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R.J. Dykstra gifts Business students with a scholarship

The Dordt College Public Relations Office announced that the college has received a gift of \$5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dykstra of Sioux Center to be used to fund a new scholarship. The new scholarship has been designated "The R. J. Dykstra Scholarship for Business Administration Students." Initially, the fund will provide a \$300 scholarship.

The R. J. Dykstra scholarship will be awarded on a yearly basis to a fulltime junior or senior student at Dordt College. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and submit a written statement regarding "Why I take Business Administration as My Major." Criteria which the faculty scholarship committee are to use in selecting a recipient include the student's Christian commitment, ability to communicate, and ability to perform. Initial scholarships will be awarded for the 1974-1975 school year.

Mr. Lyle Gritters, Director of Public Relations, stated that they are "pleased to announce the formation of this new scholarship through Mr. and Mrs. Dykstra's very generous gift. Dordt's Business Administration program has established an excellent reputation over the past four years, and this scholarship will be a source of important and continuing encouragement to Christian youth to prepare for careers in business."

Mr. Dykstra is well-known throughout the area as an ardent supporter of Christian Education. He has been the General Administrative Assistant of Dordt the past ten years.



President B.J. Haan eagerly eyes a new addition to Dordt scholarships.

Fire and theft plagues College Hall

The residents of College Hall were shocked to find that their apartment had become the scene of fire and theft over Christmas vacation. Fortunately, only a bed and a few posters were lost in the fire which was detected by the occupants upstairs and put out quickly by Sioux Center firemen. However, a few personal belongings of several students were also missing, due to theft.

To add insult to injury, College Hall had a second theft on Friday, January 18. Approximately \$300 worth of goods were taken. Although police were called in, no clues were found.

College Hall still smells of smoke, and will get a small face lift as a result--new locks and a paint job. However, personal losses will not be reimbursed.

considers their present status to be a threat to justice.

Attorney Sikma said, "Our biggest problem is citizens who are not law-

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Sikma defends the system

--Gail Stockmeier

The Sioux County Chapter of the National Association for Christian Political Action (NACPA) held a public meeting on Friday January 25, at Dordt. Assistant U. S. Attorney General Robert Sikma spoke on his experiences as a federal prosecutor for the Northern District of Iowa with a view to showing Christians how to be effective in government and politics.

Attorney Sikma is a trial lawyer engaged in administering criminal and civil

justice. He represents the government of the United States. He pointed out that not all violations of the law are prosecuted. There are too many for our courts to physically handle. This situation necessitates selective prosecution by the Attorney General's office. Attorney Sikma stated, "Selective prosecution affects the carrying out of justice." He sees this process as an important area for a truly Christian witness by the prosecutors.

After describing his duties, Attorney Sikma explained some of the problems that he faces. He expressed distaste for "double standards present in our courts, particularly in the Supreme Court." He urged his listeners to elect persons who will appoint and confirm wise and just judges. In his opinion, "Persons shouldn't get off for their crimes just because law enforcers make errors." He wants less leniency toward defendants, and con-

Improved Homecoming limited to one day

--Sharon Ter Horst

Homecoming activities for 1974 will be held Saturday, February 2, here on the Dordt campus. Rev. Hulst, Dean of Students, compares Homecoming '74 to those of previous years: "We're expecting that this Homecoming will be far better than in previous years. One thing we think will help is limiting activities to one day."

Following is the list of activities planned for Saturday:

- 10:30 a. m. -- Alumni vs. Intramural All-Stars Basketball game
- 1:00 p. m. --- JV Basketball game vs. Martin Luther. P. E. Majors will provide entertainment (a rhythmic routine) during halftime.
- 3:00 p. m. -- Varsity game. Halftime activities by Gymnastics Club, and a square dance demonstration.
- 4:30 p. m. -- Open House in dorms, Choir Rehearsal, free coffee and bowling in SUB
- 6:00 p. m. -- Alumni Banquet in West Commons. Male Chorus will entertain.
- 7:30 p. m. -- Talent Show in C-106.

The talent show will feature several numbers by a mass choir made of alumni, concert choir and

chorale members under the direction of Mr. Dale Grotenhuis. It will feature also a Reader's Theatre presentation, skits by various groups, and singing by the Panjos.

The purpose of Homecoming is three-fold, as Rev. Hulst explained it: 1) Alumni have the opportunity to come back to Dordt and learn about where "things are at" at the place they graduated from; 2) It gives the present student body a chance to hear about alumni's experiences after graduating in their life's calling; and 3) To remind alumni and students that we're all part of one on-going Christian community.

He added, "Generally speaking, attendance at and participation in Homecoming activities is good, especially for those within immediate travelling range."

Another new aspect is being tried this year in addition to limiting Homecoming activities to one day. Promotion among alumni of activities is being carried out on a more personal basis by the presidents of graduating classes.

Ken Rip, student chairman of the Homecoming committee, also mentioned that free babysitting services will be provided by Dordt girls in the lounges of the girls' dorms.



What or who is home?

--Janet Vlieg

During this weird season of daily melt-and-freeze and 9 a.m. sunrise, it's nice to add just another pain to the list: Homecoming. Other than a basketball game, what is Dordt's Homecoming anyway? Who's it for, other than for the alumni? According to the Alumni Newsletter (Vol. V, no. 4), this weekend's Homecoming "will be a truly enjoyable experience for everyone. Whether you graduated from Dordt in 1956 or 1973, you'll have a lot of fun. . . ."

Homecoming is not a disturbing or controversial matter and a lot of students could take it or leave it. The idea of a hundred or more ex-students (strange faces) wandering around campus for a Saturday doesn't get a reaction either way. Who cares? The Varsity Club cared a little when the Alumni Association asked to use their concession stand for Saturday afternoon's basketball game. The Club said no.

That shocked a few local alumni into wondering exactly what, if anything, ties past and present Dordt students together. Obviously sweet nostalgia for the old alma mater isn't enough for a concession stand. The water fights, dorm raids, basketball games or choir tours remembered by many alumni don't even ring a bell with any present students. Then why come back, alumni? For that matter, why should we even care whether they come back or not?

Of the committee members organizing Homecoming half are alumni, half are Dordt students. Beginning with an Alumni vs. Intramural basketball game, they planned a day that sounds a little more entertaining than last year's effort. But that's not the point. An alumnus who travelled hundreds of miles simply for some alma mater basketball and a talent show probably isn't worth talking to. An alumnus committed to Christian education, who came to check out the progress of this institution of higher learning, probably is worth talking to. Yet that alumnus isn't going to know what he's 'coming-home' to unless a few people in the present faculty and student body decide to mingle at the events this Saturday.

Understanding what Dordt's all about isn't something you put on file for future reference after graduation. Two-way communication between alumni and the present student body is the necessary responsibility of both. Instead of depending on memories or third-hand information, alumni should come to Dordt to see and feel the growth of an intellectual community.

Although Dordt's Homecoming is plagued with the geographic separation problem, the importance of Homecoming for Dordt shouldn't be underestimated. Depending on us—faculty and students—Homecoming can be getting together with alumni in a concern, a concern for Reformed, Christ-centered scholarship.

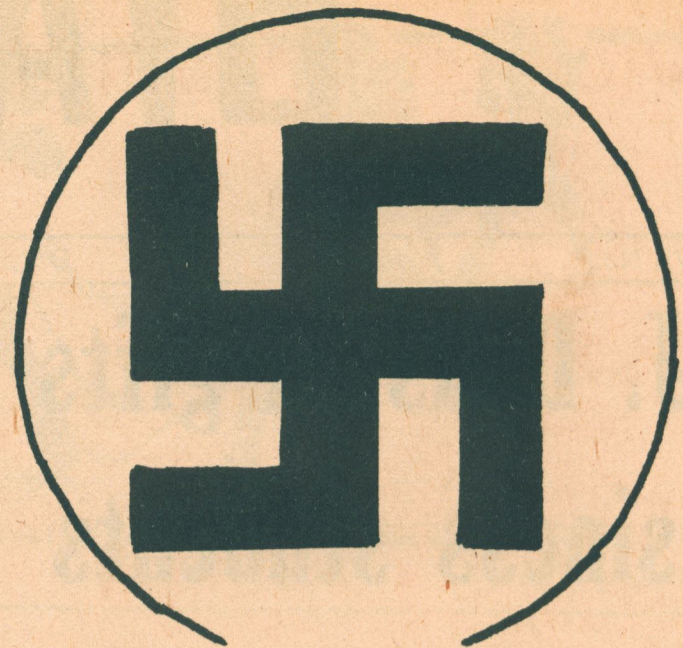
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Work's true meaning

by political columnist Gail Stockmeier

The Iowa State Legislature has confirmed Christians' judgment of state-controlled education: it indeed seeks to impart to its students a secular perspective and value system. Now more than ever the insidious influence of secularism is evident in both government and education.

The State Legislature is in the process of approving new educational standards which will apply to grades kindergarten through twelve. Public schools will be instructed to carry out a new policy of "career education." Its purpose is to indoctrinate students in "the values of work-oriented society."

There is no quarrel with the principle that education must instruct students in the meaning and value of work. However, public schools are unqualified to present the true significance of work because they do not and may not teach the Biblical view of who man is. Only a view of man as God's image-bearer and servant will place work in proper focus as a divinely given task of service to God first and then to mankind. Lacking this confession our state-controlled schools propose a very man-centered and society-centered idea of work. The purpose of labor is seen as the achievement of a prosperous society full of successful self-supporting individuals. Work is done in the service of self and the community rather than in service of God.

This secular view of work describes the work ethic which is prevalent in American society. The proposed bill before the Iowa Legislature affirms this commitment to the work ethic. It says that career education is "designed to instill the work ethic throughout the existing educational programs."

State superintendent of public instruction, Dr. Robert Benton, explains what career education will accomplish in these words, "we can teach an understanding of how a living is earned and begin building an understanding of how work produces a livelihood and how it produces presents at Christmas-time." Such an appalling materialistic view of work should spur us to express the Bible's norms for work. Are Iowa Christians protesting this bill at the capital? Are our few Christian legislators speaking out and voting against this perversion of life's meaning? Making a living is one of the fruits of labor, not its chief purpose. Man is created to work responsibly in this creation as a servant of God. Only in service will work be elevated to its true meaning. Without this meaning work is the slave of survival.

Olivier and Klemm combine their talents

--David Douma

The Music Department presented Eileen Olivier (soprano) and Ron Klemm (baritone) in their senior recital on January 23 in C-160.

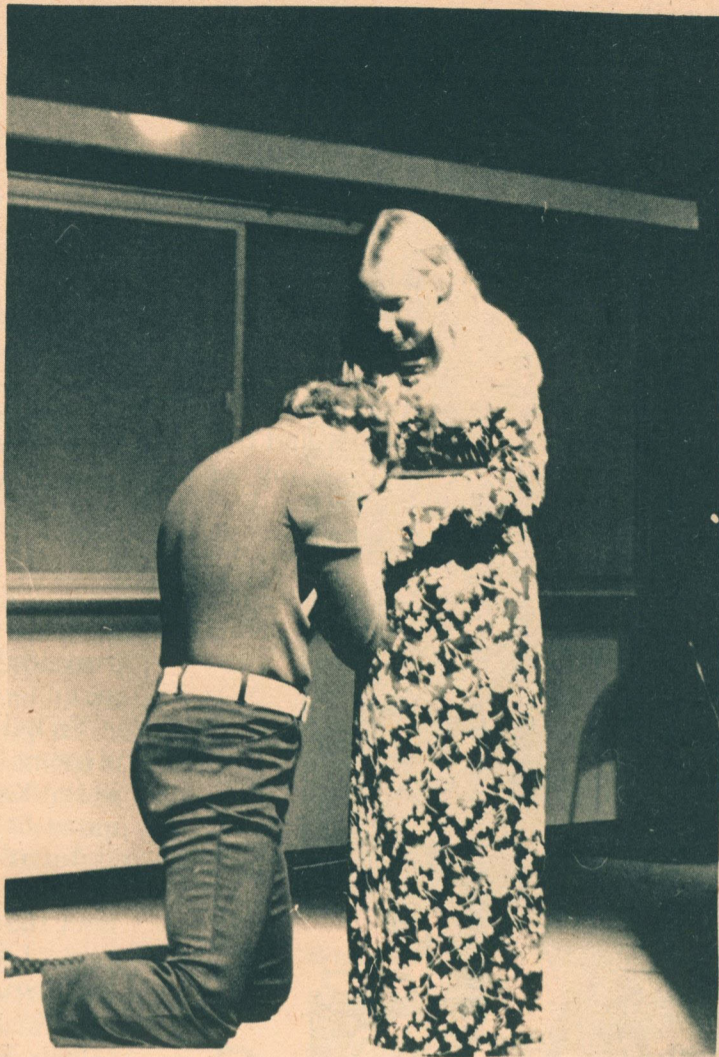
The first section of the program featured works by D. Buxtehude. Eileen opened with "Sing to the Lord a New Song," accompanied by Melody Olivier on violin and Marilyn Schneider on harpsichord. Ron Klemm then sang "I Am the Resurrection," with Mrs. Noel Magee on violin and Jackie Peters on harpsichord. Eileen and Ron then combined their talents in the duo "Three Lovely Things There Be," with both violinists, bassoonist Mary Vreeman, and Mar-

ilyn Schneider at the harpsichord.

The second part of the recital featured shorter "art songs" from classical, romantic and modern periods. The moods ranged from the very serious to the light-hearted.

Particularly effective was Eileen's singing of "It Must Be Me" from Leonard Bernstein's *Mars*; the simplicity and pathos of the song were accented by her simple guitar accompaniment and the recorder obligato played by Linda Stravers.

The final part of the recital was of a more dramatic nature. Ron opened with an aria from Verdi's *La Toaviata*, with appro-



Porgy and Bess pledge their vows.

appropriate stage presence and gestures. From Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Eileen and Ron sang the famous duet, "Bess You Is My Woman," which was superbly acted, though the audience reacted with humor at the really emotional scene. Perhaps the most profound number of the program was Lili Boulanger's "Pie Jesu," sung by Eileen with the accompaniment of organ (Mr. Rudy Zuiderveld), string quartet, and harp (Mr. Gary Vander Hart). Another dramatic moment was a scene from the *Elijah* by Mendelssohn; this scene of the prophet and the widow of Zarephath. These roles were sung by Olivier and Klemm in the Music Department's production of the full oratorio a year ago. Audience reaction was of deep appreciation and sustained applause.

The program closed with the lyrical, prayerful "Come Blessed Savior" by Cherubini, with violin obligato by Mrs. Magee.

Information Forum

The Open House policy proposed recently by the Student Forum won unanimous approval at the last meeting of the Student Life Senate. This was reported to the Student Forum by Aldon Schaap, Forum's rep on the SLS, at the Forum meeting Thursday, January 24. The new policy allows each dorm one three-hour open house a week at any time, with an invitational or sign-in procedure. As well, the SLS gave its approval to the new dormitory arrangement proposed for the 74-75 school term.

Focusing on the various Student Life committees at this meeting, Forum members discussed a number of upcoming special events presently in the planning stages. The Special Events Committee is busy with preparations for this weekend's Homecoming while the Student Relations Committee is organizing lectures and fund raising activities for the days dedicated to P.A.C.S. Several Forum members voiced their compliments for the fine organizational work of the Student Union Activities Committee, led by Mr. Len Van Noord.

When the Spiritual Activities Committee reps reported on the forthcoming Spiritual Emphasis Week, questions arose concerning the validity of the title for that week. Although they felt that the week's activities were good, Forum members agreed that the title was inappropriate and misleading. A motion was made recommending the SAC change the title of Spiritual Emphasis Week and possibly consider changing the name of their own committee for the same reason.

Doug Eckardt's report from the Sports Club Committee initiated a discussion concerning the disbursement of money to the sports clubs and to varsity teams. Eckardt remarked that the SCC is not as effective as it could be. Forum passed a motion requesting Dean of Students, Hulst, to attend the next Forum meeting and explain the financial structure of Dordt sports.

After the Student Life reports, Steve Van Dyke solicited opinions from other Forum members concerning the campus bookstore and its problems of high prices, buy-backs, and order difficulties. In general, Forum members agreed that gripes about the bookstore were a legitimate concern. An ad hoc committee was formed with Steve Van Dyke as chairman, Doug Eckardt as leg-man and Harv Jansen as financial consultant. This committee will further investigate the problems and work for possible solutions.

Sikma defends the system

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abiding. Everyone wants to determine what the law is for themselves. We have over 200 million legislators in this country." He believes that Christians can exert an "effective witness" by being law-abiding citizens.

A question and answer session followed Attorney Sikma's speech. When asked where our basis for unity and justice lies, Sikma replied that it lies "in adherence to the Constitution." He believes that Christian political activity must begin with "submission to our rulers and working through the system." He warned Christians against filing "spurious suits that have no basis to stand on." He characterized suits filed for equal taxation of persons supporting parochial and Christian Schools as being "spurious" and a selfish attempt to avoid paying taxes. This opinion was disputed by Mr. Nick Van Til who defended Christians' legal battle to obtain justice in taxation.

The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 28.

CMA career interviews to begin

All seniors are urged to participate in the career interviews sponsored by the Career & Placement Services of CMA. Obtain registration forms and make appointments for interviews in your campus placement office.

SIoux CITY PLACEMENT CENTER

February

- 12-Preferred Risk Life Ins.
- 13-Touche Ross
- 15-Social Security Administration
- 19-W. T. Grant
- 20-Clow Corporation
- 21-Iowa National Mutual Insurance
- 22-Nash Finch
- 25-Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 26-Toy National Bank (Sioux City)
- 27-Zenith of Iowa

SIoux FALLS PLACEMENT CENTER

February

- 13-Veterans Administration
- 14-Touche Ross
- 21-Nash Finch
- 28-First Bank System

CMA COLLEGES

February

- 6-Aetna Life Ins. (Westmar)
- 11-Firestone (Buena Vista)

Tomorrow's leaders speak out today

--Jeanie Zinkand

Children and drunks tell the truth, goes an old Dutch proverb. Elementary school practice teachers are probably impressed by the responses their students give to serious questions. In a fast moving age, a time of many crises, each with varying effects on our daily living, I wondered what school children could comprehend of the happenings in the world around them.

Watergate, the most confusing issue in years, was explained to me by a lisping second grader I babysat one night. She had been in Washington this summer and had seen, "THE WATERGATE," which she said was, "All this water and fountations and things."

After this informational encounter with the coming generation, I had an interview with three students from the fourth and fifth grades of Sioux Center Christian School. The girls, Amy and



Laura, age nine and Kathy, ten, gave their views on Watergate, the energy crisis, and world leaders.

Analyzed by the students, Watergate's cause and complications are seen in a light differing a bit from news commentators Howard K. Smith or John Chancellor.

"I think the robbery started it all," said Amy, "Now they are trying to solve the case."

Laura believed Nixon should be impeached because, "Cox shouldn't have been fired. He wasn't being bad." "But Cox was getting behind in his taxes and wasn't paying," Amy quickly explained, "so he had to be fired."

"I think Nixon should be impeached for all the stuff he's done. And I think it's pretty dumb," were Kathy's comments.

The missing tapes issue brought out youthful skepticism. Laura didn't really believe they were missing, "President Nixon is sort of trying to keep them away, to be kept secret." Kathy suspected, "He has them in a safe, probably he doesn't want them to know, people to know, what he's done...even though everyone knows already what he's done."

But Amy respected presidential privacy, "I guess he didn't want the other people to hear what he had to say...like the Congress, because it was his business."

A lowering of thermostats at home and school, the rumors of schools closing made the fuel shortage a crisis with personal implications for today's children. They blamed "kids that bomb



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around real fast in cars," for taking up too much gas. Iowa winters Amy pointed to as causing fuel needs, "In cold weather you need a warm house and you use gas to heat the house."

Asked what they thought of the prospects of going to school in the summer as a fuel-saving measure, all three were, surprisingly, understanding. "We probably should," Laura nodded, "but



I wouldn't like it. I'd rather be cold in school than go in the summer."

To help the energy crisis the students proposed to go back to pioneer living. Amy wanted to ride in carts drawn by horses, to which Kathy heartily agreed and added that people should have more fireplaces.

Regarding the cause of the energy crisis, The Mid-East war and U.S. involvement, Kathy saw the problem to be land: "It's about that land they fought about a long time ago, I think three years ago, I don't know why because land isn't that important...just a piece of land."

They were concerned over Syria's refusal to sign the peace truce, or as Amy called it, "the peace troop." Laura, worried at this development, "Syria flubbed it all up. I think it was bad that Syria didn't sign because they might just get Israel and Egypt to fight again."

A discussion on Golda Meier, Israel's Prime Minister, brought on talk of the possibility for a woman U. S. president.

"I don't think it would be bad," conceded Laura at the thought.

"Yeah, when I was younger," Kathy remembered, "there was a woman, Shirley or something. But she wasn't really running, she wanted more blacks in government. I didn't think that was bad. Back a hundred years ago there was Lincoln and before him, Washington, there were always men (presidents). Women would be good too."

A question of international scope, "What do you think would help the world?" brought out specific responses all pertaining to fuel consumption.



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The world would be better according to Kathy, "If they had more laws about people going 50 miles an hour and if they had more laws about not going so fast. And don't have liquor stores which make people die from getting drunk and driving and just killing more people."

"If everybody would not use so much heat, like now and used not extra, then there will be enough again," Amy maintained "And we'll live like that and have enough forever."

Laura recommended, "People should use as less fuel as they can."

Finally when asked if they had one thing they could tell everyone, what would it be, they came through as students who had a different point of view.

Amy started out doubtfully, "They wouldn't listen to you if you told them to all be Christians, but it would help all the people that aren't."

"Everyone should be Christians," Kathy agreed, "And people shouldn't buy junk. Everyone would be happier then. People should buy a good car that doesn't take as much gas, not luxury cars."

Laura summed it up, "Use God's world more wisely, that's what I think."

Radio for a God-centered culture

--Janet Vlieg

If you're anywhere within eighty miles of Sioux Center, Iowa between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. and if you have an FM radio tuned in to a frequency of 93.1 FM megacycles, you're listening to KDCR, the Dordt College radio station. Working under the motto "Proclaiming a God-Centered Culture," KDCR is a station unique to the crowded air waves of America.

KDCR adheres conscientiously to a set of radio programming principles. Everything produced must be consistent with the theme promoted by KDCR's motto. Although news, weather and sports come straight off United Press International (UPI) wires, all music and talk programs aim at high standards of quality. Superficial and sentimental expressions of Christian devotion are taboo. KDCR exists to impress listeners with the Word of God through programming that strengthens and promotes healthy, active Christian life-styles.

Transmitting from a 300-foot radio tower on Dordt's campus began August 16, 1968. Manager Len Van Noord, who first flicked-on the switch that day, still directs and participates in the work of the various student announcers. Van Noord is responsible to the KDCR Managing Committee, consisting of the College President, Rev. B. J. Haan; six Dordt staff members, Dr. Russell Maatman, Mr. Lyle Gritters, Rev. Wayne Kobes, Mr. Henry De Groot, Mr. Martin Dekkinga, Mr. R. J. Dykstra; two Classis members, Rev. Nick Vogelzang of Sheldon, Mr. John Vander Kerk of Rock Valley.

Through the Managing Committee and Manager Van Noord, the Dordt College Board of Trustees owns and operates KDCR. The Board does not, however, subsidize financially the costs of the station. KDCR must work on a self-liquidating basis; it is not part of the college budget. Income comes from individual gifts of listeners, time used by churches and by the college for special programs. Each year Dordt College pays \$5,000 to KDCR for services rendered.

Plans for KDCR took shape when the attempts of certain Rock Valley Christians to obtain an FM broadcasting license were denied. The FCC had reserved several FM frequencies in the area for educational institutions. The Rock Valley group, led by John Vander Kerk, couldn't qualify as an educational institution. They turned to the Dordt College Board to carry through the effort at Christian radio.

In June of 1966, a Dordt College General Society meeting was called to approve a Board of Trustees proposal for an FM station. Of the approximately one hundred people there, many favored the idea but voiced certain scepticisms. How can we set up a radio station? What if it flops? We don't know anything about radio.

After discussion of four key benefits to the proposed radio station, much of the opposition faltered. The promoters of the station formulated the following values:

- (1) Educational value: Students interested in radio broadcasting would have the opportunity to learn the skills at Dordt. Professors and students could discuss current problems and academic matters on the air and thus serve the college community as well as the listening-audience at large.
- (2) Campus value: As an imaginative outlet, students could present programs of a cultural nature to the public.
- (3) Witness value: The Calvinist view of life could effectively be presented as a mission endeavor and as a means to awaken church people to the strength of the Reformed faith.
- (4) Public Relations value: Appreciation and interest in what Dordt College is doing could be stimulated when people are kept posted on a regular basis.

The \$50,000 needed initially to set up KDCR had to be collected apart from the general Dordt fund-raising activities. Because even supporters of the proposal felt that college money shouldn't be poured into a radio station, Mr. R. J. Dykstra and Rev. B. J. Haan personally toured the eighty mile radius listening area, requesting loans and donations. Within a year, the money was raised and construction began.

In spite of admirable fulfillment of the four main values outlined in June of 1966, KDCR continues to search for expertise and trained personnel. Recognizing that the media is vital to future Christian endeavor, the Managing Committee recently met to discuss plans for expansion. KDCR looks ahead, even into television, so that a God-centered culture might be proclaimed to every roof-top.



Announcer John Van Groningen broadcasts headlines.

Behind that voice

--Becky Maatman

Broadcasting involves more than speaking into a microphone and playing some records; it includes production: planning and creating the programs "off-the-air."

At KDCR, announcers record short announcements, such as, "KDCR newsbreak with (announcer's name)" during the non-broadcasting hours. They tape these on carts (they're like eight-track cartridges) so that each announcer can achieve a "professional atmosphere." Taping after hours guards against interfering noises that the broadcasting equipment makes.

Planning the music programs, for instance, takes many hours. Timing the "Afternoon Philharmonics" pieces helps keep the program a specified length. Introductions, written beforehand by an announcer describe and inform about the music.

Basically, a KDCR broadcaster works with two microphones, two tape recorders (the reel to reel tape) and a cart machine. Two (instead of one) turntables or recorders save time—the announcer doesn't have to stop the turntable or recorder to play a different record or tape. The announcer must quickly adjust the control board, fading out one sound and at the same time bring in another sound. KDCR broadcasts by record discs, but programs, such as "The Back to God Hour", "You and Your Mental Health", and "Family Room" are aired via tape recorder. Organizations or individuals other than KDCR tape these programs.

The broadcast announcer produces news for five, ten, or fifteen minute spots. The United Press International (UPI) teletype carries local and national weather, news, and sports. Typically, before an announcer reads the news "live", he scans through feet of yellow teletype paper, selecting the news he wants to read.

Another broadcaster duty is filling in the "logs"—a schedule of the entire day's programming. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires announcers to record the actual time that each program was broadcast. KDCR, a non-commercially supported station, does not schedule as many breaks (there are no paid advertisements) as other commercial stations.

John Van Groningen, a KDCR announcer, introduced "Folk Hour" this past fall. "Folk Hour" is aired every Saturday evening, a time when families are together at home and want to hear this type of music. During the "Folk Hour", an informal program, John introduces each song with its title, author, and performer(s). (Classical music, except for the "Afternoon Philharmonics," generally is not broken up this way. It's considered background music.)

Especially on Saturday nights it's common for a few people to telephone and ask, "What's the name of the last record," or, "I liked the program tonight." John says that he, as well as other staff members, appreciates any response about all programming. "The response tells us that we're not merely speaking into a microphone--people are really listening--it's a big responsibility to witness about the Lord."

Bad roads delay Washington bus

--Sylvia Van Ess

This Christmas again, was impossible to get to it, as for previous Christmas After an hour and a half of vacations, Dordt students waiting, the bus driver from the Pacific Northwest tried to rock the bus out and Canada chartered a of the snow. The bus was bus to Washington. The finally on the road again, trip from Dordt to Wash- only to have to stop a half ington was made in re- hour later for a truck record time with no major which was blocking t h e delays. The return trip, road.

however, made up for it, Again the bus waited, this as it took six and one half time for two hours, during hours longer than ex- which time three trucks pected.

The bus left Lynden at while trying to pass the 5:30 Monday morning. first. The snowplow came They had to wait in Seattle to push them out but got for a while for the driver its shovel stuck under the but, other than that, made bed of the last truck. Fi- pretty good time until nally some truck driver s reaching Look-out Pass. managed to free the snow- That was where the real plow and push out the last trouble began. truck.

Because of bad roads, Progress was slow, very chains had to be put on the slow because the roads were so icy. Since the bus tires before reaching the were quite off schedule, it Pass. There was some was difficult to get new trouble getting them on and trouble getting them on and drivers. New drivers did it took about 45 minutes. arrive, however after a The icy roads didn't help much, especially when the wait of one hour for the first chain on one of the back replacement, and a half tires came off. Stopping hour for the last one. The to put it back on, the bus bus finally arrived at slid into a snow bank. Dordt 3:30 Thursday morn- The spare chain was in the ing, dirty and black, with luggage compartment and, a tired group of Dordt stu- since that side of the bus dents was in the snowbank, it



Ed Drake sings in the SUB.

Ed Drake tours NW Iowa

--Sharon Ter Horst

Singing about college end singing for several life, praising God, and chapels, the Coffee Barn the meaning of grace, Ed in Orange City, Dordt and Drake shared his feelings Northwestern Colleges. about Christ with Dordt Arrangements for his vis- students Sunday night in it were made by Rev. the SUB. Evidently at ease, he got acquainted Peter De Haan from Hos- with kids and invited ev- peters through Mr. Hans everyone to sing along on Altena, Ed's promotion manager.

Since accepting Christ Originally from Grand five years ago, Mr. Drake Rapids, Mr. Drake pres- has been writing his own ently serves as Youth Di- music and performing it rector for Lake Harbor on guitar and piano. He Methodists Church in Mus- sings for various banquets, kegon. Ed is recording a coffee houses, confer- second album which he ences, and worship ser- hopes to release some- vices. He recently com- time this summer before pleted a tour through performing at the Young Western Canada. Calvinist Convention in August on the Calvin Col- lege campus.

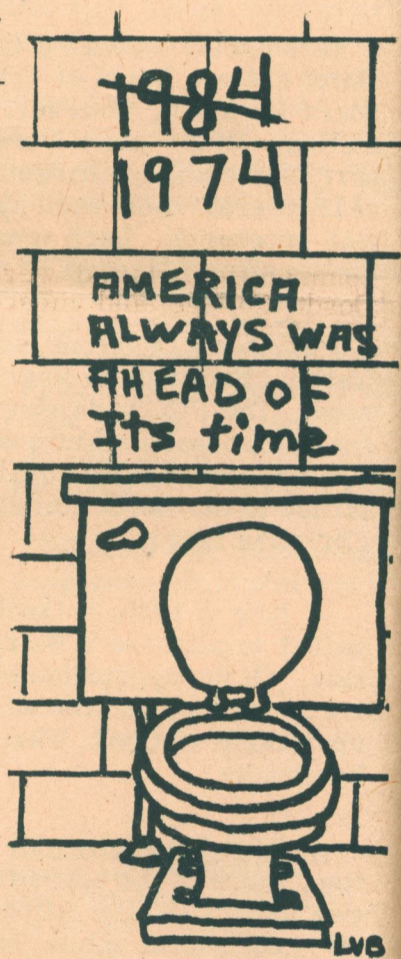
Mr. Drake spent four days in NW Iowa last week-

Fresh-Soph vote semi-formal

The members of the freshmen and sophomore classes were recently polled on the question of what type of banquet the majority would prefer this year.

In view of the contro- versy in past years over the type of banquet to have, officers of the two classes decided to use a poll to determine the true tide of feelings.

The results of the poll showed that slightly over half of the students in the two classes voted, a total of 304 votes. Of those, a majority of 172 were in favor of a semi-formal banquet to be held in the Dordt gym, with the rest favoring different forms of informal banquets or barbecues.



"Civilisation" films shown

A series of thirteen films entitled, "Civilisation", are presently being shown at Dordt College on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in C160. The films trace the cultural life of Western man from the fall of the Roman empire up to the twentieth century, via painting, architecture, sculpture and music.

There is no admission charge. The films are made available to Dordt and the nearby constituents through grants by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Xerox Corporation.

Science supports creation, scholars say

Christian science teaching will be the focus of the Department Emphasis Week organized by the Special Events Committee. Two noted Christian scientists will work out this theme in public lectures, films, seminars, and discussions on January 31-February 2. All students, faculty and general public are invited to attend these events, biology professor Dr. A. Mennega said.

Dr. Garret Vanderkooi, biochemist at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will lead a seminar in chemistry starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, in S106. His topic will be: "The Complexity of Life—Problems for the Evolutionist."

Dr. Vanderkooi will lecture on "Biological Membrane Structure" in S106 at 1:00 p.m. that same day. Dr. Vanderkooi has done some interesting research in the area of biological membranes, commented Dr. A. Mennega.

Students and faculty will have opportunity to discuss further such topics as: graduate school and secular campus life.

At 8:00 p.m. Dr. Vanderkooi will present his main lecture in C160, entitled: "Modern Science and Christian Belief: Conflict or Harmony?" A discussion will follow the speech.

On Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, Dr. John N. Moore will be on campus. Dr. Moore is professor of Natural Sciences at Michigan State University at East Lansing.

Dr. Moore, who is editor-in-chief of the Creation Research Society Quarterly, will talk about "Methods of Scientists" at 11:15 a.m. on Friday in S106. In the same room, a film will be shown at 1:30 p.m. called: "Footprints in Stone." Produced by Films for Christ, Elmwood, Illinois, Dr. Moore is also part of this movie.

"The Impact of Evolution" will be Dr. Moore's subject for the 2:30 lecture on Friday, again in S106.

A public lecture on "A Christian Approach to Science" will be delivered Friday, February 1 at 8:00

p.m. in C160. Dr. Mennega noted that "Dr. Moore knows all about the California textbooks affair" which might come up in the discussion that will follow the main lecture. There has been a long struggle as to whether public schools in California should also present the creationist view of the origin of the earth besides the evolutionistic position.

Saturday February 2, Dr. Moore will give his final lecture, his topic being "A Positive Christian Approach to Science Teaching." After his conversion to Christianity, Dr. Moore has worked hard in this area and "he has come a long way" Dr. Mennega remarked. This lecture will be given in C160 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Moore is co-editor of a high school biology textbook called, "Biology: A Search for Order in Complexity." Several years ago, Dr. Moore also wrote an article in The Banner in connection with evolutionism.

Clubs contribute to campus

The Biology Club will hold a flower sale tomorrow, Friday, February 1 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Furniture Mart. Club president Gordon Brandsaid that the sale was for "all flower lovers--students and general public." The Biology Club hopes to "provide appreciation for plants and a small source of revenue for the Club's future activities."

The Future Business Executives Club plans a regular Club meeting with two special speakers on February 5 at 7 p.m. in the West Commons. Mr. Cliff Bogaard, president and manager of the Tri-State Auction Co., and Dale Den Herder, vice-president of the American State Bank of Sioux Center, will speak on the topic of beef and pork prices. Club president Harv Jansen invites everyone, as the meeting is "open to the public."

Pre-Sems see Westminster

Six Dordt pre-sem students spent the last week of Christmas holidays on a tour to Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

"We talked to a number of Dordt graduates and sat in on a few classes," Sam Keyzer, one of the students, reported. The days were filled by attending a two-hour counseling class (taught by Dr. Adams), a class on "Evangelism in the Local Church" (Dr. Milton) and a senior preaching class (Dr. Clowney).

Other activities included a lecture on Roman Cathol-

icism (Dr. Faber of the Canadian Reformed Church) and a "Theology of Conversion" class (Dr. Davis). The Seminary hopefuls also took a crack at Hebrew (Dr. Dillard).

The visitors also spent a couple of hours one afternoon at Dr. C. Van Til's house.

On the return trip, an afternoon was spent sight-seeing Washington, D.C.

Participants of the trip include: Gerald De Graaf, Mark Vanderhart, Bob Zomermaand, Sam Keyzer, Maynerd Koerner, and Dan Mouw.

Political skeletons in my closet



--Jeanie Zinkand

The other day while cleaning my closet I hit upon a few objects which quickly transported me back to the earlier days of my life.

On top of my Tammy doll case sat the memento of my first days of political activism - a Goldwater can. For you too young to remember such times, or for those who rooted for the winning team and aren't acquainted with the GOP relics, I'll explain. As I recall, the 1964 campaign coincided nicely with the advent of those gleaming aluminum popcans which now so thoroughly litter our countryside. The Republicans, always ones for recognizing greatness and hanging on to it, canned a goldish soda pop in green and yellow cans. And they called it, "Goldwater, . . ." "The right drink for the conservative taste."

Those were the days. My first political rally, held in Dordt's gym, then C106, found me dressed as a mini-elephant. Duly plastered with Goldwater/Miller buttons and band-aids, the result of a bloody bicycle accident, I carried a gallant sign, "I'd rather fight than switch." Johnson's election to THE OFFICE left me bitterly disappointed, and I hung up politics for another four years.

Moving to an old abandoned jewelry box I found between Micky Mouse and a Bluebirds pin, a Nixon/Agnew button, '68 vintage. Voting day of the '68 presidential election, one of my adolescent "best friends" and I, defiantly entered a Democratic campaign headquarters in suburban Philadelphia. Overlaid with Nixon/Agnew buttons we coyly eyed the Humphrey literature. Whooping gales of laughter when we left the opponent's premises, we were proud of our part in political infiltration. The two of us stayed up watching election returns, cheering Nixon's gains and booing Humphrey, until forced to bed.

Somewhere along the intervening years the news media took up my interest, previously consumed by presidential hoop la. What I remember of the last election year was people, in this strongly Nixon supporting region, ripping McGovern/Shriver stickers off car bumpers. Watergate was an unknown word in our vocabulary. McGovern was criticized for not supporting his first vice-presidential candidate. He was feared to be the end of strong national government.

Now, little more than a year later, Watergate is THE household word and "In Politics we distrust," our national motto, and my closet lies bare.

Choir received warmly in the sunshine states

--Rochelle Kole

Leaving the sub-zero temperatures of Iowa, the Concert Choir made its way into the warm weather of southern United States. Concerts were given in Pella, Iowa; Memphis, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi; Miami, Florida; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Pompano Beach, Florida; Lake Worth, Florida; Orlando, Florida; and Bradenton, Florida; before making their way northward again.

This was the first time any representative group from Dordt had gone to these areas and, in all cases, the choir was received warmly. The people of the communities visited were anxious to know about Dordt College and most eager to hear the cold weather reports so they could promptly entice the choir members to stay in the "Sunshine State."

The tour included both formal evening concerts and less formal high school concerts. They sang a total of 17 concerts, ten formal and seven high school. One of the high school concerts was given in Jackson at the Mississippi School for the Blind. This was one of the most outstanding and memorable concerts for many of the choir members. After the concert, they spent ten to twenty minutes talking with the blind children. They were anxious to "see" the trumpet, maracas, and flute with their hands. Some even tried their hand at making sounds on the instruments.

A total of five days were spent travelling all day, in order to make it to the next concert site. This often meant spending anywhere from ten to thirty-six hours on the bus, but, contrary to some thoughts, there were very few dull moments. If you weren't sleeping, you could always play Battleship, Password, the Numbers Game, the Dictionary Game or Charades. But many spent this time sharing experiences at hosts' homes or the moments from the previous night's concert which were special to them as individuals.

Everyday had Awards. These are small awards for the various little "interesting" things which happen to people during the course of a day on the bus. These were usually blown out of proportion to the actual event but they always succeeded in keeping spirits and morale high.

Not all the time was spent singing or travelling. They spent an hour at the beach in Fort Lauderdale. This, for many, was the first experience of swimming in the ocean. Most of the people on the beach had a deep tan in contrast to the choir members' winter white skin. They also spent four hours at Disney World in Orlando. Time did not permit them to see everything but they saw some of the main attractions, such as "It's a Small World," and the "Hall of Presidents."

Although there are fifty individual choir members, they felt as if they were travelling with a group unified in the common purpose of glorifying God through songs of praise. As a choir and individuals, they not only grew closer in their relationships with each other, but, most of all, grew closer to their Savior, Jesus Christ.



Library establishes collection

A heritage collection is being established at the Dordt College Library. The collection, named the Dordt College Archives and Dutch Memorial Collection, will gather and preserve records of the life and culture of the Dutch settlers in the Midwest, with particular emphasis on churches and Christian schools. Valuable material, which may otherwise be destroyed or lost because of neglect, will be preserved for use by historical researchers and other interested persons.

The collection is being organized in Room 104, located by the language lab in the basement of the library. Mr. Martin Seven is the curator.

Vanden Heuvel speaks on pastor's task

The task of the pastor is "primarily to be related to the opening of Scripture" Rev. H. Vanden Heuvel, pastor of Bethel CRC, told pre-sem students Monday night, Jan. 28.

Reading through the form of ordination he noted the emphasis on Scripture. Furthermore, a pastor has a task in public prayer, administration of the sacraments, and maintenance of church

discipline.

Rev. Vanden Heuvel then read one of his call letters, commenting as he went. He stressed that call letters emphasize what the form says.

Discussing the preparation and the delivery of sermons, Rev. Vanden Heuvel recounted some of his memorable or not so memorable experiences.

A lively discussion period followed.

Girls nip Sioux Empire, 45-43

--Cheryl Otte

The girl's basketball team opened their season by nipping Sioux Empire 45-43, in front of a handful of spectators. It was the team's first game, and their style of play showed it.

They opened by scoring first, but that was the extent of their lead until the final shot. The game was nip and tuck all the way, forcing the team to keep themselves together at all times.

Early in the game, starter Pat DeYoung hit the deck with an ankle injury. Freshman Ruth VanZee took her place and showed some good potentials. Junior Judy Fopma kept the team alive in the first half by scoring 13 points.

The team started getting "hot" in the second half. However, the streak was one of temper rather than scoring. Apparently, the only rule in the referee's book was jump ball, and the girls tried desperately to go along with those calls. Undaunted, they controlled a substantial 23 of 27 jumps.

The crucial point came with less than two minutes to play as freshman Marlys VanZanten pulled through with a three point play. This tied the game, 43-43.

The defense took over from here, and with six seconds left, Ruth VanZee gave a final exhibition of her hustling performance. She snatched a pass and took it in for an easy two points and a 45-43 win.

As far as scoring goes, Fopma took the honors with 18 and a good defensive game. VanZee contributed 11, plus a show of tremendous hustle. Van Zanten also threw in seven, all in the last quarter. Nancy Matheis led rebounding with a big 14. Statistics show Dordt ahead in every aspect but one--turnovers. They handed the ball over 19 times, compared to the opposition's 19.

All in all, it was a team effort. Considering it was their first game, they played well. They realize their weaknesses and are attempting to overcome them for their home opener, January 31, against Briar Cliff.



Team effort begins in the locker room.

Briefly Speaking.

The ball has started roll again in I-M. T men's basketball league is already under way with twenty teams entered. Women's basketball a bowling will be starting this week. All those participating are asked to check the bulletin board in the gym for more information.

During Homecoming weekend, an I-M basketball team will be playing Dordt's alumni on February 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Dordt Blades are G.R. bound

--Julius de Ja

With half of the hockey season behind them, the Dordt Blades seem none the worse for wear. Trying to control their fluctuations in playing style, the Blades are practicing regularly in anticipation of a rough and tumble hockey tournament in Grand Rapids the weekend of February 22. After playing three games this semester, the Dordt team

added two wins and one tie to their record.

On January 18 the Blades travelled to Ames to take on the "B" squad of the Iowa State Cyclones. The Friday night game saw the Dordt pucksters quickly gain control of the ice. Peter Jager opened up the scoring by banging in two goals in a row in the first period. Dordt never looked back and with the help of defenseman Vandermeer's hat-trick, defeated I.S.U. decisively. The final score was 9-3 for Dordt.

The next afternoon, Dordt tried to repeat their performance. However, the Cyclones would not allow it. Dordt had to scrap for every goal. The second period ended with Dordt ahead 4-1. The third period saw the I.S.U. team out-hustle the Blades. Poor passing and lack of steam on Dordt's part allowed the Cyclones to narrow the score. With two minutes left, I.S.U. banged in the tying goal and the game ended at a 5-5 deadlock.

The Blades bounced back

when they travelled Omaha to play Creighton University on January 19. Determined to skate together, the Dordt team faced-off against the familiar opponents. The game proved to be a match. The unified Blades walked over Creighton. At the end of the first period, Dordt was ahead 7-0. Creighton stood and watched as the Blades slammed in ten more goals in the following period. Allowing one goal because of over-confidence, the Blades overwhelmed Creighton, 17-1.

With no more games scheduled until the tournament, the Blades will be lying low. At Grand Rapids, Dordt will be up against their toughest competition of the year. The Thunder Bay Wolves and the North Kildonan Vikings will assuredly attempt to capture the honors this year. The Blades are determined to upset the favorites in the Third Annual C.R. Hockey Tournament.

Defenders come on strong

--Lee Luhrs

The Dordt Defenders opened their second semester of basketball by losing a close match with Sioux Falls College. The number of fouls on the Dordt players was the key factor in the game. The Defenders were whistled down 20 times in the game and Sioux Falls took advantage of the free-throws by sinking 17 out of 20 attempts. Mark Sybesma fouled out early in the second half, crippling the Dordt scoring machine. Sioux Falls managed to stay ahead of the Defenders and won by a score of 77-75.

The Defenders hit the winning track in their next game against Martin Luther College. The Dordt team played a hard game, not allowing cheap mistakes to occur. They out-rebounded Martin Luther, 60-41, and shot 27-37 at the free-throw line. By out-hustling their opponents, the Defenders won the game decisively with a final score of 81-68.

The excitement for the Dordt-Northwestern game again reached astronomi-

cal levels when the Defenders played the Red Raiders in Orange City. Although playing a strong game, the key to victory over the Raiders still included the Defenders. The Raiders came out strong on the offense and won the game with a score of 88-74. The Defenders are not sitting idle, though. A February re-match is scheduled and a Red Raider defeat looms ominously on the horizon.

Pillsbury College was the first team to suffer at the hands of the Defenders after the Northwestern game. Although the game had many turnovers, the Defenders' offense held their momentum. The rebounding category also went in Dordt's favor as the defense held back the Pillsbury team. The final score of 78-70 reflected the determination and hustle of the Defenders.

Dordt - 74 vs. Northwestern - 88

Dordt - 78 vs. Pillsbury - 70

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