

Original statement of purpose reaffirmed

Sphere-sovereignty debate sparks action

In its recent September 25 meeting, the 16-member Board of Trustees reaffirmed its position on sphere-sovereignty as set forth in Dordt's 1961 purpose statement. This action by the Board was occasioned by a recent debate in the faculty over sphere-sovereignty. Discussion on this subject began last year among members of the Purposes Committee. As part of that committee's work, Dean of Students J.B. Hulst wrote and presented a position paper on authority in relation to sphere-sovereignty. His paper was discussed at length. In response, Dr. Norman De Jong presented a paper disagreeing with Hulst's position.

The faculty publication, *Pro Rege* published the Hulst paper in its June, 1973 issue, stating that Hulst's position basically agreed with the position of Dordt College. The editors declined to print De Jong's presentation on the grounds that his position did not reflect Dordt's statement of purpose. De Jong then brought the issue to the attention of the Board of Trustees. As a result, the Board was led to reaffirm its position which says:

"God's kingdom is divided into specific spheres. There are spheres of education, state, church, home, mercy, labor, etc. Each sphere has its distinct task. What belongs to one sphere should not, normally, be transferred to another sphere. Each sphere wherever necessary should have its own society for the implementation of its task. The church, though in a sense a part of the kingdom, holds a unique position in the kingdom in that it speaks to all spheres, delineating the principles of God's Word as they apply to them.

"Although God's kingdom is divided into several spheres, one must guard against viewing the spheres as static, in a compartmentalistic sense. The various spheres are organically related. They are governed by the same laws of interpretation and meaning. And they flow into one another in a dynamic and vital context. While each sphere has its distinct task, there is bound to be a measure of overlapping and shifting of peripheral responsibilities from sphere to sphere, resulting from changes in our dynamic, rapid moving social order. That which is self-evidently the distinct task of each sphere should be zealous-

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Local election fever hits and misses the Dordt community

Both a Dordt College administrator and a faculty member are running for positions as city councilmen in the municipal election scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. Mr. Leonard Van Noord and Dr. Willis Alberda will be two of the seven candidates contesting the five seats available on the city council. Four of the seven, including Alberda, are incumbents. Thus one seat will be the object of a three way competition.

Mrs. Deborah Haan, well known as President B.J.'s wife, became the focus of a nominating petition without her prior knowledge.

The Dordt Library staff, in an effort to drum up opposition against the one mayoral candidate William Mouw, circulated around the library a nomination in Mrs. Haan's behalf.

Confronted with the offer however, Mrs. Haan felt forced to decline. "I know little about the role of a mayor and what it entails," She also stated that if she had had more time to consider the idea, she may have run. President Haan agreed that his wife didn't know much about being a mayor.



A very funny corner, 4th avenue and 7th street

"I was going 30 because I thought it was a 35 mph zone, but it's not. It's a 25." While a grinning police officer writes out the \$25 ticket last Friday afternoon, Bill Siebersma eyes his quick-witted passenger, *Diamond* photographer Wally Ouwens. Officer Roetman, who declared "tell students to slow down," clocked Siebersma's panel truck at 42 mph. Siebersma plans to appear in court, but he said "I don't have \$25 and will probably sit it out in jail on weekends."

Gregg Smith Singers here Saturday for major concert

Dordt and Northwestern College plan jointly to sponsor the Greg Smith Singers in a concert this Saturday, October 13, at 8 p.m. in the Dordt Gym-Auditorium.

This one concert replaces the season's entire Sioux County Concert Series. The late Igor Stravinsky was so impressed by the Gregg Smith Singers in 1959 that he invited them to perform and record with him when he conducted his own compositions "Les Noces" and "The Symphony of Psalms." That in turn led to a long series of collaborations between the Maestro and the Singers. The group recorded do-

zens more albums with Stravinsky. For their repertoire of Renaissance to Contemporary music, the Gregg Smith Singers won three Grammy Awards in recent years. KDCR's Dordt College Focus, heard regularly on Thursdays at 7:30, will feature the Gregg Smith Singers tonight, program host Sam Pilon informed the *Diamond*. This affords a chance to preview the object of a \$2.50 general admission fee. Students and children will be charged \$1.25 to hear the group in live-performance.

Organized by Greg Smith in 1955 at Los Angeles' Japanese Methodist Church, the Singers have travelled coast to coast for the last ten years and have completed four European tours thus far. A fifth tour is planned in honor of the Charles Ives Centennial for sometime in 1974. The late Igor Stravinsky was so impressed by the Gregg Smith Singers in 1959 that he invited them to perform and record with him when he conducted his own compositions "Les Noces" and "The Symphony of Psalms." That in turn led to a long series of collaborations between the Maestro and the Singers. The group recorded do-

A cloud in every sky

Some of the suitcases and trunks cluttering dorm hallways last August 29 didn't spend too much time in storage. During the past six weeks, a disheartened few freshmen concluded that they'd come to the wrong place. They left, not crushed by academic pressures, but lonely, homesick and disillusioned. Depression unrelated to school work plagues every Dordt student at one time or another. Seniors with a comfortable 3.6 despair of finding a place in society as useful consistent Christians. Emotional crises develop even in the life of the most academically dedicated student.

The administration traditionally balks at the idea of a campus counselling service; parents frustrated with emotionally unstable teenagers shouldn't be encouraged to look to Dordt for a repair job. Dordt College is an academic institution, goes the reasoning, and thus a professional counsellor stands outside of that realm. The distraught Dordt student can turn for help to one or more of the following: the mailbox; a fellow student; a dorm counsellor; a janitor, cook or secretary; a dorm parent; a faculty member; the Dean of Students.

Promotion of the academic community ideal doesn't necessarily include everyone's competence to counsel. Admitting this, the board in 1968 appointed J. B. Hulst as college pastor. The Dordt Voice of March, 1968 describes Rev. Hulst's duties (in addition to his academic role as Bible instructor): "spiritual counselling of students, organization of chapel activities and coordination of the local congregations-Dordt students relationship." But because distinctions between spiritual needs and other non-academic needs are naturally nebulous, Dean of Students and College Pastor soon merged into the one administrative position Rev. Hulst now holds. April 16, 1971's Diamond reports: "In taking on the duties of Dean of Students, Rev. Hulst wants to make clear to the students that he is still going to be concerned to help them pastorally. Right now he is working in various ways and means to combine the two positions into a meaningful program."

Two years later, with the addition of another assistant (Van Noord in charge of campus security, discipline and the sports club committee joins housing assistant Likkell), Dean Hulst hopes for more time to serve pastorally. Only school publications, student government, church, chapel, special events, student relations, student personnel and dorm counsellors require the Dean's time and energy. The Dean of Students program communicates its meaning so well that student regard ranges from "it's like a finger in every pie" to "he's too busy to bother with my problems."

The housing situation, the SUB, the commons, chapel, the "Student Life" committees confuse the argument that Dordt, by its very academic character, cannot offer troubled students professional counselling. Non-academic direction is obviously integral to the Dordt College structure. Somewhere in the Hulst-Likkell-Van Noord office exists a gaping vacuum.

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Where is my money going?

To the Editor:

Should athletics be supported by Dordt? Why should I pay money out of my tuition so that varsity sports can play their individual sports? Myself, I like watching these varsity sports but what if I didn't? The money is going to waste. Why not just charge admission to each sport? I think the varsity sports should receive a small contribution, like the sports clubs. Why not make all sports like soccer or hockey where they virtually support themselves? We are here for an education, so if some people want to play some sport they should find ways to support it outside of the college.

Henry Vandermeer

Prepare us for the real world

To the Editor:

At Dordt College students are considered too immature to select their own housing. Where is the free enterprise system? When will we be considered adults? Why must a student who lives in crowded quarters, who starts his car every day to go to college, pay the same as the person who lives in modern housing within short walking distance?

Why can't rent be set up on a basis of quality and distance from campus? This way those subject to inferior housing would receive compensation through reduced rent. The college should provide lists of available housing and allow students to go directly to the home-owner and negotiate a lease. Freshman and other students who do not desire to find housing on their own would be assigned housing by the college. This way students will be prepared for the real world where Mommy and Daddy (Hulst and Van Noord) will not be around to hold their hand.

Signed,

Steve Homan Don Van Grouw

Steve Marcus Keith Vanderburg

Gordon Begeman

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No peace for us

by political columnist Gail Stockmeier

Week after week our American courts hand down decisions that signal the atrophy of Christian political freedom. The first amendment to the Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...." Throughout American history legal decisions based on this Freedom of Religion Amendment have reduced its scope. Religion has been interpreted as a private matter to be kept out of the public sector. Christians helplessly watch the gluttonous public sector swallow up their former private preserves of Christian expression. Our government denies itself the freedom of religion which it is rapidly withdrawing from its citizens. A recent Court of Appeals decision reflects the problem.

For nineteen years the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace has been held near the White House. A suit was brought by an Episcopal minister, the President of the American Ethical Union, a rabbi, an atheist and a Roman Catholic priest. They want the nativity scene banned from the Pageant on grounds that it represents unconstitutional religious activity by the government. The Court of Appeals ruled that the presence of the Baby Jesus in a manger violates the separation of church and state. The irony of the prince of Peace being banned from a Christmas peace scene is evident. What is even sadder is the Court's equation of church and religion. It is trying to make the government religiously neutral by banning all "church-related" references.

Christians agree that the instituted church and the state must remain separate because they have separate responsibilities. There must be freedom for each from the control of the other. However, in separating itself from the church, our government goes too far, and leaves itself with a freedom to be secular. It denies its right to be committed to anything but secular religious responses.

Precedent interpretation of the First Amendment has been firmly planted in our legal system. Rulings on Parochial aid, tax voucher for supporters of private education, prayer in public schools, abortion and a host of other national and state rulings have eroded our constitutional guarantee and made a mockery of freedom of religions. Where this disaster stops is anyone's guess. It will certainly never stop unless our Courts and public officials are challenged. The Christians' case must be presented, and not just in publications like the Diamond and the Banner which have an almost exclusively Christian readership. Turning this tide means grappling with the legal system, with secular universities, with the American public. A viable public Christian life is in the balance.



Supper leaves everyone thankful

The Canadian Thanksgiving Day Supper held October 19 was appreciated by both Canadians and Americans. The red and white maple leaf flag of Canada hung over the entrance to West Commons and that coupled with the dinner by candlelight was a welcome change, particularly for Canadians. A record crowd consumed over 340 lbs. of turkey,

450 servings of ham, and 700 pieces of pumpkin pie. After supper a group of Canadians and Americans moved the tables and chairs aside for an hour of games and fellowship. Remembering that fun, fellowship and food alone don't make up Thanksgiving, they closed the evening with a devotional period and the words of "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Future diplomats take note

Prof. Henry De Groot informed the Diamond that October 31 is the final date of application for the Foreign Service Examination. This test is administered only once a year and you must take it if you want to enter the U.S. Foreign Service. If you are interested in any of the more than 200

careers with the U.S. Civil Service, it is imperative to take a Federal Service Entrance Examination. You can take this test the third Saturday of each month in the Sioux City Post Office. Information and application forms are available in the Placement Office, C 200. There is no cost involved for either test.

Hulst says no to college church

Rev. J. B. Hulst, college pastor, is pleased with the attendance of students at church services. 410 students are members of First CRC - Sioux Center, 121 of Bethel, 121 of First CRC - Orange City, 45 of Third CRC, 30 of Faith OPC and 12 signed for the Reformed Church.

Once a student signs up to a church, that church becomes his home church, and is responsible for the spiritual life of the students. This includes catechetical instruction for non-confessing members.

Buses are provided to the Sioux Center Churches. Buses are not yet available to Orange City or other

area churches due to insurance and operating costs. If one starts with out of town buses it could get out of hand, Rev. Hulst said, but it may come if enough students attend one church, and if they contribute toward gas and mileage.

Rev. Hulst, when asked about the "Third" church, and if there was a possibility of it becoming a college church, said that he had no idea of what the plans are. There is a good balance between younger and older, and town and college people attending the worship services. It must be remembered, he added, that it is still just an extension of

Dordt hosts synodical committees

Dordt College is the scene of two synodical study committees of the Christian Reformed Church. In the past certain stands have been taken by the CRC on both lodge membership and the role of women in ecclesiastical office. The CRC still maintains their earlier stands, but have appointed committees to update and revise those stands.

The committee to discuss lodge membership has the mandate to update the stand taken in 1900, and strengthen it. This issue has come up again because of the evangelistic measures taken by the CRC. Rev. Hulst, secretary of the committee, said that "the final draft will be a testimony of the kingship of Christ over all of life, which makes that kind of synonomous membership an impossibility."

Serving on the committee are: Dr. G. Van Groningen, chairman, the Revs.

Hulst, VandenHeuvel, and Admiraal, Dr. Kanis and Mr. Geurkink. Due to his serious accident one year ago, Rev. Dykstra of Hull is no longer on the committee.

The committee to study the role of women in ecclesiastical office is chaired by Rev. J. Hellinga. Along with him on the committee are Rev. Peterson, Rev. Aardsma, Dr. Vanderlaan and Mrs. Alons. They will be meeting bi-monthly for two years.

A committee delivered a report to Synod this year, but Synod required more study. This present committee is set up to offset the other committee. Their mandate is to review the former report, suggest new guidelines, and to study the role of women in church office as set forth in the scriptures. Rev. Hellinga said the stand will be "decidedly conservative."

Reports on both committees can be found in the 1973 Acts of Synod.

SUA to perk up weekends

The Student Union Activities Committee is a recently formed committee at Dordt. The five committee members, Connie Marcus, Ken Rip, Dan Dykstra, Joanne Vander Woude, and Mr. Len Van Noord will sponsor a variety of activities from the SUB for those weekends when nothing is happening. During the Teacher's Institute students who remained at Dordt took advantage of the free bowling and pool Friday and Saturday night with a marshmallow roast afterwards on the patio.

Many fun activities are planned for the future such as a student variety program in the SUB, featuring student talent, a mixer,

pizza party, cross-country bike rides, a "turkey trot," a cider-'n-donuts-at-midnight party, pumpkin carving contest, nickel carnival, Thanksgiving decoration party and a Christmas tree decorating contest. Also, special film nights will feature Laurel and Hardy, W.C. Fields, Jeckyl and Hyde, and other famous films.

The SUA Committee would very much appreciate any volunteered talent, help or suggestions that students may have. If you have any ideas please contact one of the committee members or leave the information with the switchboard operator in the Student Union.

Sell yourself, advises McCleery

Last Monday, approximately 125 students were introduced to the Career and Placement Services offered to them by the CMA. Dr. Robert L. McCleery, director of the program explained the opportunities and work of the CMA Placement Service.

He told students that their job is twofold: 1) help freshmen choose a career or direction, so that he can select relevant courses; 2) help seniors and alumni to get a job. Dr. McCleery stressed that a liberal arts graduate can do many things and a lot of different jobs.

To help get a job, several things are done. First, a file of persons wishing to get a position is maintained. Secondly, seminars and counseling are sponsored and thirdly, the CMA has Career Centers in Sioux City and Sioux Falls where many prospective employers come to interview students.

Dr. McCleery stated that the program tries to get a good sample of possible employers that will take interviews. He named various representatives of businesses, industries, government services, and school systems. Mileage will be reimbursed for traveling to and from such interviews.

Sell yourself, he stressed. Know what you can do, what your assets and liabilities are. Be ready to list your plusses and minusses because employers will ask you.

After his speech, Dr. McCleery presented a sight-sound production, dealing with aspects of interviews.

For more information drop by the Placement Office, C200, and register with Janice Slager; or see Prof. H. De Groot. Much material is available to anyone interested in assistance in deciding and getting the job they want.

A step ahead in journalism

by Cal Tuininga and Janet Vlieg

In a strange way, the CMA Journalism Workshop profited the thirteen attending Dordt students. The Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan editor Les Helgeland's opening non-speech on "Journalistic Responsibility and Ethics" classically exposed secular journalism for what it is. Lacing his ten minutes with folksy anecdotes, old adages and appropriately liberal praise of women journalists, Helgeland avoided all mention of ethics and responsibility.

Amid a never-ending stream of jokes and "cool, man" asides, Mount Marty's John Day came through with photo-journalism's key word: "hustle." Regardless of a little rudeness here or there the photo journalist must get that picture." At the session's conclusion, Day was attacked by a group of Dordt students eager for more specifics.



Maxine Wiseman

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Dordt journalism enthusiasts gather for morning coffee at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota.

In a straightforward, no-nonsense session, Dakota Wesleyan veteran Maxine Wiseman presented "the facts" about news writing and editing. A newspaper's purpose, she said, is to inform, interpret, and to entertain. One of her more memorable assertions: "people like to read obituaries and violence stories in the newspaper because they're glad it's not them."

Sioux Falls' Maurice Paulsen Advertising Agency layout expert Paul Schiller's most helpful words weren't part of his seminar. During a coffee break in the Roncallo Center (SUB) cafeteria, Schiller sat down with a few Dordt students and discussed the Diamond. His constructive criticism included new ideas for style and layout and suggestions for improved photography.

Although all Communication 241 students avoided Prof. Mike Vanden Bosch's session on sports writing, other Dordt students who did attend non-objectively rated his advice as practical and interesting.

Generally, the workshop operated on the premise that the journalist is a servant of the people. The public shapes a newspaper's policy and style. This relativistic approach fizzled spontaneously with each Dordt student. The group left the workshop a little less confused about the marks of Christian journalism.

A gift of melody from the Stradivari Strings

by David Douma

On Friday evening, September 28, the Stradivari String Quartet was featured in concert, their second appearance on the Dordt campus. The admission-free concert was given at the gymnasium (a building much too vast for the intimate quality of this chamber music), with a large crowd in attendance, despite the inclement weather. The concert was partially supported by the Iowa State Arts Council and the University of Iowa at Ames, in conjunction with the Dordt College Music Department. The personnel of the quartet are: Allen Ohmes, violin; John Ferrell, violin; William Preucil, viola; and Charles Wendt, cello. Their program featured three major works, representing the 19th and 20th centuries:

String Quartet No. 1, Opus 50-Sergei Prokofiev
Allegro
Andante molto-vivace
Andante

Quartet in F minor, Opus 95-Ludwig von Beethoven
Allegro con brio
Allegretto ma non troppo
Allegro assai vivace, ma serio
Larghetto espressivo-Allegretto agitato

Quartet in A major, Opus 41, No. 3-Robert Schumann
Andante espressivo-Allegro molto moderato
Assai agitato-Un poco Adagio-Tempo risoluto
Adagio molto
Finale (Allegro molto vivace)

The opening work, by Prokofiev, illustrated the 20th century composer's gift of melody. The first movement contrasted driving rhythm with long melodic phrases, neatly turned by the quartet players. The second movement, which began with a somber melody from the cello, demonstrated the sprightliness of the composer, and the technical virtuosity of the quartet, especially by Wendt on the cello, with his pizzicatos and solo melodies in

the upper range of his instrument. The final movement, the andante, was lyrically and very sensitively interpreted by the group.

The program continued with Beethoven's large-scale work, the far the most ambitious number on the program. The first movement was typical Beethoven, with dramatic contrasts between the driving first theme and the more lyrical secondary theme. The second movement, beginning quietly with a descending line from the cello, moved through the tension of quasi-fugal development back to the delicacy of the beginning. The third movement, in which the motifs were stretched to the limit, was performed by the quartet with verve--the dotted rhythms came out cleanly, accented by the bite of the bows on the strings. The final movement, another study in contrasting moods, ended with a surprising coda in F major, an effective conclusion to a rather somber work in the minor key. The string quartet captured the spirit of Beethoven's large work, with artistic virtuosity.

After the intermission, the quartet returned to the stage to present the final number on the program, the Quartet by Robert Schumann, a later Romantic. The first movement, with its melodic interweavings, showed the artistry of the group, particularly the cello player in several solo passages. The second movement's shifting moods were captured by the players, from the "sigh figure" of the assai agitato and the soaring melody of the un poco adagio, to the striding movement of the tempo risoluto. The third movement demonstrated some gorgeous solo work by Preucil on the viola and delicate pizzicato from the cello. The Finale movement, punctuated by strong dotted rhythms, received a clean interpretation by the quartet and ended the program with solidity.

Enthusiastic applause from the audience attested to the impact of the Stradivari String Quartet's performance. Many of the audience were obviously waiting for an encore, but the Quartet did not return for another number, thus reinforcing the hope that they will be returning again soon to Dordt.

Cannon constitution demands editors' responsibility

Dordt's literary journal, the Cannon, has drafted a new constitution which "changes the whole set-up of its staff", according to Cannon editor, Gary Wondergem.

The constitution, written by Mark Okkema and Syd Hielema, makes each editor "responsible to turn in a review for each issue," as well as to gather materials written by others in the Dordt community. Editors "will be working in almost a column-type form," Wondergem explained. "And we'll be including poetry, short story, or whatever else we can find. If we find some one new, we like to pub-

lish his stuff... to encourage these people to submit more things."

The new constitution results from last year's difficulty in getting enough copy to fill the Cannon. At the end of the year, the staff thought it should "maybe in a sense merge with the Diamond" by publishing an insert in it. Wondergem feels that such a merger "might have been good... but it would have blurred responsibility a great deal more. This way we have more freedom, more space."

The previous constitution required a six-member general editorial staff, but made no distinctions

in duties.

Wondergem sees no conflict between the Diamond and the Cannon as they now operate, though a "blur" does exist, because "no sharp distinction appears between what the two should cover. But he feels that this poses no big problem; "we could both publish reviews every issue, and still not exhaust the resources." He added that even publishing reviews of the same work of art would be acceptable, since "they'd be from two points of view."

The Cannon must, in Wondergem's opinion, "gain a recent historical background and look into

the new left movement, seeing what's happened there, and what that did to the arts."

From that point, he believes, "there has to be a rejuvenation in the arts. Since we are working from a Christian perspective, the time has come to stop theorizing (e.g. worrying about the number of allowable four-letter words or the amount of showable sexual activity) and start producing Christian art."

Wondergem realizes that the Cannon staff "will make mistakes" and "will encounter criticism along the way" in striving for that goal, but he also believes that "we can't give up."

In this spirit, the staff hopes to publish three issues each semester on alternate weeks of the Diamond.

This year the staff will not only design, but also

lay out the paper. Their printer types the copy in sheets, and sends it back to the staff, which then lays it out and sends it back to the printer. "The whole process takes about a week."

Mr. Hugh Cook advises the Cannon staff. His task under the new constitution is "up in the air right now," according to editor Wondergem. The old constitution gave Cook "final say on what actually goes in and out of the paper;" that system never caused any problems, Wondergem said.

The framers of the new constitution didn't give the advisor that duty. The editor knows of no higher law which might re-instate the old clause. But he says that "precedent" might be strong enough to accomplish that.

The new constitution is "in front of Student Relations" now, Wondergem said.

Open-dorm zoo atmosphere abolished

By popular consensus, open-dorm policies have been declared inadequate. Dorm residents agree that at present the open-dorm arrangements do not fulfill their stated purpose of social interaction.

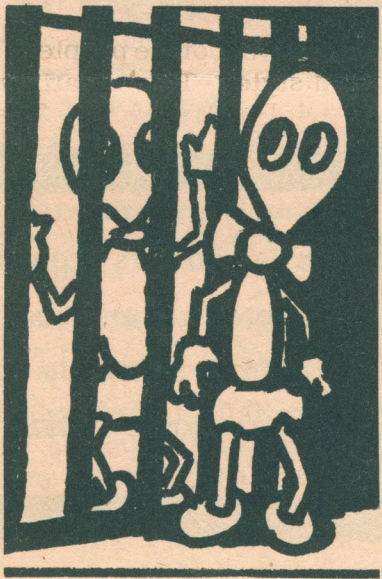
In light of this, an experimental proposal has been adopted for the months from now until Thanksgiving vacation. Each of the three dormitories is allowed four open houses of two and one-half hours long, with the types of open houses, the days of the week, and the hours of the day to be determined by each dorm.

Planned is an invitational

basis for open house, whereby the members of the opposite sex are al-

lowed into rooms by invitation only. Dorm residents felt that past open dorm policies, where doors were opened for an hour and a half every second Sunday evening, resulted in a zoo-like atmosphere (curious sightseers peer into every cage).

Student Forum recently brought a proposal for a new open-dorm policy, but it was thought, rather than to accept a proposal of definite changes, some experimentation should be done first. The Student Forum proposal will come up in committee for review after the time of experimentation.



Science nurtures scholars

Tomorrow, Friday, October 12, Peter Mahaffy will present a paper in S 106 at 2 p.m. He will deal with "The Influence of Rationalism on 17th century Science" focusing on Newton and Descartes.

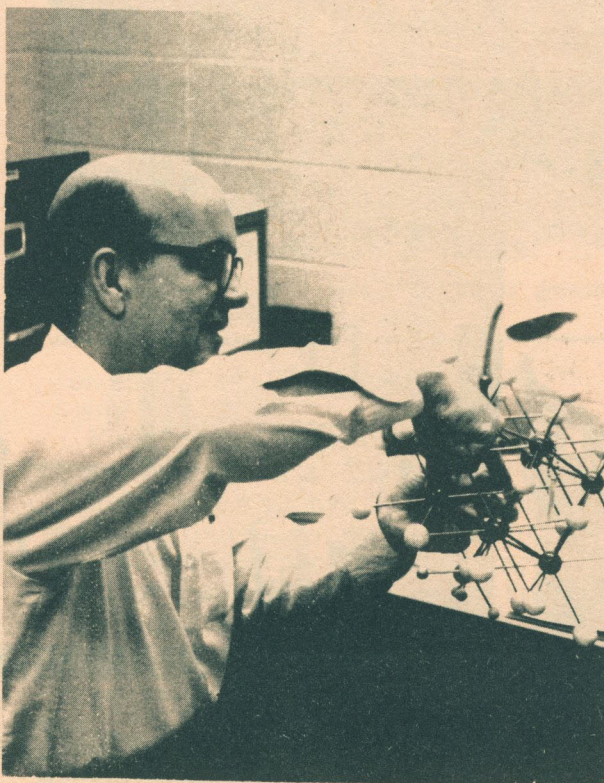
The meeting is part of a Science Forum series, organized by Dordt's Science department on Friday afternoon. Everyone can listen to the

papers to be presented. This year 4 or 5 more meetings are scheduled; the November one features Dr. Geels about the Chemical Evolution of Life.

The number of students enrolled in the Science department is about the same, Dr. Maatman, head of the department, informed the Diamond. But among those students he did notice an increase in science related careers. Dordt is having its highest number of pre-meds ever, while nursing, med-tech, pre-vet, pre-pharmacy and pre-engineering made gains as well.

Student research is also gaining recognition. One project by Dordt alumni Brian Vonk and Wayne Ribbens is about to be published in a technical journal. At the present time, research is being completed on a study by Pete Mahaffy and Ray Mellema.

Commenting on the Science graduates, Prof. Maatman remarked that many have been placed in teaching and others have gone to graduate schools. Dordt counts several M.D.'s and Ph.D.'s in Science among its former students.



Chemistry Prof. Dr. Maatman investigates.

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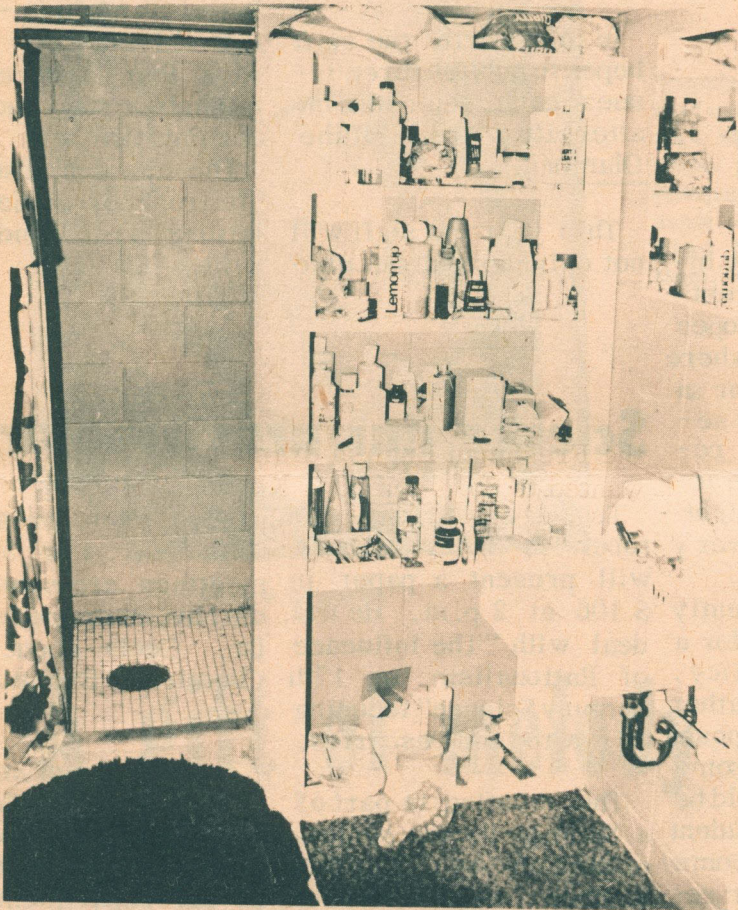
ly honored and respected as the solemn right of that sphere."

In reaction to the Board's reaffirmation, Pres. B. J. Haan stated, "I stand wholeheartedly with the statement of purpose, and if the position of any professor is in disagreement with this statement of purpose, I would not give support."

Prof. N. DeJong said, "The issue is whether or not sphere sovereignty is a part of our historic Calvinistic faith or whether it is merely a human construct formulated at a time of intense stress in the Netherlands. Tied in with this is the question

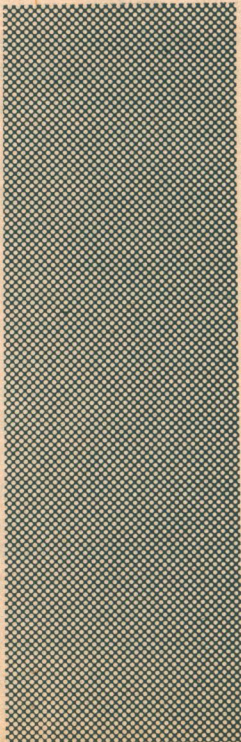
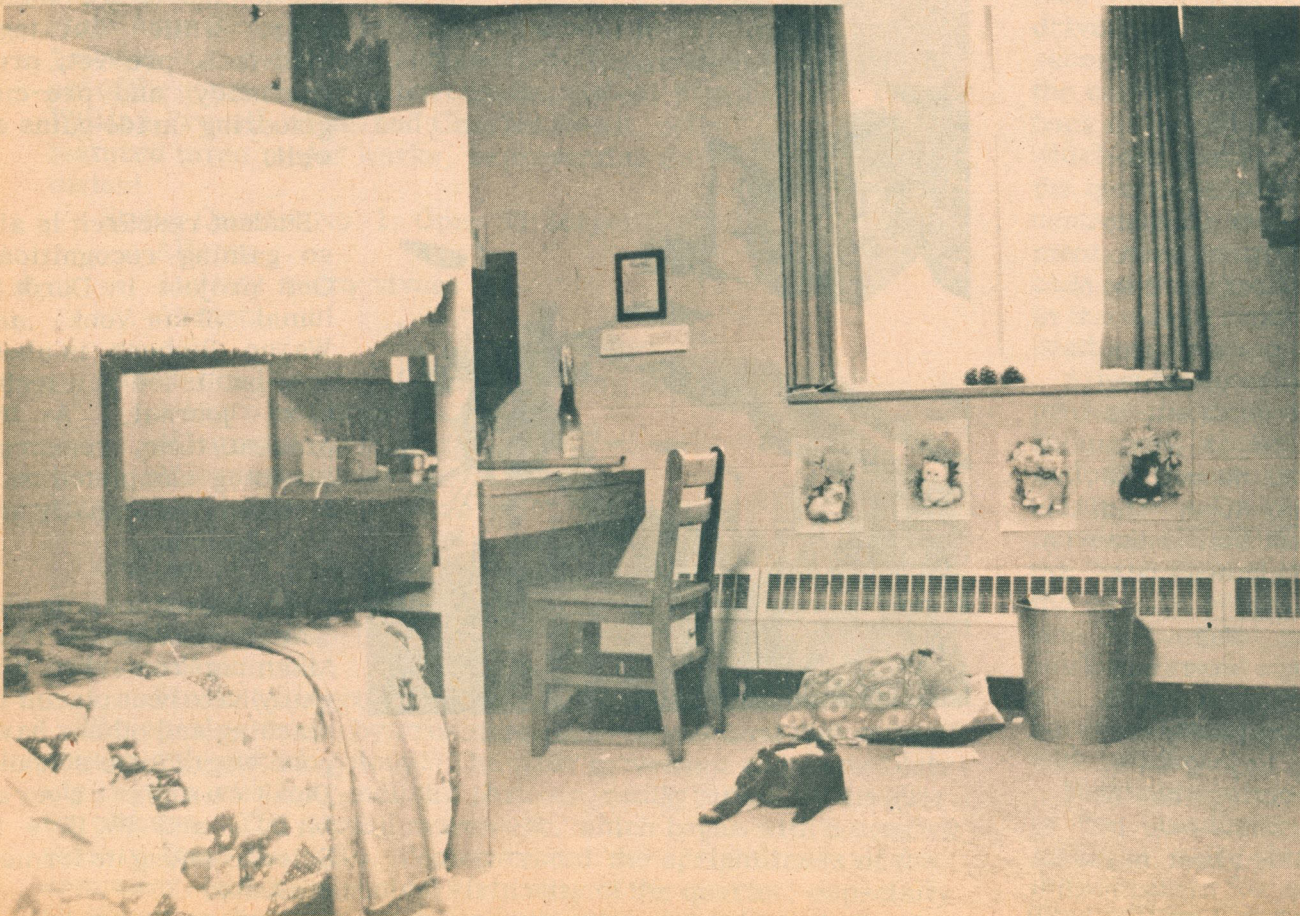
of whether sphere sovereignty is Biblically defensible. It is my hope that this question can be resolved without intense personal feeling, or character assassination or without appeal to emotion. The focus of the debate is on the article of Rev. Hulst's in the June 1973 issue of Pro Rege, and whether or not that is the official position of Dordt College."

Both Pres. Haan and Prof. DeJong expressed the hope the matter could be worked out in brotherly love. Prof. DeJong said, "If we as a college can't logically work this out, it says something about our school."



STUDENT HOUSING; THE INS AND OUTS - COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

HOW, WHY AND WHERE DORDT STUDENTS LIVE, IN THE VARIED HABITATS THEY DO. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATIONS, REACTIONS AND LIVELIHOODS AMONG THE DORDT STUDENT BODY.





Felix, alias Gregg Sjoerdsma, tells Oscar (Al Van Zee) how to live, in a rehearsal for The Odd Couple.

Heartbreak and Humor

by Jeanie Zinkand

"The funniest script I've ever worked with," Director James Koldenhoven said of the Neil Simon play, The Odd Couple. "Simon is unsurpassed in writing funny, fast-lined plays."

Tomorrow night the Dordt Thalias present the modern comedy to a limited audience in the 106 Theater. Unlike other Dordt plays The Odd Couple has not been advertised in town papers and church bulletins. Koldenhoven explained the reason for limiting the play to an academic community audience.

The fast-line comedy, The Odd Couple, first produced in 1965, deals with a sensitive area of modern life, marriage breakdown and divorce. The play treats the subject of divorce with comedy and understanding; but there was concern for people who might be disturbed by divorce within a comedy context. Koldenhoven feels the academic community to be more equipped to view the play and realize Simon sees heart break as well as humor in the divorce situation.

By slowly playing the scenes, which reveal the main characters' serious feelings, director and cast hope an understanding attitude to the problems of divorce to be apparent. Other theater productions of the play have not treated it with such sensitivity. The difference in treatment Koldenhoven attributes to a difference in basic assumptions. Many directors assume Neil Simon an entertainer and theater to be mere entertainment. "We assume Simon to be sensitive with a gift for comic lines," said Koldenhoven.

Simon's technique uses one setting and only a few main characters. Within the framework of the play the characters, Felix and Oscar, interact. Neil Simon says, "a subject, a character that is worth our time (is not) something frivolous, something that will amuse us for one, two hours."

Koldenhoven has considered producing the play for the past two years, but elements other than the subject of divorce had a deterring influence. The profanity in the original script has been edited, which Koldenhoven feels, in most scenes, has made little difference. The script is not realistic, but a styled script, full of fast lines, and the swearing, in most cases, was unnecessary.

The English department approached Koldenhoven to put on a contemporary play in connection with the Freshman English drama unit. Since he also wanted to do a comedy, Koldenhoven decided on The Odd Couple. Koldenhoven commented that after seeing what other college theaters are putting on and how they were approaching productions, he was not afraid of producing The Odd Couple, with his approach.

Son revives father's interest

The Geels Coin Collection

by Cheryl Den Boer

Dordt chemistry professor, Dr. Edwin Geels, recently gave his ten-year-old son one dollar and one cent as a birthday present. The one penny wasn't payment of family or household tax. The penny and the (silver) dollar, were coins Randy Geels needed for his coin collection.

When Randy started his collection three years ago, he rekindled his father's interest in an old high school hobby. Now, 20 years from that beginning and three years after the birth of his son's collection, Dr. Geels has gathered enough coins and knowledge to profitably "go into the retail coin business."

"I buy silver from people, find the coins I need, and sell the remainder," he explained. He plans to do this on an organized basis beginning "the first of next year."

"I think that coins are a good hedge against inflation," Geels said. "The value of coins inflates just as much if not more than other goods." He added that collectors must guard against theft, since "coins can be stolen and spent at face value."

Geels has never tried to estimate the value of his collection. "I wouldn't know what to include and what to leave out," he said, referring to duplicate copies of coins not included in his formal collection.

Specializing in U.S. coins; he finds he can "tie in what happened with coins to what happened historically in America."

The number of coins available from the years 1932-'33, for example, illustrate the effects of the depression. "War nickels," minted from 1942 to '45 (made of an alloy containing silver and copper as well as nickel) point to the scarcity of nickel during WWII. "The copper in coins today," Geels said, "reminds anyone of inflation." The government began minting "sandwich coins" in 1965, after the price of silver had risen to over \$1.29 per ounce (13 dimes = 1 oz.); collectors were selling coins for their silver content, causing a shortage of loose change.

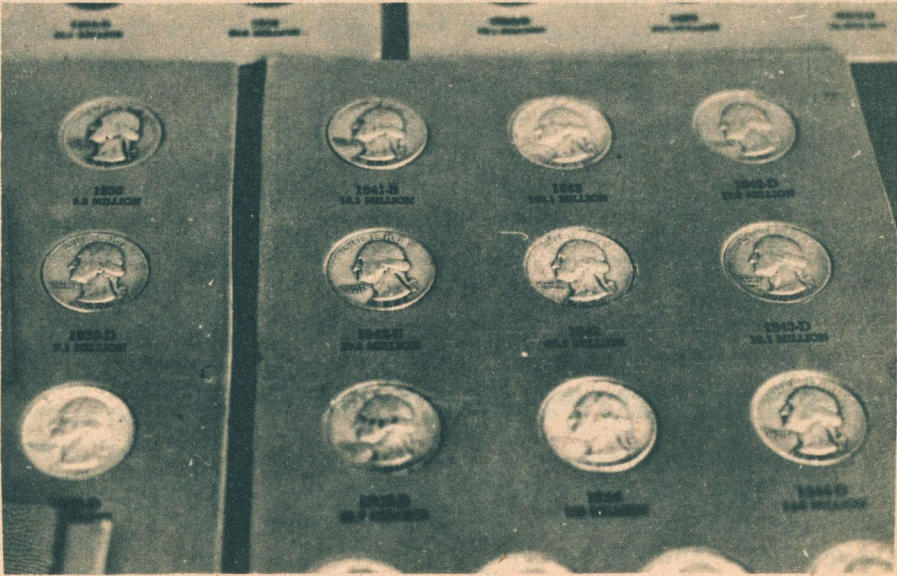
Dr. Geels fears copper coins might soon face a similar predicament; during the '60s, copper sold at 60¢ per pound. Today it is selling for 80¢ per pound. "When it gets to \$1.25 per pound," he said, "a penny will be worth more than a penny. I don't know what pennies will be made out of then." He speculated they would probably no longer be minted since inflated prices would make pennies unnecessary.

A coin's value in the eyes of its collector depends on its mint marks, condition, and whether it contains an error.

"Error coins" claim higher value than their errorless peers. Examples of errors include the 1937 three-legged buffalo nickel and the 1955-P penny, which has all the letters on its adverse side shifted over, producing a double image effect.

Because minters cast many dies to make enough coins for one year, and because the errors usually originate in the dies, relatively few coins of any one year contain errors. "And the fewer there are, the more they're worth," said Geels.

"The government has a big effect on the coin industry," he con-



Quarters form one small part of Dr. Geels' growing collection of coins, which he sees as "a hedge against inflation."

tinued. It practices seigniorage--it "makes money" on minting coins.

Every year the government mints a limited number of "proof sets." A set consists of an Eisenhower dollar, a half-dollar, a quarter, a dime, and a penny, "made out of hard, highly polished silver with a mirror like finish, and placed "in a specially sealed plastic case."

Uncirculated proof set coins are worth more than the same coins in poor condition, according to Dr. Geels. "People can see how this might be true with the condition of a house, but they can't see it in coins," he said. "They assume a coin to be worth its maximum value!" regardless of its degree of wear.

Three mints, situated in Denver, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, produce U.S. coins. Each mint can produce a maximum of two million pennies per day. Thus it is becoming "harder and harder to find a year with rare coins."

Geels remarked that some coin collectors buy "rare coins" and later find them to be counterfeit--made from coins cut and soldered so that a date will match with a mint which produced few coins of that type on that year.

NUCS Oosterman directs visiting teachers

Dordt College campus was the location of the Annual Tri-State Christian Teachers' Association held on October 4 and 5. The theme for this year was "That the Christian Teacher May Come Through."

On Thursday morning (October 4) after registration, a mass meeting was held in C106. Approximately 350 people attended, 32 of which were from Denver, Colorado.

The meeting opened with a welcome and announcements by Mr. Charles De Boer. Mr. Dale Grotenhuis led a song service accompanied by the Concert Choir. Rev. John Hulst led the meeting with devotions. Dr. Norman De Jong introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Gordon Oosterman from the National Union of Christian Schools and also a Calvin College faculty member. The topic of Dr. Oosterman's speech was based on the Institute theme. He said that there must be a purpose to life. With the purpose comes meaning. The purpose and meaning of all life is that... "of Him, through Him, and unto Him are all things."

Dr. Oosterman elaborated on the goals and objectives of Christian education. He noted that Christ should be the foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. "Christian education has among its primary goals... intellectual goals, decisional goals, and creative goals." The type of goals and objectives teachers have, should come through in their testing and teaching methods.

Oosterman stressed that the most important person in the classroom is the Holy Spirit.

Goals of the educational system will determine the content. The three factors entering in are: the nature of the learners, the demands of the disciplines, and the opportunities at hand to pursue given studies.

Oosterman then spoke on methodology. He said: "...if we are really fulfilling our calling as Christian educators, again we are thrown back into the nature rather than a mechanical, locked-in arrangement or a classifying mentality of 'X' number of boxes." He stated that the teacher should know what they want to do and the use any method they wish, provided it manifests good stewardship on the teacher's part.



Dr. Gordon Oosterman

Musicians ready for active year

Interest in music among Dordt students has not dropped. Some two hundred students auditioned for Chorale alone, and Mr. Warmink had to narrow this number down to 82. Mr. Grotenhuis has 50 students in Concert Choir and 80 in Concert Band.

This year all three groups will be going on tour. Exactly where isn't known as yet, as the places haven't been contacted. Dates have been set at semester break for Concert Choir and the weekend before Spring break for Chorale.

No concert series will be given here at school; however, a large concert with the Gregg Smith Singers from New York City will be given on October 13. This group is "one of the finest," according to Grotenhuis.

Concert Choir may participate in a chapel, but no concerts are in the making for this semester because all the rehearsal time has to be used in preparation for the concert tour.

The Band will be performing a full concert the evening of October 30. This is the conclusion of

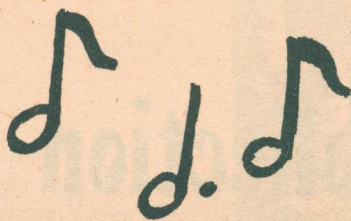
the Northwest Iowa High School and College Band tryouts. Band practice rooms are in use much more than in previous years. Most students have the initiative to work hard before a performance in order to sound great, they said.

Chorale is working towards a unique and distinctive sound and theme: "Walk the Way with Joy." Members witness in songs that are scripturally based and provide direction for life.

In cooperation with the World Home Bible League and Astronaut James Irwin, the Chorale will perform several pieces on October 18. They will also be singing during the Reformation Day Rally.

December 16 is set for a combined concert to be given in a local church by the Brass Choir and the Chorale.

Both Warmink and Grotenhuis feel that their groups are outstanding and potentially great. They also say that interest



Magee tickles the ivories

Mr. Noel Magee of Dordt's music department is presenting a piano recital for the benefit of Dordt students and the community as a whole on Friday, October 19.

Magee's reasons for the recital involve spiritual, professional, and community obligations which he feels he has as a Christian teacher and musician. In all his work, the abilities God has given him, Magee says he must serve for the glory of his Lord. His recital is one of the ways in which he can publicly engage in his professional musicianship.

Magee feels that as a teacher of keyboard artistry, he must be in-

involved in the same type of activity which his pupils are required to do. And, a recital such as his will reach out to all in the community at large who enjoy live piano concerts.

The recital is made up of three works, each from different eras of musical history. English Suite No. 3 in G minor by Bach reflects the age of Baroque music. Schubert's Sonata in A Major, Op. 120 is Classical in content, but the style reaches into Romantic types of expression. In the Contemporary, Mr. Magee will present Sonata for Piano by the Argentine composer Ginastera.

According to Magee, the styles of these pieces are complementary with each

Phi Kappa Sigma

to study youth culture

On October 23 at 8 p.m. in C160, Prof. Mike Vanden Bosch will speak to the Phi Kappa Sigma (Future Teacher's) Club and other interested students on the popular youth culture, particularly relating to music and high school students. Phi Kappa Sigma President Joanne Vander Woude informed the Dia-mond that Vanden Bosch's talk will be based on his many interviews with teenagers on the subject.

Smith inspires Mission Club

On Thursday, September 27, Mr. Clabe Smith gave a slide presentation to the Mission Club about his work at the Cary Christian Health Center in Cary, Mississippi.

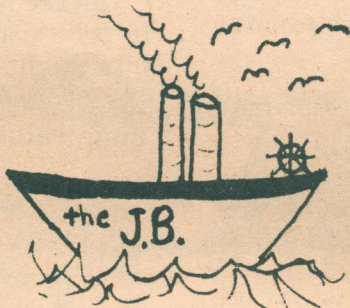
He informed the club of what the Cary Christian Health Center is doing for the people in Cary. Health Services are being made available to the families at minimal cost. They are working with the people to improve the living conditions and help increase their motivation for life. A Thrift Store has been set up.

Problems are encountered due to the power structure controlled by the white plantation owners. Even acquiring a necessity like a telephone

for the Center was a lengthy process involving a lot of red tape.

This past summer a program was held including groups for Daily Vacation Bible School. Volunteers came from all over the country to assist in whatever way possible---to teach, paint, fix up and clean up. Several Dordt students were involved in this program, giving a week or more of their time.

After the presentation a discussion followed when Mr. Smith was asked, "How can we help?" He said that they are in need of a pingpong table and other recreational materials. He also requested the audience to remember this work in their prayers;



J.B. Hulst owns freighters

Several iron ore freighters traveling the Great Lakes carry the name of J.B. Hulst. When asked about these ships, Rev. Hulst said, "I don't make a big deal out of it." He said he had commented about it only because he had been asked.

The ships are not owned by the College pastor, but by one of his distant relatives. Rev. Hulst said, "I think it is a great

uncle." This J.B. Hulst, now deceased, was vice-president of the United States Steel Corp. The ships carried iron ore from Lake Superior down the lakes to where it was smelted.

Rev. Hulst said his namesake was an agnostic. He also stated that his distant relative never married, had been quite wealthy; but that he expected no inheritance from him.

CLAC rep, Jack de Klerk speaks on business

Jack deKlerk, a representative of the Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC), has been visiting Sioux Center recently. Last night he talked with students in an open meeting of the Business Club on the topic of the Christian and business. Hoping to share his insights with the entire Dordt community, the Diamond interviewed deKlerk.

Diamond: What can Christians do in the business world?

deKlerk: First of all, Christians in business should realize they have been called by God to serve as businessmen. Too often we only see missionaries, teachers and preachers as having a Christian calling. This means that God's Word has no bearing upon the business world. Scripture makes it clear Christ is King of all life, so we must also discover the will of the Lord for our business life.

Diamond: Some businessmen recognize their Christian calling and strive for complete honesty in their work. Do you interpret that as a proper Christian response?

deKlerk: I can appreciate honesty; it's a rarity in the business world, but it's also insufficient. Let me give you an example. I talked to a man who worked in an auto body shop; he fixed battered-up cars. In this business it's very easy to do a poor job without the customer realizing it. One day this guy's boss told him to do a "quickie" job on a car. He was in a real bind. He could either be honest and possibly lose his job or compromise himself and obey. Even if one man is honest, there are many others who are dishonest and consequently make this one man's honesty a vain attempt.

Diamond: What do you think this guy should have told his boss?

deKlerk: I think he should have said no. If he had been fired we would call on the Christian community and all other concerned people to publicly protest this action.

Diamond: Would you attempt to describe a Christian view of business which would escape the dilemma of the auto-body worker?

deKlerk: O.K. First of all, I think that no one should own a business. That may sound strange, but no one owns a family or a church. We have come to believe that if a man has ownership he has absolute control of a business, a situation which is

oppressive and dehumanizing to everyone involved. Businessmen often do not grasp the full scope of the statement that everything that we have comes from the Lord. Wealth shouldn't automatically mean power.

I like to see the business as a work community. Each worker is given the amount of responsibility that he can handle. The purpose of this work community is not to make money but to serve the consumer and develop the creation in a proper way. Responsibility is the key--the worker is also a child of God and should be treated as such.

Diamond: Do you know of any such business?

deKlerk: No, but some are heading in the right direction. The CLAC is in contact with a construction firm in Ontario that comes close. Ironically, the owner has said that he doesn't "want any of that religion stuff." Even so, his business can serve as a witness to Christian and non-Christian businessmen. For example, most house-builders install pre-fab cupboards. This guy told his workers to design and build their own cupboards. The designing was done when the weather was bad so the workers can have work year round. They went crazy coming up with all kinds of designs. After getting some responsibility these workers really found joy in their work. When contract time rolls around he opens up the books for everyone and says, "This is how much we made, this is how much we can afford to pay." After one particularly good year he gave everyone a \$500 bonus. I don't know a single worker at that firm who has quit his job.

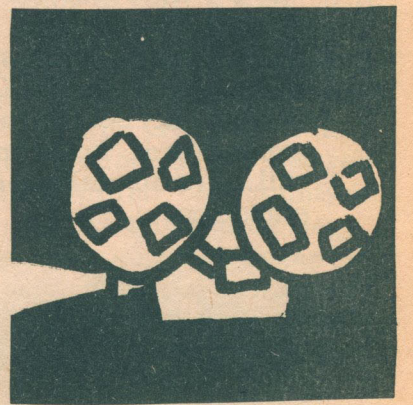
Diamond: Sounds good. It must be a real boost to your work to see businesses like that.

deKlerk: Sure. Even so, that's one in a thousand. Often the job is very difficult, but we simply must maintain a strong faith in Jesus Christ. Only on that basis can we maintain our strength and vision.

Othello film here Oct. 20

The uncut version of the movie "Othello" is coming to Dordt on Saturday, October 20 in two showings: at 2 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. Students can view the 160 minute film for only 50¢ in C160. Some critics judge "Othello" to be Shakespeare's most perfect play.

The Special Events Committee which sponsors the film, tries to show as many films as possible in C160. It is more comfortable and gives better projection, Prof. Dekkinga explained. He also commented that this year there is one base price for all films. The Committee hopes to make up for the costs of the expensive films by attracting a good crowd to every film.



Kaufman presents M.B.A. program

Professor of Management at the University of South Dakota, Dr. C.N. Kaufman visited campus on Monday, October 1. He talked to students interested in post-graduate work in business, espe-

cially Business Administration seniors.

The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, Kaufman explained, increases opportunities open to business students. Referring particularly to women applying for higher managerial positions, Kaufman presented the M.B.A. degree as a "definite advantage."

Director of the M.B.A. program at USD, Kaufman outlined the objectives and course requirements of the program. Undergraduate preparation must include Business Finance and Statistics, Principles of Economics, Accounting and Marketing, Legal Aspects of Business, and Management. A minimum of two semesters and one summer session, involving 32 semester hours, is required for the M.B.A.

degree. Since modern business needs broadly educated management personnel, courses at USD provide both the theoretical framework and practical application to problems in business administration. The core M.B.A. courses are Quantitative Analysis, Managerial Accounting, Human Relations and Managerial Economics.

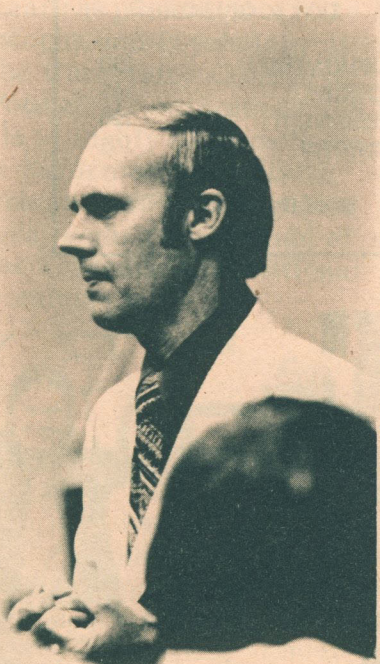
Finances, Kaufman pointed out, should not present a problem to students with at least a "B" average in undergraduate work. Several Graduate Assistantships are available for qualified students.

For additional information, students should contact Mr. Henry DeGroot, head of Dordt's Business Administration department. Mr. DeGroot holds a M.B.A. degree obtained at the University of South Dakota.

U of I coach promotes "huddle" groups

Mr. Dick Schultz, head basketball coach at the University of Iowa, was guest speaker at two athletic meetings on campus Monday, October 1. Co-sponsored by the Varsity Club and Special Events Committee, the meetings were attended by students, coaches, principals, and interested parents from Dordt and area high schools. At the afternoon meeting, Mr. Schultz spoke on the national organization, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The FCA, he explained, is composed of "huddle" groups formed by local team members of a sport who meet together for fellowship and Bible study.

The purpose of the FCA is to "present coaches and athletes with the challenge of following Jesus Christ," and through them hopefully to influence the young people of the nation. Mr. Schultz em-



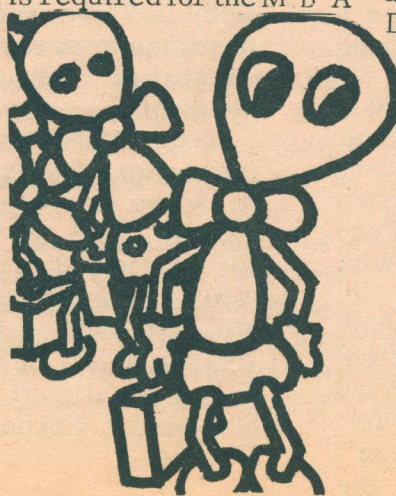
phasized that the FCA is not a church or sect, but that it works very closely with the church to reach kids in a way additional to other church activities.

Organized 15 years ago, the FCA has grown to over 14,000 members. It is a national organization fi-

nanced through gifts and fund-raising activities. The highlight of the year is a number of national summer conferences lasting five days with an average of 600 "huddle" members in attendance.

Mr. Schultz went on to explain how local "huddle" groups can be formed with only a few interested team members. An informal question and answer period followed.

Speaking to a more varied audience Monday evening, Mr. Schultz gave his personal testimony. He told of his experiences as a coach, trying to muster enough courage to share his faith with his team. By becoming involved with the FCA, he said his faith has really been encouraged by seeing others share their faith. He urged everyone present, "Never be ashamed to be a Christian at any time or any place."



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Soccer Club:

Disappointed , determined

The Dordt College Soccer Club added another victory to their record but placed second in the Soccer Tournament held at Augustana College on Oct. 6.

In their league game against USD, the Dordt club managed to gain control of the ball early in the game but repeated attempts at scoring were frustrated. Late in the first half, Rich Schemper managed to put the ball in the goal.

Last week-end Augustana College invited the Dordt Soccer club to play in a league tournament. At 8:00 AM, they took on the Morningside club. Helped by the wind, Dordt won by a 2-1 score and advanced into the semi-finals.

Since Augustana defeated Westmar College, they were scheduled to play Dordt at 11 AM. Right from the opening whistle, the two teams were nip and tuck. It seemed the game was going to go into overtime until four minutes from the end. From a free kick in Auggie's end the Dordt team managed to tip, juggle, and finally shove the ball into the goal. The tie was broken and Augustana ran out of time. Dordt advanced to the final by a close 1-0 score.

Arch-rival Northwestern made it to the finals, too, after two close games with USD and Northern College of Business. Both sides were starting to get tired but Northwestern quickly gained control of the ball and began to hound the Dordt defence. Caught unawares, the Dordt team allowed Northwestern to score. Dordt then steadily put the pressure on. Try as they might, Dordt could not penetrate the solid Northwestern defence. The 1-0 loss was the first loss for the club in three years of inter-collegiate play.

This week, Dordt sees action again, playing last-years champions, Morningside College and re-playing the Raiders from Orange City because of a disputed goal in a previous game. Both games are at home and are expected to be close matches. Dordt will have to make a good showing to stay on top of the league standings.



Dordt soccer star Hank Vander Kraats avoids Chief.

Cross-Country pulls together

Unified team action characterized the Dordt Cross-Country team in the last few weeks. Dordt has run against some tough competition but handled themselves well.

On Saturday, September 29, the Defenders ran in an invitational at Dakota Wesleyan College. Altogether there were 80 contestants. The top Dordt runner placed 24th but the highlight of the race was that Mark Kauk, Larry Baker and Tim Schiebout broke the 5-mile Dordt record held by Lynn Bleeker (class of '73). The old record was 29:30 and was surpassed by a 28:08, 28:45 and 29:06 time.

Tuesday, October 2, a meet was held at Sandy Hollow between Dordt, Northwestern and Buena Vista. Baker, Kauk and

Schiebout took the first three positions and were followed by Vande Griend (6), Jager (7) and Clark (12). Dordt finished with 19 points, Northwestern at 36 and Buena Vista at 86.

Dordt has three meets left this season: at Storm Lake on October 9, at Yankton on October 13, and at Westmar on October 20.

Cheerleader try

Tryouts will be held Saturday morning, October 27, to choose Dordt's cheerleading squad for this coming season. The squad, consisting of no more than five girls and three guys, will cheerlead during the last half of JV basketball games and the entire Varsity game.

At an organizational meeting held last Tuesday evening, students planning to tryout were given a sheet of guidelines and information on tryouts. Those interested will begin limbering up and practicing together several evenings a week before tryouts are held.

I-M SCOREBOARD

SOPHOMORES	150
SENIORS	145
FRESHMAN	120
JUNIORS	105

as of October 9, 1973

Briefly speaking . . .

Two events in the I-M sports program have been completed so far this semester. The Men's Football and Women's softball competitions ended with a senior and a sophomore team gaining the victories.

In the finals of the Women's Softball competition the senior team, "The Revivals Return", came from behind to defeat the "Jockettes" with a score of 5-4.

The Men's Football championship was a rematch of a game played earlier in the season between the Soph. "Stenson's Beach Chargers" and the

Sr. "Doc's Defenders." The game was close until Doug VanAndel broke it open with accurate passing to receivers Glen Vanderwell and Blaine Kooy. Third and fourth positions went to "Fran's Footballer" and "Grit's Gridiron".

In the 100-mile event the runners are beginning to space out. The lead is still held by Fresh. Ed Doornenbal with 64 miles. Trying to catch him are Soph. Martin Westra at 38 mi., Pat deJong at 31 mi., and Sr. Nancy Eekhoff with 12 miles.



Front row l to r - Maryann Westergreen, Marla Vander Veen, Barb Veldhouse, Jo Romyn, Karen Reichert, Second row l to r - Sandy De Groot, Kathy Reitsma, Cindy Sjaardema, Sue Baas, Nancy Eekhof, Vicki Van Essen.