scripture was taken from

Ecclesiastes 11 and 12, some of Van Drunen's favorite passages, said Van Ee.

Following the scripture reading, the Chapel Choir responded with singing, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

Sue Du Mez, Resident Assistant for Vander Weele, gave the prayer, which included a prayer found in the Illiana Christian High Yearbook.

After the congregation sang "Not unto us, O Lord of heaven", Rev. Hulst proceeded with a brief meditation based on Psalm 115. His message was entitled, "Why Do The Nations Say, 'Where is Their God?'"

The Concert Choir ended the service with the singing of "Grant Us Thy Peace."

Les and Marj

Vander Weide

Four children were orphaned as a result of a small plane crash near Clare, Iowa on Saturday, January 26. Leslie and Marjorie Vander Weide left behind four children: Sherri (9), Daniel (7), Douglas (5) and Sheila (1 1/2). The children are now in the custody of their uncle and aunt, Larry and Debbie Vander Weide.

About four months ago Marj and Les Vander Weide provided in their will for the legal guardianship of the children. Larry and Debbie Vander Weide were named to be the guardians in case of accident. The evening before the trip to Chicago Marj called her brother-in-law, Larry, and asked, "Are you sure you'll take the kids if anything happens?" Larry and Deb confirmed their agreement.

Larry said, "We never thought we'd have to take care of the kids but God wanted us to and we will." His wife Deb added, "We didn't plan on having a big family. It's going to be hard but we'll get a lot of help." Larry and Debbie have two children of their own, Benjamin (4) and Amy (1).

Debbie has been babysitting five children for the past year. She said, "It's all part of God's plan. He was preparing me because I wasn't used to so many kids."

"We're going to sell our home and live here in Marj and Les' house," said Larry. "They wanted it that way. Sometimes I thought

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Rita Vander Weele

Rita Vander Weele, an 18-year-old freshman at Dordt College majoring in Business Administration, was killed last Friday in a tragic plane crash which took the lives of three other people.

From Lansing, Illinois, Rita was born May 5, 1961 in Chicago, Illinois. The daughter of the Herbert Vander Weeles, Rita is also survived by three brothers and a younger sister. Rita attended Lansing Christian Grade School and Illiana Christian High School in Lansing. The Vander Weeles are members of Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Lansing.

According to Illiana's 1979 yearbook, *Spire '79*, Rita was involved in a number of activities throughout her high school years. During her freshman and sophomore years, Rita was involved in Choir, the Hiking Club, Intramurals, Operetta, Ssenisub (Business Club), tennis and volleyball. During her junior and senior years, she was involved in Marching Band, Spanish Club, and she was also an Athletic Office Assistant, a Library Assistant, and a member of the National Honor Society. Rita was a member of the Ski Club for all four years of high school.

Caryl De Vries, also a freshman at Dordt who knew Rita for the four years they were both at Illiana, said, "Out of the 192 kids in our graduating class, I didn't know Rita that personally, but she was a very outgoing person; she'd always come up and talk to you. Everytime you ran into her, she was always friendly."

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Jim Van Drunen

Jim Van Drunen, energetic person and popular with the people whom he came into contact, died last Friday in a plane wreck.

Born September 15, 1961, Jim lived in South Holland, Illinois with his mother, Shirley. He attended Illiana Christian High School in Lansing, Illinois.

As a senior in high school, Jim was Secretary-Treasurer of his class, a Fine Arts participant, editor of Illiana's yearbook the *Spire '79* as well as a member of the Hiking Club, Intramurals, the Renaissance Club and the National Honor Society. During all four years of high school, he was involved in Choir, the Drama Club, Fall Play, and Tennis. Other activities that Jim was involved in throughout high school were the Bowling Club, Chess Club, Golf, Jr.-Sr. Banquet Committee, Ski Club and the Student Activities Committee.

At Dordt, Jim was majoring in Communications with a Broadcasting emphasis. His hobbies were playing the drums, broadcasting, tennis and skiing. He was also a member of the Student Forum; he sang in the chapel choir, and worked in the Theatre Arts Department and at KDCR.

Second semester at Dordt, Jim roomed in North Hall, room 225 with John Veltkamp, a freshman from Manhattan, Montana.

According to Verlan Van Ee, Jim's RA, Jim was also planning to go on tour with J. C. Cornerstone next summer to work their sound system and taping.

Verlan added that Jim was also interested in photography and had

all his pictures numbered and filed. "Whatever he did, he did very well," explained Verlan. "Jim never did anything half way."

According to Verlan, Jim was an only child. His parents had been divorced since Jim was one year old. As Verlan explained, "Jim was very disciplined. His mother must have brought him up well because there was no evidence of a bad family background."

He was a quiet type of kid, but we're sure going to miss him. He was a good inspiration, especially in his spiritual life. He was a good example for all of us. If you could be sure about anybody, you could be sure about Jim."

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Editorial His heavenly promise

Sudden death is a humbling experience. It makes us all realize how precious life is and how short our time on earth can be. We never think that our own or a friend's death can happen--at least so unexpectedly. Yet the events of the past week have shown us all how tragedy can strike anyone, anytime.

Suddenly friends and relatives are left to cope with such emotions as anger, hurt, and inadequacy. Anger at God for taking such young people, hurt that perhaps you criticized them when you shouldn't have, and inadequacy to cope with these feelings. Maybe you are even angry with the dead. Angry that they left you here to cope while they are at peace. Don't be. Their mission here on earth was obviously complete--ours isn't.

Sometimes words or kind acts bring little comfort to the bereaved in times like this. Even prayer and the strength of God may seem inadequate and lacking.

Often the real mourning doesn't begin until after the grieving and funeral

formalities are over and the days once again become routine. No matter when you hurt the most remember that God never gives his children more than they can bear.

We are also told that all things work together for those who love Him. That may seem like a trite statement when so many are left behind to mourn and reconstruct their lives. Yet one good thing is immediately apparent--the strength and kindness the Christians of Dordt and Sioux Center have offered to each other.

Four people are dead. Weeping or praying won't bring them back. We are all alive but inside we may feel dead. However, we can't dwell on our loss forever or we'll become dead to Christ and those around us, those who might try to help.

Some day (perhaps not until eternity) we'll know the reason, but until then we must be patient and not lose sight of His heavenly promise.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the words written by Purgatory, I am shocked and truly sorry to hear that Purgatory has so little feeling for those Christians whom we should be most concerned about--those few who are led astray. These are the Christians who need our prayers and support the most. To hear that a fellow Christian is not very concerned about weaker brothers and sisters in Christ really appalls me. Does Christ not say in Matthew 18:6, "But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea"? Think well on what Paul says to the Corinthians in I Corinthians 8 when he speaks of food that is offered to idols. It is not the issue of food or any parallels; rather, the concern is for the weaker Christian. Please do not treat the lives and souls of the children of God, His image-bearers, so cheaply and flippantly.

In love for Christ and fellow Christians please keep in mind Paul's writings to the Phillipians, when he says to them in chapter 2, verse 3, "but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

Clarence Vanderlaan

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning the Chapel being closed for Dordt students during the day and at night. At times I have wanted to go to the Chapel to pray or be alone. Often the doors are locked. After hearing about the plane accident, a friend and I went to the Chapel only to find locked doors.

The Chapel should be open for students at anytime. This is one of the few places students can be alone, but recently this has not been possible. Can't the Chapel be open for all who need it?

Karen Byerly

the diamond

The Diamond is published by the students at Dordt College. These students are a 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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Rev. Taylor responds to tragedy with sermon

The following is a condensed version of the sermon Rev. E. L. Hebden Taylor presented to the Grace Episcopal Church of Madison, South Dakota on January 27, 1980.

There is one journey we must all one day make. And that is the journey of death. It is with death that this question of our Lord is concerned. It was asked by Him in the Upper Room at that last Supper shortly before he died upon a cruel cross. The Lord had just told his disciples that the time had arrived for Him to return whence He came, and He was surprised that none of them asked Him where He was going. This, it would seem, was the most natural question to ask. We ask it of anyone who tells us that he is about to go on a journey. But this was no ordinary journey. This was the journey into the unknown about which men down the centuries have speculated. This is that journey which today so

frightens and fascinates, attracts and repels people. Yet even the disciples did not ask Jesus where he was going. "No one hath ascended into heaven save he which came down from heaven, even the Son of Man who is in heaven." Thus does Christ claim to speak with authority upon the subject of death.

In answer to the question, am I going to live on, or shall I vanish like a bubble?, Jesus gives many answers. Let us consider three of the more important ones.

1. Death is the way home.

"I go to my Father," Jesus told his disciples. This is the first and greatest claim Jesus made as to the nature of death and what follows. For Him it was the return to His Father and to home. For our true home is in our Father's house and presence. This was not an exclusive abode for God's Son alone. As He assures us: "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am you may be also"

2. Death is the door to joy.

"There is joy in heaven," said Jesus on several occasions, suggesting that joy is one of the chief conditions of life after death. People today are shy of admitting to such an expectation of bliss as though there were something shameful in anticipating what we have not experienced here on earth. Yet our Saviour has promised that if we serve Him faithfully in this life then we shall one day hear from his lips the wonderful words: "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

3. Lastly Christ teaches us that death is the Promise of Reunion.

One of the reasons the Lord gives for the silence of His disciples when He told them of His pending death and departure was that sorrow had filled their hearts. In this they were only sharing the experience of all of us who have lost our loved ones and friends as I have this weekend. I lost my

dearly beloved eldest child and beautiful daughter Marjorie. The disciples were at that moment overwhelmed by thoughts of that separation from Him whom they loved and with whom they had lived, labored, eaten, drank wine, laughed and joked together as we have done with the children we have lost. They were mourners like us whose bruised hearts had no thought outside the knowledge that they would see Jesus no more.

C. S. Lewis wrote in the title of his book *Surprised by Joy*, we shall be surprised by joy, the joy of reunion with our loved ones in our Father's home and the joy of meeting Christ face to face and hearing from His lips the words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

With such a hope in our hearts we surely can afford to wait for death, our own death, confident in the Lord's promises that we shall indeed be reunited with our loved ones who have gone before.

GOP caucus has overflow crowd

by Gary Duim

Over 300 persons gathered in the Sioux Center Public Library basement last week Monday night to participate in the "Sioux Center" Republican caucus.

The overflow crowd was part of 115,000 Republicans who turned out statewide. About thirty Dordt students turned up, many only to observe the proceedings. Numerous Dordt profs and students voted and participated in the proceedings. But some students who were not registered to vote in this precinct left the long meeting before it was over, and returned to their studies.

One of the first actions taken was to retain Dr. Alberda in his position as chairman of the meeting, and Professor Koldenhoven as secretary. Dr. Alberda then opened the meeting to supporters of Presidential candidates.

After everyone had a chance to voice his or her preference and reasons for support, a secret straw poll was to be taken so that the results could be phoned into Des Moines early in the evening.

To start it off a Reagan supporter mentioned Reagan's anti-abortion stance and his encouragement of local governmental control. A Connally man mentioned the Texan's experience in business, farming, government and the military. Support was urged for a Reagan/Crane

ticket by a former Reagan delegate of the 1976 Republican National Convention.

Senator Baker was praised by one participant for his fight against Salt II. Dr. Maatman pointed out how he had been impressed with George Bush's conservatism and grasp of world affairs when Bush had spoken at Hull in December.

Rev. Taylor spoke out in favor of Phillip Crane who he pointed out was a Calvinist. Reagan was discredited for signing a homosexual bill of some kind in California. Reagan's age was also pointed out as a liability, especially in light of 1984 reelection possibilities.

The ballots were then cast and of the 259 votes tallied Bush received 33%, Reagan 22%, Crane 21%, Baker 11%, Conally 8%, Anderson 2%, and other or undecided 3%. This outcome compares closely to statewide results except for the strength of Crane. His popularity probably caused supposed front runner Reagan's poor showing.

The Republicans then proceeded to elect two precinct committee persons and to select fifty-two delegates and thirteen alternates to represent the precinct at the county convention on March 1.

The Iowa Republican caucus system is set up on a winner take all basis. That would mean all fifty-

two delegates would be committed to Bush. But this was not mentioned at the meeting, and apparently is not binding.

Finally it came time for Republican platform proposals. Over a dozen were introduced and almost all the resolutions passed. Dr. Maatman proposed that all savings accounts be awarded by banks and savings institutions an equal rate of interest not depending on the amount deposited. This was amended to include tax exempt status for savings account interest. The amendment and the proposal both passed easily.

Dr. Maatman also proposed that Social Security receipts not be used to finance programs like Medicare. This passed unanimously, as did two proposals by Rev. Taylor, one in support of a right to life anti-abortion amendment, and another to have income tax brackets indexed to inflation, to keep government from collecting more money simply by the process of inflation.

Support for a Constitutional amendment to balance the budget, and a proposal to soften the blow of inheritance taxes also passed nearly unanimously.

Also passed was an anti-labor union, pro-right to words proposal. A platform plank opposing ERA

was passed by voice vote. A tax credit proposal for parents sending students to non-public schools was approved by voice vote too.

Dordt student Bill Van Der Weide proposed that the Republican Party commit itself to a platform which included the call for military superiority over the Soviet Union in all areas including nuclear and conventional weapons. This proposal was too close to call by voice vote but a show of hands passed the measure. A call for continued operation of federal revenue sharing was passed after it was pointed out that Sioux Center received \$50,000 annually, and that the system operates with a minimum of bureaucracy and politics.

These last two measures were the only pro-spending proposals that came up. Doug Eckardt pointed out that it wasn't very consistent to talk about spending more but wanting taxes cut. Freshman Bill Lloyd proposed that the Party support the Electoral College system for selecting a president. The proposal passed by voice vote.

By the time the meeting finally adjourned the crowd had thinned out considerably. Dordt students, questioned as to who they voted for, named candidates ranging from liberal John Anderson to Phil Crane on the other end of the spectrum.

Unique Engineering program at Dordt

by Mark Poehner

After two years of discussion and planning by Drs. Ribbens, Maatman and Van Dijk, Dordt College has taken its first step toward a four year engineering program. They hired Mr. Charles Adams,

Adams, a temporary "fill-in" teacher in the Physical Science department, earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Renselar Polytechnic Institute, and his M.A. in Education at Montclair State in New Jersey. He worked three years for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and eight for Eastern Christian High School.

By adding Dr. Alberda to the engineering committee and placing Adams in coordination, the Division of Natural Sciences has planned an expansion. Next year the pre-engineering program will offer courses for two years instead of only one. Each year one more year of courses will be added until a full Engineering Degree is offered.

The first engineering program will be working on a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. A later B.S. in Electrical Engineering and in Engineering Science are also being planned.

"Freshman students in pre-engineering this year will be able to graduate with a full Engineering Degree from Dordt within four

years," says Adams. "The program is being laid out a year at a time, and all we have to do is go through the faculty and curriculum committee for approval.

The new department in conception is already beginning to look for an electrical engineering consultant to hire part time next year and full time later.

There is also talk in the committee pertaining to a new or converted building to house four labs and the classrooms for the Engineering Department.

Presently there are some fifteen students tied in to the program. Adams expects 75 or 80 within four or five years.

Adams expresses that the uniqueness of an engineering program at Dordt is rooted in the "reformational perspective in which technology is seen as a kingdom activity in the process of being redeemed." He also affirms that the context of the general liberal arts requirements will give a broader view to engineering students than what they get at other engineering schools.

The Christian perspective of technology, Adams asserts, does not rule out high technology, but it does promote a "gentle technology."

A couple of students have already shown enthusiasm for the program,



photo by Lyle Breems

Charles Adams, part of the new Engineering program, relaxes in his office.

desiring this approach for a missions type of orientation designed not to ram technology down people's throats or promote the classic view of progress, but to develop a technology in which engineers are seen as servants and stewards," Adams

said. "We're not looking for dollar-hungry walking slide rules, but for students seeking to work out the faith in a redemptive healing to an area of society that desperately needs it," Adams concluded.

Despite changes, library still noisy

by Charlie Claus

The Dordt College Library improved a few changes last summer in a major attempt to encourage a more respectful use of library facilities. Study tables and bookshelves were rearranged to provide maximum privacy, flannel posters were hung to absorb sound, and an electronic book monitor was installed to scare off permanent borrowers. While the book monitor has proven to be effective, the library still lacks an atmosphere conducive for studying.

Several causes are apparent. The most paramount originates with those who use the library the most—freshmen and sophomores. When these students begin Dordt College, the academic load they shoulder does not naturally force them to study. Instead, these students manage to limit their serious study to several nights before exams.

The majority of their library time is spent briefly reading a book, talking to friends, and watching students walk about.

Another cause suggests little understanding of Dordt's library policy, for most students do not consider talking in the library a serious offense. Often they begin a conversation, become totally engrossed in discussion, and forget their escalating voices. "Everyone does it," they reason to themselves, "so it can't be all that bad." This type of logic definitely portrays a lack of maturity and academic responsibility.

Another prominent reason for talking stems from a spirit of individualism. Each student considers himself first and others second. Instead of taking their friends to the lobby, they merrily talk with them at their study carrel, disturb-

ing others who are studying.

The most obvious reason originates from a lack of enforced quietness. When students talk, neither the library personnel nor fellow students bother to challenge the lawbreakers. The librarians and their assistants wish to avoid causing a fuss, while students lack the backbone to challenge their peers.

The repercussions will be drastic, for futures are at stake; a poor library situation inevitably lowers students' grades. Few students can study well in a disruptive atmosphere. For some the matter

is very serious, for the student who lives in the dorms has few options; he can choose between a noisy dorm or a noisy library.

This library atmosphere fails to instill communal scholarship. It allows the individual to ignore the importance of respecting the rights of others, and it fails to hold up a responsible view of academics, which should be the cornerstone of a Christian college.

Can this trend be reversed? Sure it can! But you will have to practice quietness in the library. No one can be excluded.

Volunteer as a volunteer

The Volunteers Program is holding their first meeting of the semester tonight at 7:00 in C158. The Volunteer Program stems from the Social Service Club, but doesn't require participants to be Social Service majors. Students in all majors are currently participating by giving a few hours each week

to the elderly, retarded, handicapped, or delinquent.

The places where students volunteer include Harmony Home, Hope Haven, and the Sioux Center Homestead.

All interested students, Social Service majors and otherwise, are encouraged to come or contact Ginny Van Wieren at 722-3022.

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by Wendy Dykstra

Surviving your freshman year

Surviving the first year at college can be very difficult for many students. The following set of instructions are proposed to aid all freshmen enrolled at Dordt College.

First of all, he must know how to survive in the dorms. In order to do this he must be equipped with the proper tools. The tools of foremost significance are a radio or a stereo. They must be blaring at all times to dispel the aura of peaceful tranquility and keep the average kid, of an eight-member family, from going insane due to the sudden change of environment.

The student must also arrive equipped with enough posters to wallpaper the walls of his room. If a student wakes up "to see the four grey walls that surround him" he'll soon begin to yearn unconsolably for "the green, green grass of home."

Another essential tool to surviving dorm life is an alarm clock that doesn't ring off. They're wonderful when it comes to sleeping-in mornings and skipping classes. The only other alternative to a "ringless" alarm clock is a "handless" alarm clock. On these two alarms depend all your sanity and that of your roommate.

Warm blankets and long underwear are another must to any student immigrating to Dordt. There are days when the heaters in a wing get an air bubble in them blocking the warmth from cosily enveloping the room and instead, causing a chilling cold to permeate the dwelling. The only thing for the student to do then is to put on the long underwear and crawl under the warm blankets. When feeling returns to the toes and fingers it is safe to emerge.

Last, but not least, a must for every college student to survive in

the dorms, is to remember to take his stuffed animal from home.

Whether it be a fuzzy pink elephant or Kermit the frog, it must accompany every first year student as he makes his transition from home life to college life.

Second, every freshman must learn to survive the Commons' food. This is a must if a student is to keep from "keeling over" in class due to lack of the proper vitamins. Therefore, take some good advice: eat the spinach and the good Iowa corn, and don't gorge yourself on desserts. But just in case the thought of spinach makes you green and you're allergic to the good Iowa corn, buy some "Flintstones" vitamins and eat one a day.

Third, memorize your mailbox combination and learn how to open it. If a student learns anything at all at Dordt, this should be among the first of his objectives. It is important that a student maintain contact with the outside world.

Fourth, a student must know how to write fast and unintelligibly. He must learn to write fast otherwise he'll never catch up, even when the prof takes a breath. Actually, an unintelligible scrawl is the mark of a true scholar.

The last instruction to a freshman enrolling at Dordt College is to learn to survive on five to five-and-a-half hours of sleep per night. Sleep is the least of his worries. Why waste your time on it when there's so much else to do. Why, you say? Because it helps you stay awake in theology! But if a student manages to get his five hours in, he's doing okay.

Arm a freshman with these tools and surviving this first year at Dordt won't be so difficult.

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I'd like to live in another community, but now I know God wants us here." Larry also said that the community has shown its love and support.

The "new" Vander Weide family will be attending Carmel Reformed Church where Larry and Debbie are members. Les and Marj attended the First Baptist Church of Sioux Center. "We'll still visit the Baptist church," said Larry, "the kids have a lot of friends there."

"Marjorie was baptized and became a member last May," said Reverend Walter Disch, pastor of the Baptist church. "Les was not ready to take that step. He was born again."

Marjorie and Leslie were active in the community. Both were volunteer members of the EMT (Emergency Medical Team) at the Sioux Center Hospital. Les worked at Dubuque Packing Company in Le Mars and was a licensed pilot. Marj was an assistant Girl Scout leader and attended Dordt College part-time. "You could always depend on her," said Mrs. Disch, "and their home was always open." She added, "Les was very quiet, but Marj made up for that."

Because Les and Marj were concerned about their children, provisions had been made. Sherri, the nine-year-old daughter, said she had worried; she said, "I knew they wouldn't come back." But a mother's caring for her children is well said in the "verse of the week" on the refrigerator door of the Vander Weide home: "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."

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She was never afraid to say anything to anybody."

Although Caryl said that she rarely saw Rita around Dordt's campus, Caryl added, "I did talk to her sister, Carla, over Christmas break and Carla said that she (Rita) really liked it a lot out here."

Rita's RA, Sue Du Mez, said that Rita was very close to her sister Carla. When Rita left on the plane Friday afternoon, it was to go to Illinois to see her sister in the Illiana Homecoming exercises. Carla was to be chosen from the top five girls for Homecoming Queen. "Rita was really excited to go home and see her sister in the Homecoming exercises," said Sue. "It was all she talked about since Christmas break."

At Dordt, Rita lived in room 133 in East Hall with Lisa Schuller, a freshman from Sibley, Iowa. According to Sue, the two girls came to her room to comment on how well they got along with each other.

"They couldn't believe how Dordt could have found two such compatible people," explained Sue. "They thought Dordt really did a good job matching them up."

Sue also added that Rita was an out-going, fun-loving person who liked to talk to people. "And yet," Sue said, "as far as studies go, intellectually she was with it and very willing to help other people who had classes with her."

Rita just seemed to have limitless energy. She could stay up all night to study for a test. If she could have channelled that energy toward a specific goal, she could have gone far."

Democratic caucus chooses Carter

On Monday evening, January 21, 37 people converged on the Community Center lunchroom for the Sioux Center Democratic precinct caucus.

Upon arrival the voters were required to indicate their preference for the Democratic Party presidential nominee. Thirty of the 37 supported President Jimmy Carter, 3 backed Senator Edward Kennedy, and 4 listed themselves as uncommitted.

Unlike the Iowa Republic Party which gives all the allotted caucus delegates to the candidate polling the most votes in the caucus, the Iowa Democratic Party distributes the delegates in proportion to the candidates' support within the caucus. Consequently, those supporting Carter received 3 of the 4 delegates. Those listing themselves as uncommitted were given the remaining delegate.

The Carter people and the uncommitted separated into two groups to determine who would be their delegate(s) at the March 8, 1980 Sioux County Democratic Convention.

Since Kennedy's supporters did not comprise 15% of those present at the caucus, they had to join the uncommitteds.

The Carter group chose Sioux Center retiree George Kooi, Covenant CRC minister Dr. Franklin Steen, and Sioux Center Christian Grade School teacher Mary Vreeman. Designated as alternates were Dordt students Al Van Dyke and Dan Zinkand.

By backing Kennedy, the uncommitted became committed, selecting Sioux Center Public High School teacher Chuck Pfeister as their delegate.

Reassembling, the group picked

two caucus members for county committees, elected two new precinct officers, and considered 3 resolutions.

Steen was elected to the Committee on Committees and Kooi was elected to the Platform Committee. Dordt prof Wayne Kobes was reelected as precinct chairman and Sioux Center beautician Marge Huygens was tapped to replace Mrs. George Kooi.

The first resolution, endorsed by the Sioux County and Iowa Municipal League, called for the reenactment and strengthening of the General Revenue Sharing Act. Few of the caucus members were acquainted with revenue sharing, so they asked City Clerk Eldon Westra for explanation.

Westra stated that revenue sharing funds were allocated to cities on a per capita income, population basis. Revenue sharing funds, not bond sales, have financed Sioux Center's capital improvement projects, e.g. street construction. Westra was favorably inclined to the program. The resolution passed.

The second resolution, introduced by Joan Heifner, sponsored by the Association for Community Organization and Reform Now (ACORN), called for the establishment of a commission within the National Democratic Party to study the problem of the underrepresentation of low-to-moderate income people in the Democratic Party.

Some caucus members expressed that the resolution would create a bureaucracy; others said the impetus for such a commission should come from the people themselves. Precinct chairman Kobes, however, observed that the resolution was

consistent with what the Democratic Party stands for. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

The third resolution sought the removal of the penalty currently assessed on Iowa's public employees who retire early. The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) currently assesses a 1/2% per month penalty for persons retiring before age 65.

The resolution also urged that the present formula setting pensions at 46% of the average of the employee's five highest salaried years be raised to 50% of the same. Finally, the resolution advocated

adding a cost-of-living escalation clause to the employees' pensions.

Backers of the resolution maintained that: everyone else can retire at 62 without penalty and the early retirement of public employees would "open up the job market."

Observing that fewer and fewer workers are supporting more and more retirees, the opponents felt the increases would unduly burden workers.

The resolution was defeated in a voice vote, but at the supporters' request a show of hands was given, and the resolution passed.

by Dan Zinkand

Violence in South Africa

by Dan Zinkand

Tony Russell, a theologian from Johannesburg, South Africa and a co-author of the Koinonia Declaration (Koinonia means fellowship), was first introduced to the Dordt student body via an interview in the April 20, 1978 issue of the Diamond.

At the time, Russell was in Toronto, Ontario, speaking about and seeking support for the declaration among Christian Reformed Churches. The declaration was produced by members of the Loft, a multi-racial reformed group founded by Russell in 1973, and approximately 20 lecturers from the University of Potchefstroom. The declaration, which was drafted in November 1977, advocated changes through non-violent means in the unjust policies of the ruling Nationalist Party government.

Russell returned to North America in August to attend a number of conferences. After attending the conference on "The Relevance of Christian Studies in Economics, Sociology, and Political Science" (sponsored by the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ontario), and the "Second International Conference of Reformed Institutions for Christian Education" (hosted by Calvin College). Russell came to Dordt for the "Second International Christian Political Conference" (sponsored by the Association for Public Justice). Russell was accompanied by two ministers from the South African Dutch Reformed Church: Reverend Sam Buti and Reverend Elias Thema. At the time Buti was the president of the South African Council of Churches and moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa; Thema was the president of the Soweto Action Committee. (Soweto is the abbreviation for Southwest Township--a sprawling labor camp outside of Johannesburg, home to more than a million blacks).

Another South African, Dr. Johan van der Vyver, spoke at the conference. Van der Vyver, then a lecturer of legal philosophy at the University of Potchefstroom and now a professor at the University of Witswaterand, spoke on: "Inter-

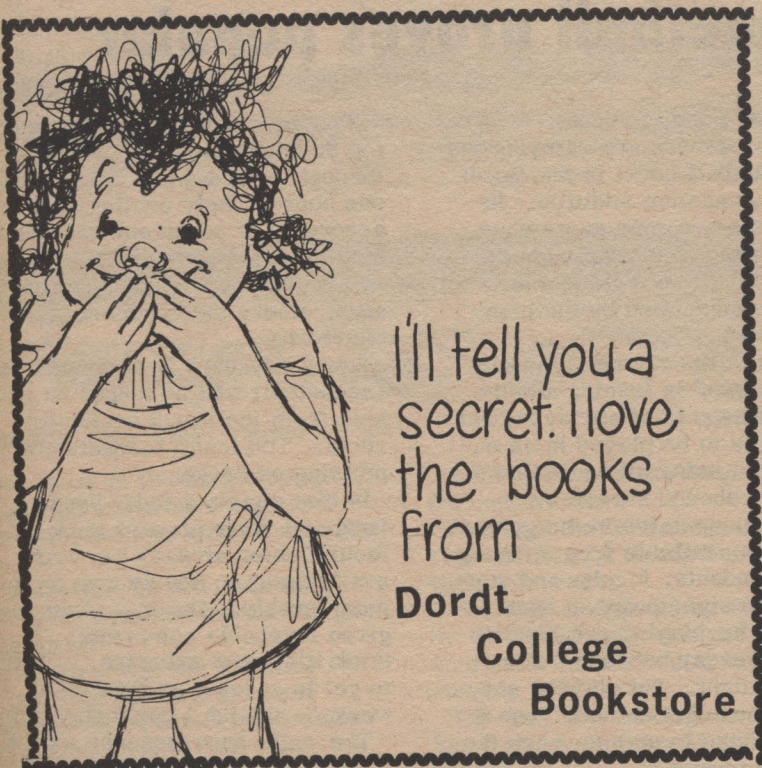
national Standards of Human Rights Protection: A Christian Perspective." On their last night of the conference, Russell presented a slide tape show on South Africa. Afterward Buti, Thema, Russell and van der Vyver held an informal panel discussion with the conferees.

Russell returned to South Africa in late September. Since then Russell has been repeatedly harassed by the police. Furthermore, a number of attempts have been made on his life. In April 1979, Russell was beaten and drugged, his car severely damaged. Later, in the summer, a limousine (bearing no license plates), attempted to run Russell off the road. Russell has also been shot at.

Most recently on January 3, 1980, the police raided the Loft confiscating their office machinery and files. Though the police later returned the confiscated items, they have clearly been attempting to limit the actions and activities of Russell and the Loft. Shortly after the incident on January 3 Russell became ill and the continuity of his work and that of the Loft's is now being discussed by other leaders.



Russell pauses after speaking on prospects for change in South Africa. (Toronto 1978)



Westmar edges Dordt 68-67

by Tim Vos

Westmar ruined Dordt's perfect record in the Tri-state conference with a 68-67 squeaker Saturday night. The Defenders fell to a 2-1 and 7-8 overall, while Westmar raised their conference record to 2-0. In the first half Dordt seized a 6-0 advantage but managed to let the lead escape. Both teams committed several turnovers in the early going as only 20 points were scored in the first eight minutes. Westmar added to a 37-31 half-time lead by opening a twelve point margin. The Defenders then capitalized on Westmar's sloppy play--with 2 1/2 minutes remaining Rog Mulder assisted Stanton Visser on a bucket that made it 61-60, Dordt.

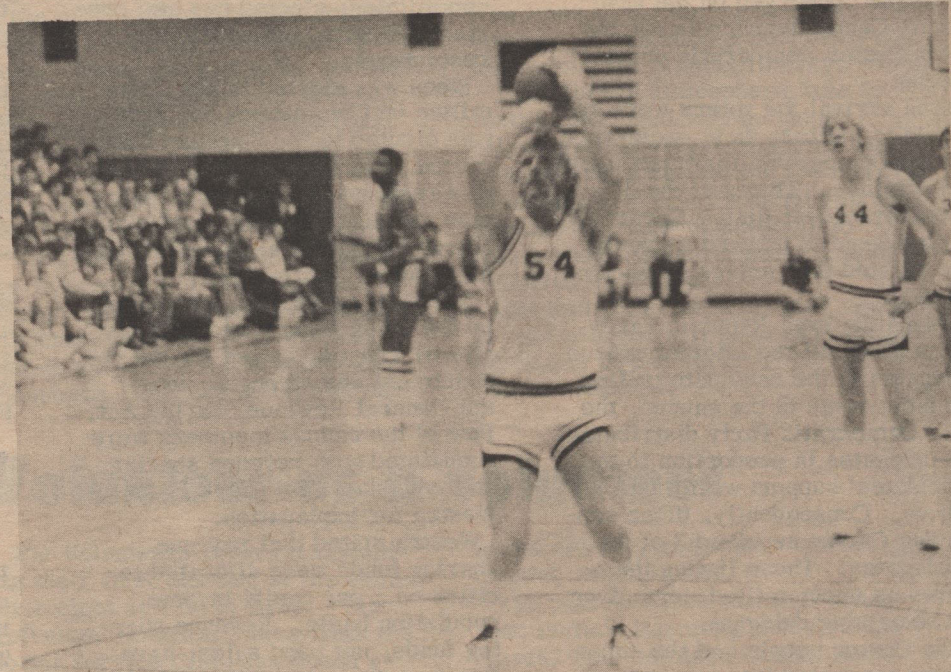
Senior guard Tommie Hobson single-handedly provided the offense, scoring twelve points down the stretch and finished with a game high of 21 points. With Westmar leading by one, Dordt committed a foul and saw the lead extended to three--a bucket with two seconds remaining provided the final score.

Dordt was paced by sophomore guard Stanton Visser's 15 in only his second start, Dean Visser added 12 and Wolterstorff 11. The Defenders' next game will be a conference contest versus Yankton this Saturday at the Dordt gym.

In a game played a week ago, 15th ranked Briar Cliff defeated the Defenders 101-75. The Chargers used a potent fastbreak to run up a quick 16-5 score and were not seriously challenged for the remainder of the game. Dordt had not been counted out of a game this season, but the capacity crowd had little to cheer about. Briar Cliff led 43-28 at halftime, and opened the lead to as many as thirty in the second half before the final margin of 26 points.

Junior forward Rolando Frazer, who came into the game as the nation's leading scorer, equalled his average with a 37-point and 11-rebound performance. Dordt was paced by Kevin Wolterstorff's 15 points and 7 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures for the Defenders were Dayton Vogel and sophomore Kent Marra with 14 and 10 points respectively. The loss dropped Dordt to a 7-7 record and shattered a four-game winning streak.

Over the semester break Dordt recorded three wins in as many outings. The streak began January 3 with a 75-61 triumph over Buena Vista and included wins versus Yankton and Sioux Falls with 94-84 and 74-70 scores. This was the



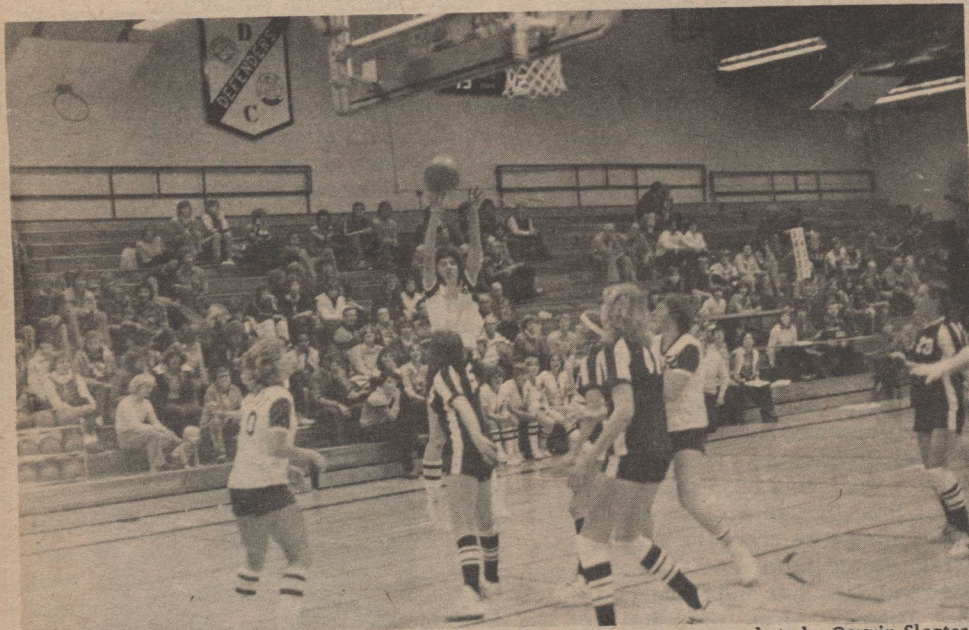
Dordt Defender Jim Bosma attempts a basket

photo by Louis Kwantes

second time Dordt has defeated Buena Vista this season. On the trip Wolterstorff averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds--Van Zanten, Vogel and Dean Visser all had norms in double figures. Rog Mulder was eligible beginning

January 3 and his presence was immediately felt (17 points at Yankton). The Defenders also recorded a 71-67 victory against rival Northwestern at home, which brought Dordt's conference record to 2-0.

Defenders boost team record to 9-4



Dordt women scramble for the ball

photo by Corwin Slagter

Dordt's Women's Basketball team has been seeing a lot of action these past two weeks. Now that the dust has cleared, the Defenders have come out victorious in two of the five games. The Defenders' record now stands at 9-4.

Westmar overcame Dordt January 29 by a score of 62-58. Lisa Vander Wal was top scorer for the Defenders with 18 points; Caryl De Vries was next with 13. Dordt led in rebounding, 40-28, with De Vries capturing 12 to be top rebounder.

Sioux Empire fell to Dordt, 74-39

on Friday January 25. Dordt made forty percent of their shots over SECO's twenty-eight percent. Defenders out-rebounded the Titans 55 to 37 with Caryl De Vries capturing 11. De Vries was also top scorer for Dordt with 16 points, followed by Shelli Van Ginkel with 15. Top scorer for SECO was Cathy Jones with 14 points.

Defenders failed to conquer Briar Cliff on January 23 as they took a 77-62 loss. Dordt made fifty percent of their shots compared to forty-eight percent by Briar Cliff, but lost out on the rebounds, 34-31. Top scorers for Dordt were Caryl

De Vries and Lisa Vander Wal with 24 and 15 points, respectively. Nancy Falk and Teresa Tusa had 18 points each to be top scorers for Briar Cliff.

Morningside lost their conquest with the Defenders January 21 by a score of 57-50. Dordt out-rebounded Morningside 30-26 and out-shot them forty percent to

thirty-nine percent for the victory. Top scorer and rebounder for Dordt was Caryl De Vries with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Shelli Van Ginkel was second in scoring with 12. Rhonda Andresen was top scorer for Morningside with 14 points.

The Defenders' next home game is January 31 against Buena Vista.

by Carol Bentz

Racquetball proves popular

by Lavonne Nannenga

Dozens of Dordt students, faculty, and staff members are enjoying the new racquetball court in the Dordt College gymnasium addition. Interest in the two-man game rose throughout the past year, and the decision to build a college court has been appreciated by the many participants.

The sport uses racquets smaller than those used in tennis, and the small ball used is of sturdy rubber. The game is to be played in an enclosed room using all walls and the ceiling as rebound surfaces.

The court, upstairs in the gym addition, is available free of charge to Dordt students, faculty and staff who wish to sign up for an hour. The hours for playing are Monday through Saturday between 6 a. m. and 12 midnight. But players say, "If you want to get an hour, you'd better be there to sign up when the sheets are posted."

The sign-up sheet for the 18 hours available on Monday is posted at

7:55 a. m. on Friday. The remaining 90 hour slots for Tuesday through Saturday are filled within one hour of their posting on Monday, according to coach and racquetball player Rick Vander Berg. Players are limited to two hours a week, to allow others the opportunity of court use.

As of February 1, equipment for racquetball will no longer be available from the Dordt equipment room. Too many racquets are missing or broken.

Is this simply a fad? Vander Berg and other players think not. Sioux Center already has courts available at an hourly cost or by membership. Dordt students have given favorable comments: "I think it's great exercise." "I try to get in at least an hour each week." "I wish I could play more."

The walls show scrapes and the floor is not so shiny--not indicating deterioration, just use of the new court.

Dordt Blades slice vacation for tour

by Faye Myers

While the rest of Dordt students were still enjoying their Christmas presents and leftover cookies, the Dordt Blades were riding toward Southern Ontario for a series of hockey games dating January 5-14.

Dordt provided the transportation and helped the Hockey Club finance the trip, sending off the team toward Sarnia with all but one player.

The Sarnia team and all the others, except Calvin College of Grand Rapids, Michigan, are of the Christian Hockey League in Ontario. Most are church teams, except for Toronto District High.

Of the total games, Dordt won 6 and lost 2, one of the losses being to Holland Marsh and the other to Calvin. But both were tense games.

In the Calvin game the Blades out-shot Calvin 33-30, but Calvin's agile goalie kept most of the shots from going in. After the first 2 periods the score was a close 1-3, Calvin leading. But suddenly coming up with a strong thrust, Calvin swept in 6 more goals to end the game 1-9.

The meet with Holland Marsh was almost equally as frustrating. The score was at a standstill of 0-0 with 7 minutes left in the game. But amid a flurry of skates and flying pucks the Blades slid in 1, but the Hollanders managed 4.

Still finishing the tour with a 6-2 record, Coach Brian Doornenbal accorded much of the team's success to "really pulling together as a team and playing good fundamental hockey."

Whether the game was won or lost, each was followed with the players participating in a chain prayer. And two team members presented devotions in preparation for each game.

In addition to playing hockey, the team did some sightseeing at Niagara Falls, the C.N. Tower, and the Science Center in Ontario. They also visited with the families who accommodated them throughout the tour. Several of the players said, "The hospitality was great, just like it has always been." Another said, "It's enough to make you want to go back again."

Besides Coach Doornenbal, the others on tour were team advisor Kees Boot, managers Joe Deunk and Sid Couperus, and players Theo De Groot, Stan Schalk, Elco Vandergrift, Colin Senneker, Sid Bandstra, Rich Riemersma, Tom De Jager, Al Bandsma, Tim De Jager, Rich Kok, Frank Voogd, Andy Straatsma, Rick Groot, Bill Koopmans, and Wayne Visser, team captain. Martin De Jong was not able to accompany the team on tour.



Back Row L. to R.:

Mike Epema (team advisor), Brian Doornenbal (player-coach), Theo De Groot, Stan Schalk, Elco Vandergrift, Colin Senneker, Sid Bandstra, Rich Riemersma, Tom De Jager, Al Bandstra, Mr. Kees Boot (team advisor).

Front Row:

Wayne Visser (captain), Tim De Jager, Rich Kok, Frank Voogd, Andy Straatsma, Rick Groot, Martin De Jong, Bill Koopmans.

Opinion : Don't boycott the Olympics

by Craig Boersema

One topic of discussion on campus has been the American boycott of this summer's Olympic games in Moscow. Many people, including government officials, believe the

Olympics should be boycotted.

This view is supported by people who look at the Olympic games as a political tool. They believe the boycott is the best way to protest

the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. They look at how the United States' boycott will hurt the Russians economically. These people believe a boycott shows American patriotism, and that this will hurt the Russians more than it will hurt the United States. How unfortunate!

If the invasion of Afghanistan is a threat to world peace, and if it is a threat to "our" oil in the Middle East, is an Olympic boycott going to solve any questions or problems? No! How much is an American boycott going to hurt the Russians economically? Probably as much as the Russian boycott of the Los Angeles Olympic games in 1984 (or this winter's Olympics at Lake Placid) would hurt the United States economically.

Does the U.S. have anything to gain from boycotting the Moscow Olympics? No! The people for an Olympic boycott are taking a sporting event and making a political puppet out of it. They are trying to protest to the Russians, yet, are never gaining anything from it--except for votes on election day for the politicians.

The United States is a country based on freedom under the Constitution. Yet, here is a nation who is trying to strip its citizens of their right to participate in the Olympics. Men and women across this nation have dedicated their

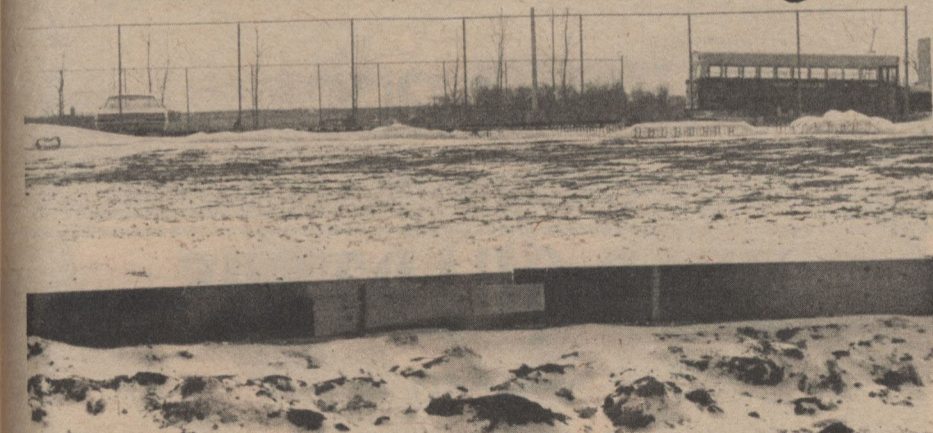
lives to training for a dream of theirs--to go to the Olympics. Now this nation of "freedom" and bureaucrats tries to take away that right.

The bureaucrats say they will boycott the Olympic games if Russian troops are not moved out of Afghanistan by February 21. Yet, President Carter and Congress have no jurisdiction over a boycott. Only the United States Olympic Committee can form a boycott.

In 1936, there was a move to boycott the Olympic games in Berlin. However, the boycott never was formed and the United States went to the Berlin games. Nazi Germany and Adolph Hitler tried to be the perfect hosts to the world. Hitler, of course, wanted "his" athletes to perform in the games. Much to his surprise and dismay, an American named Jesse Owens captured four gold medals and the hearts of the world.

Now in 1980, a similar situation arises, and an unsure nation wants to boycott. Should we boycott? Never! Now is the time when we should support our Olympic athletes. Now is the time when we should send our athletes to Moscow to enthusiastically compete against Russia and other countries. This is American patriotism! We cannot take away the freedom and rights of fellow Americans. How many more Jesse Owens' will arise in 1980?

Rink results from Hick night



The proposed ice rink--minus the ice!

photo by Lyle Breems

The results of the fund raising Hockey Hick night have begun to show themselves in a more concrete form.

A hockey rink is now located between the gym and the on-campus trailer park.

Work began with the levelling of the ground in the rink site last semester. However, rink boards were not put up until Saturday, the 19th, when a group of guys held a

"work bee" in which they completed its construction.

Although the boards are up, the rink will not be flooded until sometime this week.

The rink is approximately 75 feet by 45 feet in size, and the cost of materials for its construction was roughly \$650.

The rink will be open to the public for skating, and it will also be used for the Blades' hockey practices.

Doornbos presents Faculty recital

by Deb Butler

Clarence Doornbos, Assistant Professor of Music will be featured playing the French Horn in a faculty recital February 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel-Music Building.

"Actually," explained Doornbos, "this will be a chamber music recital for French Horn."

Doornbos will be assisted by Julie Hulstein on the French Horn and by Bev Van Gelder on the piano in "Concerto in E Flat Major for Two Horns" by Rosetti.

Translated "On the River," a piece for French Horn, soprano voice, and piano entitled "Auf Dem Strom" is a 19th century romantic poem set to music by Franz Schubert. According to Doornbos the piece is about a person who has lost his loved one and will only see her again in heaven. Doornbos, who will play

the French Horn for this piece, will be assisted by his wife Janice as soprano and by Noel Magee, Associate Professor of Music, on the piano.

The final piece entitled "Horn Trio" by Brahms is actually a piece for French Horn, violin and piano. Doornbos will be assisted on this piece by Magee on the piano and Magee's wife, Marna on the violin.

Doornbos, who added that this is the first recital that he has done at Dordt, also commented that he was more interested in doing a chamber recital rather than a solo recital.

"We've had a good time putting together the music," said Doornbos. "We are getting a little nervous looking forward to the recital, but it should be enjoyable to listen to."



Clarence Doornbos rehearsing for his faculty recital

photo by Louis Kwantes

Phi Kappa Sigma sponsors trip

Phi Kappa Sigma (Future Teacher's Club) will be holding their annual field trip on Tuesday, February 5, this year. They will be sponsoring a trip to an Indian reservation in Macy, Nebraska, approximately 30 miles south of Sioux City.

The purpose of the trip is to see and feel the educational environment of an ethnic group, and gain some insight on the Indian lifestyle in the U.S.A. Among the things visited will be a new school, a health center, and an old lodge, the

tribal living area.

The field trip is open for everyone. There is no cost involved, but if it is possible, a hot lunch will be arranged (with cost).

A bus will be leaving at 7:45 a.m. from the SUB on February 5. It is scheduled to arrive at the reservation at 9:30 and stay through lunch, and to come back to Dordt by 3 p.m.

Deadline for sign-up is Monday morning, February 4. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Heemsbergen at 722-3740.

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